



*Catholic Academy*

**The**  
**Communicator**  
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# A message from Mrs Hamilton

Firstly, a big thank you to Lola in Y4 who is representing our school in the parish May Procession on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at St Patrick's Church Packmoor at 3.30pm.

All of our children and families are invited and encouraged to attend this special event; Mary will be crowned in a procession and flowers will be scattered.



Secondly, happy Bank Holiday weekend.

As Monday is a public holiday, school will be closed on Monday only. We look forward to seeing all of our children back in school on Tuesday.

## Parking

Parking around school remains a serious concern for all of us. I have once more contacted both the police and the local council to seek support with this. Stoke on Trent City Council advise that they carry out enforcement outside schools on a rota programme and we are on that rota. They provided me with the following video which reminds us why **WE MUST NOT PARK ON THE ZIG ZAG MARKINGS OR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ExYHht0Yg14>

Mobberley Road remains on the list for traffic calming measures as part of a rolling programme of works. I have been advised that works on Mobberley Road are not planned for this year and so have asked for a review of the urgency of the work. I will keep you up to date with the progress of this review. If you wish to raise your own concerns, you can raise concerns about parking directly with the council at:

<https://www.stoke.gov.uk/xfp/form/1495?service=parking>

You can also raise concerns about roads and highways and the need for traffic calming measures using the same link and selecting "Highways".

## Catholic Life

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church celebrates a jubilee year. 2025 is a jubilee year and Pope Francis has decided that the theme for the jubilee year will be “Pilgrims of Hope”. Ahead of the jubilee year, is a Year of Prayer; this year. Pope Francis calls us to become closer to God through prayer so that our hearts are fully open to the blessings of the jubilee year.

Throughout the Year of Prayer, we will share with you some family prayer ideas which we hope that you will use to bring your family together in prayer. You will see that many of the ideas are practical, outdoors and engaging for families.



The first family prayer ideas are to help families celebrate the Church season of Easter!

Although the Easter eggs may all be eaten and the Easter celebrations feel a long time ago, the Church is still in the season of Easter. Eastertide lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday; this year Pentecost is on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Easter is the time when we celebrate the joy of the resurrection of Jesus. We hope that our Easter family prayer ideas fill you with hope and happiness as you draw close to the risen Jesus.

## Family prayer ideas for Easter

### Signs of life

Go for a walk together and see how many signs of new life you can see. Give thanks to God! You may also want to pray for the places and people you pass on your way.

### Easter cross

Make a large paper or cardboard cross and cover it in flowers to remind you of the new life that Jesus brings. You may want to use tissue paper or decorate and cut out the flowers on this [template sheet](#).

Once you have decorated the cross, you may wish to pray together:

Risen Jesus,  
We rejoice that you are alive and with us.  
Make us messengers of Easter joy and hope  
for all the world.  
Amen



### Easter colouring

As you colour [our illustration](#) of Jesus' friends finding the empty tomb and think about these questions together.

How did your journey over Lent help you to follow Jesus more closely?

How can you share Easter joy and hope with others?

## Award Winners

WOW Award	
Nursery	Simey Doherty
Reception	Alona Robin
Year One	Raina Mahmood
Year Two	William Summerfield
Year Three	Harri Hargreaves
Year Four	Chace Sowerbutts
Year Five	Nicola Kumosz
Year Six	Chris Maughan

Virtues Award – Faith Filled and Hopeful	
Nursery	Izzah Arshad
Reception	Abel Shinto
Year One	Macie Johnson
Year Two	Rory Castrey-Peters
Year Three	Ezimai Kelsall
Year Four	Kane Esposito
Year Five	Heidi Burgess
Year Six	Natasha Cook

## Award Winners

Presentation	
Nursery	Whole Class
Reception	Everly-Sophia Cotton
Year One	William Popescu
Year Two	Olivia Cope
Year Three	Tim Sidley
Year Four	Billie-Mae Nixon
Year Five	Rayan Mahmood
Year Six	Jax Jordan

Homework Hero	
Nursery	Kenzie Whittingham
Nursery	Isabella Mannion Shaw
Reception	Anita Reji

## Award Winners

### 100 Dojo Awards

Saphire Summerfield	Zane Gibson
Caelan Cotterell-Rogers	Ada Brozowski
Daisymae Steele	Issaac Adams
Aisha Diallo	Hamdan Syed
Maybell Don	Ruby Seabridge
Tim Sidley	

### 75 Dojo Awards

Filip Prokopiuk	Abubaker Bilal
Lola Warrender	Sofia Gromova
Deyaan Midhun	Brooke Davis
Ava-Jade Myatt	Natasha Cook
Tia Bailey	Layla Grace Bradley
Ann-Maria Shiju	Racheal Bailey
Mitchell Kelsall	Grace Zhang
Aurora Shaw	Macie Johnson
Lihle Sibanda	Dennis Calin

# Attendance

Congratulations to  
Year 3  
who have the best  
attendance this week  
97.93%

A polite reminder that children who are ill with vomiting or diarrhoea MUST stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

This year, our attendance reward trip to Drayton Manor will be for any children who have 100% attendance. The class with the best attendance will have a treat of their choice in school.



As you know, we are only able to authorise a Leave of Absence in term time in the most exceptional circumstances and some requests will result in a referral to the Education Welfare Service for a Penalty Warning.

Our 2025 – 2026 term dates are now available on our website. Please do check these before booking any holidays:



# Diary dates

Monday 6.5.24	Bank Holiday Monday School closed
Tuesday 7.5.24	Dentist visit to 5 year old children in Reception and Y1
Wednesday 8.5.24	Catholic Life Leaders to the Good Shepherd Mass
Thursday 9.5.24	Ascension Day Mass in Church at 11.00am Y1 – Y6

Monday 13.5.24 – Thursday 16.5.24	Y6 SATs tests
Monday 20.5.24 – Friday 24.5.24	Y6 residential trip to Stanley Head
Thursday 23.5.24	KS2 Mass in School at 9.30am
Thursday 23.5.24 2.15pm	Instrumentalist Concert
Friday 24.5.24	School closes for Half Term
Monday 3.6.24	School opens

# Future Diary Dates

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Goblin Car Event

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Town Sports competition

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Class and Team Photos

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 visit to Alton Towers

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2.15pm Nursery Class Inspire Workshop. Nursery parents invited into the classroom

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Change4Life Week

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day. 9.30 EYFS, 11.00 KS1, 1.00 KS2

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Tunstall Town Sports Presentation Evening

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June - First Holy Communion

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2.30pm Y4 Class Saint Liturgy. Y4 parents invited into the classroom to celebrate the feast of St Peter

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Disco

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm - Y1 Inspire Workshop

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery visit to Westport Lake

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm - Y6 Production

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – City Athletics

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Achievement Assembly

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6.00pm - Y6 Presentation Evening, Meal and Disco

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2.15pm - Summer Concert

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9.30am Leavers Mass in Church

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Class Parties

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 9.00am Leavers Assembly, Toy Day, School closes