



**Faith; We live it, love it and learn it.**



**Our Lady and All Saints**  
Catholic Multi Academy Company  
Strong in Faith



# Mass times for this week at St George and St Teresa

**19th November—33rd Sunday of the Year**

<b>Saturday</b>	5.30pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8.45am (Children's Liturgy—please come along as a family)
	10.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after half term. Over the last two weeks there has been lots of learning captured and opportunities for you to come into school as well.

It was great to see so many of you attend parents evening — we hope you found the new approach useful and constructive. Any feedback either positive or constructive would be appreciated as we are always looking to move the school forward with your support. Our next school improvement meeting will be next week, Wednesday 22nd November. This will be an opportunity for you to see the progress that has been made from a school improvement perspective.

The KS2 School Council members had the opportunity to listen to Dame Jane Goodall, who discussed how we can all play a part in preserving our environment. The children had already been learning through Catholic Social Teaching about our responsibility for stewardship of God's creation, so were able to experience this message through someone who has a unique and extensive understanding of the challenges facing us. It was an opportunity of a lifetime to hear her speak—below you will see some of the children's opinion on the talk.



*H: Her story about a time in Africa when she 'lost' a dog then came across a lion when looking for it was funny.*

*B: The video about the people she's worked with and the things they'd done were brilliant. Their work to protect the chimpanzees was really inspiring. I also liked when the baby chimpanzee touched her nose.*

*F: I loved how she never gave up on helping the chimpanzees she cared for.*

*S: I loved how she was willing to give up all of her 'stuff and money' to help save the world in her own way.*

A huge thank you to all the families who have supported the book fair over the last couple of weeks. You have raised for the school £785.05 which can be used to buy new reading books for the school which will be distributed to the class reading areas.

This week's sensory workshop had to be cancelled at short notice due to illness. This will be run by an Occupational Therapist and its purpose is to help parents/carers support their children who may have sensory needs within the home—practical hints and tips. It is being rescheduled as we type — watch this space. All are welcome!

A polite notice that due to staffing the week beginning 27th November the school office will be closed from 3.30pm due to Mrs Flanagan attending the Year 6 residential. If you need staff after this time please use the office email address which will be monitored by Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie.



This half term, we are focussing on the virtues attentive and discerning. We are being **attentive** to the big things and the small things (just like St Teresa and her Little Way). We are being **discerning** in using what we know to make choices like Jesus would—this is especially important this time of year as we think about inequality in the world.

The latest Wednesday Word is available at <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/talent?pid=MTA101634&v=109.1>

This is a great resource to explore the Gospel in a child-friendly way.

Our recent Masses to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and All Saints were fabulous services. The children read, sang, responded and prayed with such reverence and sincerity. See the dates page for more Masses we will be celebrating between now and the end of term.

### **A message from Father John—Mass Intentions**

Mass Intentions: Have you ever asked to have a Mass said for a special intention? Here is how to go about it. In the Church entrance called the Narthex there are smallish brown envelopes on which you write the name of the person or intention. In school these are available from Mr Hainie. You might like a mass to be offered by the priest for a special intention for someone you know for example you might want to remember a significant wedding anniversary or birthday or a mass for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. We ask for the name of the donor and will put your initials in brackets on the newsletter when the mass is said in church so you know the Mass being said is your intention. You can request a particular date and we will try to offer the mass on the day requested or the nearest day. Weekdays are less busy and weekends sometimes have a waiting time of a couple of weeks. The suggested donation is £10. This is to keep a priest fed and watered for the day. As most of us are aware £10 does not go very far so a little more is much appreciated. If you have asked for a mass to be said and know the date when it will be offered it is nice to attend the mass in person and invite friends and family to attend with you. You might like to send a card to a person to let them know you are having a Mass said for them or their intention. We have a good selection of Sympathy cards and Mass cards for various intentions e.g. birthdays, marriage anniversaries, exam success, Christmas etc. If you are not sure what to do, please ask Fr John. The completed brown envelope can be put in the Sunday collection, posted through the Presbytery letter box (no need to ring the bell), handed in at the sacristy before or after Mass, or given to the parish priest. The intention is recorded in a book and the dates entered into the parish mass diary. If there is a problem eg your handwriting is illegible, or you've asked for a date when the church is not open, or if there is a funeral on that day, your best contact number is helpful so we can sort it out.

Every Blessing,

Fr John

## Bobby the guide dog



After countless hours of support from the Ward family, Bobby has graduated as a guide dog. You may remember seeing him in the playground. Although we don't normally allow dogs on school grounds, we made a special exception for Bobby as part of his training to get used to crowds. He has now been partnered with someone who has been waiting on a guide dog for a long time. We're thrilled for Bobby and glad we could play a small part in his training.

Year 4 had a brilliant time at St Peter's last Friday, taking part in a Gaelic Football event with other primary schools from Our Lady and All Saints.

On Monday, a small group of Year 4 children visited St Peter's again to take part in a workshop for Art & Design and Design & Technology. We express our continued thanks to St Peter's for all of the enrichment opportunities they are providing for our children.

*K: I loved making the candle holder, especially how we made them using a vice and acrylic paint.*

*I: I liked how using the vice and sand paper made the things change.*

*F: Drawing a picture of St Peter, the teacher showed us how to make it better by using the lighter colours first.*

*E: I really enjoyed the St Peter drawing too—it's just a shame I couldn't bring it home!*

*J: I love Art & Design and D&T, so it was just great!*

We are on the countdown for the Christmas Fayre and can't wait to begin our activities with you. If you can support the PTFA in any way, please contact them directly.. The PTFA will have contacted you about this already.



### Advent Reflections

As we approach Advent, we have organised Advent reflections from Year 1—Year 6 throughout this important season of preparation. Parents/Carers are very welcome to join these reflections. They will be held at 3.00pm.

Monday 4th December - Year 5

Thursday 7th December - Year 4

Friday 8th December - Years 1 and 2

Monday 11th December - Year 3

Wednesday 20th December—Year 6

**Reminder:** Next Friday (24th November), we will be having Indian Dance workshops in school. All children should wear their PE kits that day.

**Breaking news:** The boys football team had their first league fixture last night. After a strong start against Mill Lodge, two late concessions saw the game end 2-2. Both the boys and girls teams will have a run of fixtures coming up over the coming months.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes

*L. Flanagan and S Hainie*

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie.

# St George and St Teresa's time to shine!!!



## Headteachers award.

Reception– Patrick

Year 1– Rupert

Year 2– Elliott

Year 3– Hollie

Year 4– Orla

Year 5– Isabella

Year 6– Noah

## Attentive and Discerning



Reception– Flynn

Year 1– Teddy

Year 2– Luisa

Year 3– Georgia

Year 4– Elliot

Year 5– Immanuel

Year 6– Daniel



## Handwriting award.



Reception– Elliott

Year 1– Kasper

Year 2– Helena

Year 3– Ayla-May

Year 4– Frankie

Year 5– Zoe

Year 6– Grace

## PE award.



Reception– Callie

Year 1– Nancy

Year 2– Dot

Year 3– Nathaniel

Year 4– Kenny

Year 5– Mary

Year 6– Rawaan

[Dates for your diary Autumn term 2023.](#)

**22-11-23:** School improvement progress meeting– **Open to ALL.** 7.00 pm

**24-11-23:** School open morning 2—9.15 am

**24-11-23:** Indian dance workshop for all children– Children to wear PE kits please.

**25-11-23:** Youth Sunday Confirmation enrolment Mass (children and parents/carers) 5.30 pm.

**28-11-23:** Whole school Christ the King Mass—9.30 am

**04-12-23:** 3.00 pm Year 5 Advent Service

**05-12-23:** Whole school Advent Mass—9.30 am

**07-12-23:** 3.00 pm Year 4 Advent Service

**08-12-23:** 3.00 pm Years 1 and 2 Advent Service

**11-12-23:** 3.00 pm Year 3 Advent Service

**13-12-23:** Early years Nativity 1.30pm

Year 1-6 Christmas performance 2.30pm

**Tickets to be sold via Eventbrite– more details to follow.**

**14-12-23:** Early years Nativity 9.30am

Year 1-6 Christmas performance 10.30am

**Tickets to be sold via Eventbrite– more details to follow.**

**15-12-23:** Year 1-6 Christmas performance 9.30am

**15-12-23:** 3.00 pm Year 3 Advent Service

**Tickets to be sold via Eventbrite– more details to follow.**

**18-12-23:** Round the tree– 6.00pm Year 4, Choir and children who have instrumental lessons.

**20-12-23:** Early years and KS1 Christmas party– party clothes to be worn and more details to follow.

**20-12-23:** 3.00 pm Year 6 Advent Service

**21-12-23:** KS2 Christmas party– party clothes to be worn and more details to follow.

**22-12-23:** Whole school Christmas Mass—9.30 am

**22-12-23:** Children break up

**08-01-24:** Teacher Training day

**09-01-24:** Children return to school

**04-02-24: 10.30 am** Confirmation Mass: Bishop David Evans

**08-06-24: 11.00 am** First Holy Communion Mass