



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



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



MASS TIMES THIS WEEK AT ST GEORGE AND ST TERESA

21st January —3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

Sunday 8.45am (Children's Liturgy—please come along as a family)

10.30am

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after Christmas. The children hit the ground running last Tuesday and have been working hard to improve their learning.

Our school choir really had a big first week back, taking part in Young Voices on Friday. After lunch, 48 school choir children headed to the Resort World Arena for the Young Voices concert. Many weeks of intense rehearsals and the day was finally here. After a long rehearsal in the afternoon, they all enjoyed our packed tea! It was so uplifting to see all of our children sing their hearts out, smile and dance all the way through the concert. We were all buzzing at the end! Some thoughts from the children, reflecting on the experience. Special thanks to Mrs Kudanowska, Mrs Ansell and especially Mrs Evans for the dedication, talent and support they have offered in making this happen.



HK Y6 – awesome and amazing. It was even better than last year.

SH Y6 – it was even better than last years' and the people were really inspiring.

FA Y4 – I loved the people from Young Voices who are in it and I just love singing.

SH Y4 – it was an amazing experience and all the people that were there really inspired me to keep on singing.

TF Y5 – it was a really good experience. It changed from last year a tiny bit but it was still really good. It was fun and when you get into it you just have fun.

MW Y3 – it was the best time of my life. I had lots of fun.

GM Y3 – the young drummer Nancy was really good and the concert was really fun.

IH Y5– it was really fun. The people playing instruments were very professional. It was one of the best Young Voices times.

Best wishes ,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie.

L. Flanagan and S Hainie

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

Headteacher's award

Nursery: Abigail

Reception: Tadhg

Year 1: Rosa

Year 2: Elijah

Year 3: Saoirse

Year 4: Jessica

Year 5: Olivia

Year 6: Enoch

Compassionate and loving

Nursery: Leonardo

Reception: Lucy

Year 1: Ted

Year 2: Conor

Year 3: Lily-Rose

Year 4: Wynter

Year 5: Noah

Year 6: Thea



Handwriting award



Nursery: Felix

Reception: Joseph

Year 1: Oliver

Year 2: Harley

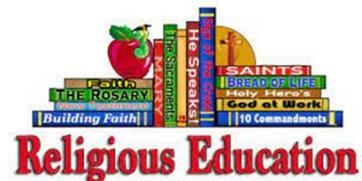
Year 3: Matilda

Year 4: Henry

Year 5: Sam

Year 6: Teddy

RE award



Nursery: Charlie

Reception: Jonah

Year 1: Henry

Year 2: Fiadh

Year 3: Hugo

Year 4: Ewan

Year 5: Bethany

Year 6: Missy



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loving
hopeful
attentive
faith-filled
generous
eloquent
intentional
learned
prophetic
wise
grateful
discerning
compassionate
active
truthful

This half term, we are focussing on the virtues compassionate and loving. We are being **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by our just actions and forgiving words.

The latest Wednesday Word is available at <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/community?pid=MTA101634&v=116.3>

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



Year 6 Confirmation Preparation

Wednesday was a busy day for Year 6. As part of their preparation for Confirmation on February 4th, they went to church in the evening to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation

This had been preceded during the day with a workshop with Emily from One Life. The children found it to be a really rewarding and enlightening experience.



"It made me calm and I realised it will not be scary. It helped me to see my saint."

"Emily made it so fun by singing and playing games. It was one of the funniest days of my life."



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MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

The government have launched a new campaign to highlight the importance of good attendance and we wanted to share it with you.

The link between attendance and attainment is clear:

In 2018/19, just 40% of persistently absent (PA) children in KS2 achieved expected KS2 standards, compared with 84% of pupils who were regular attenders.

And 36% of PA children in KS4 got 9 to 4 in their English and maths GCSEs, also compared with 84% of regular attenders.¹

And it's never too late to benefit from good attendance:

More than half (54%) of pupils who were PA in Year 10 and then rarely absent in Year 11, passed at least 5 GCSEs, compared to 36% of pupils who were persistently absent in both years.²

But attendance is important for more than just attainment:

Regular school attendance can facilitate positive peer relationships, which is a protective factor for mental health and wellbeing.³

1: The link between absence and attainment at KS2 and KS4, Academic year 2018/19 – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK (explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

2: Missing Children, Missing Grades | Children's Commissioner for England (childrenscommissioner.gov.uk)

3: Mental Health and Attendance at School (Chapter 1) - Mental Health and Attendance at School ([cambridge.org](https://www.cambridge.org))

Year	Attendance
Nursery	91.41%
Reception	96.43%
Year 1	96.45%
Year 2	95.69%
Year 3	95.86%
Year 4	94.00%
Year 5	95.96%
Year 6	95.26%



Parking around school

We share this neighbourhood with many people's homes. Several of them have contacted school to let us know of inconsiderate parking during school run times. We are very aware of parking restrictions in the area and the inconvenience and extra time needed to comply with these. However, they are in place. We also want you to know that there have been occasions where parked cars have blocked access to drives and entire parts of streets. These include addresses with medically vulnerable occupants where emergency services would not be able to access the address should they be required.

Thank you for understanding and co-operation.

Dates for your diary Spring term 2024

04.02.24: 10.30 am Confirmation Mass: Bishop David Evans

06.02.24 Whole School Mass Thanksgiving Y6 Lead

08.02.24 RISE theatre all day (for information—children only)

12.02.24: Half-term break up

20.02.24 Whole School Mass Lent Y5

23.02.24: Year 6 Parent Workshop 9.15am

26.02.24: Year 5 Parent Workshop 9.15am

29.02.24: Year 4 Parent Workshop 2.15pm

01.03.24: Year 3 Parent Workshop 2.15pm

07.03.24: Year 2 Parent Workshop 9.15am

08.03.24: Year 1 Parent Workshop 9.15am

08.03.24: EYFS Parent Workshop 2.15pm

12.03.24: Parent Eve 1 3 - 6

14.03.24: Parent Eve 2 3 - 6

22.03.24 Whole School Palm Sunday Mass Year 3

22.03.24: Easter break-up

08.06.24: 11.00 am First Holy Communion Mass