



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 February — 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 5.30pm

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

10.30am Year 6 Confirmation

Dear Parents/Carers,

Sunday is a big day for Year 6. Bishop David Evans will be at St George and St Teresa Church to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our children. They've been preparing thoroughly, including researching carefully which saint they want to have for the Confirmation name and practising the service at church. Please keep them in your prayers. There will be a celebration Mass at school on Tuesday morning (9.45) led by Year 6.

School is busy as ever. The children have enjoyed dressing up today and working on their number bonds and multiplication tables for the NSPCC Number Day 2024. Well done to our girls' football team who played their first matches in back-to-back fixtures this week. Mr Langford reports that they did the school proud! Children who have been working exceptionally hard on improving their reading have received a golden token from Mr Hainie so that they can pick a book from our new vending machine.

Picture

Find out more about what's going on at school online. At the beginning of this term, we have relaunched the use of twitter (X) in school. Please follow @stgandtschool to see examples of learning, prayer and liturgy and activities happening around the school.



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Best wishes ,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie.



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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)

Attendance last four school weeks

Year	Attendance
Nursery	92.80%
Reception	96.31%
Year 1	97.36%
Year 2	96.11%
Year 3	95.78%
Year 4	95.04%
Year 5	94.62%
Year 6	95.40%





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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.

Parking around school

Following on from the last newsletter, we ask you to be considerate to our neighbours when parking. We've had reports of drives blocked and cars actually parking on people's drives.

Thank you for your continued understanding and co-operation.

Nut free school

Please remember we are a nut free school. Even traces of nuts brought in by one child can have serious implications for other children.

"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."

Dates for your diary Spring term 2024

- 04.02.24 10.30 am** Confirmation Mass: Bishop David Evans
- 06.02.24 9.45 am** 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 Inspire Workshop—RE Lenten Art 9.15am
- 26.02.24:**Year 5 Parent Inspire Workshop—RE Lenten Art 2.15pm
- 29.02.24:**Year 4 Parent Inspire Workshop—RE Lenten Art 9.15am
- 01.03.24** Year 3 Parent Inspire Workshop—RE Lenten Art 2.15pm
- 07.03.24:**Year 2 Parent Inspire Workshop—RE Lenten Art 9.15am
- 08.03.24** Year 1 Parent Inspire Workshop—RE Lenten Art 9.15am
- 08.03.24** EYFS Parent Inspire Workshop—RE Lenten Art 2.15pm
- 12.03.24** Parent Eve 1 3 - 6
- 14.03.24** Parent Eve 2 3 - 6
- 22.03.24 9.45 am** Whole School Palm Sunday Mass Year 3
- 22.03.24** Easter break-up
- 08.06.24 11.00 am** First Holy Communion Mass