

Please send all pupils to school with a coat to wear in the playground.



St Jude's Catholic Primary School
St Jude's Close Maypole
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We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.

Parking Plea

This week, the parking at the top of St. Jude's Close has been terrible. Cars have parked on the grass and people have blocked others in. I am very concerned that there is going to be an accident because a minority are so determined to park as close to the gate as possible. Is it really worth it? As Headteacher, I must point out that children are being put at risk outside of school. There is plenty of parking further away from school that could be used and a short walk made to the school gates. Please protect our children by being more considerate and aware of others. Thank you to the majority of drivers who already do this.



Stars of the Week!

Nursery - Delilah & Kiara
Reception - Charlie & Jaycie
Year 1 - Abigail & Koby
Year 2 - M'Leo & Frankie
Year 3 - Arsema & Nylah
Year 4 - Darrah & Selene
Year 5 - Izobella & Johnno
Year 6 - Malachy & Summer P-K
Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on November 25th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROFILE Faith-filled and Hopeful

This half-term, we are learning more about what it means to be faith-filled and hopeful.

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope.

Hopeful: We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

In our assembly in Monday, pupils learnt about Blessed Carlo Acutis: He was a young man who loved to play with his PlayStation, who enjoyed eating and who talked a lot, being quite of a class clown. He will always be remembered, however, for combining his passion for computers and his great love for the Eucharist. As a modern day saint, Carlo Acutis is a great example of how faith can make a huge difference to us. Even when he was sick, he remained close to Jesus.



Ofsted Inspection

You will be aware that the school had a full two day inspection this week. As soon as the report is available, it will be made available to you. Thank you for the support that was given to the school.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	90.5%	98.5%	87.4%	95.0%	97.9%	96.7%	88.9%	93.6%
This Term	94.7%	96.0%	94.9%	94.2%	93.3%	96.2%	94.1%	94.8%
Whole Year	94.7%	96.0%	94.9%	94.2%	93.3%	96.2%	94.1%	94.8%

Please ensure that long hair is tied back for school.

PE Kit

Please ensure that on PE days, pupils wear dark tracksuit bottoms or leggings (not spotty, striped, flowery ones), a white polo shirt and their **school jumper**. Football shirts, for example, are not acceptable. From next week, pupils who arrive in school wearing unacceptable clothing for PE will be asked to change in to spare clothing which we have in school. We have high expectations in school and this needs to be reflected in the way that pupils respond to school rules. Thank you for your support.



FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

November 10th—Whole School Retreat

w/c November 14th—Anti-Bullying Week

November 14th—School photographer

November 15th—Type Onesie Day

November 27th—the start of Advent

December 2nd —non-uniform day in exchange for either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Boutique

December 9th—Christmas Jumper Day

December 13th—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

December 14th—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six Year One Nativity Play at 2pm

December 15th—Christmas Parties

December 16th—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish

January 3rd—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

January 4th—Pupils return to school

February 7th—**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM**

February 17th—Pupils break up for half-term

February 27th—Pupils return from half-term break

March 31st—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

April 17th -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

April 18th—Pupils return to school

May 1st—May Day Bank Holiday

w/c May 29th—Half-term week

Royal British Legion Fundraising

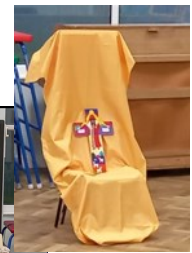
It is traditional in November that we raise funds via the Poppy Appeal for the Royal British Legion who support those who serve and have served in the armed forces. Year Six pupils will be outside school at the beginning and end of every day selling poppies and other items. We will mark Remembrance Day next Friday with a special assembly prepared by pupils.



All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day is a Catholic holy day in honour of all the saints in heaven. It is held on the 1st of November. This year, our mass was held in school due to the building works which are taking place in church. It was lovely to welcome parishioners in to school to join us for mass.

The Catholic Church designates November as a special month, to pray for and remember those who have died.



November 15th is 'Type Onesie Day' where we ask children to wear a onesie (or something blue) to raise money for the charity JDRF and show support for those with Type 1 Diabetes. We asking every pupil to contribute £1 please.

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE!

The school photographer will be in school on November 14th. A letter about this will be sent out on Monday next week.

Y6 residential trip to Alton Castle



There was outstanding team work from the class!



I know that Year Six were very tired when they returned from Alton Castle but they had a truly wonderful time. Congratulations to the class on their great attitude, support for one another and impeccable behaviour. A huge thank you to the staff who gave their time so willingly to allow pupils to have this experience.

Alton Castle, the church and the grounds were fabulous to explore.



The climbing wall was challenging but the determination and resilience that we saw was



The crates activity was fabulous fun!



Our bike riders were great despite the rain!



There was even a birthday celebration.



There were moments of calm reflection for the class...their responses to discipleship were wonderful.

