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We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.

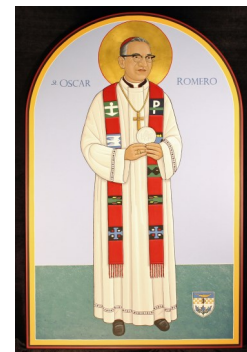
Catholic School Pupil Profile
Eloquent and Truthful

This week, pupils were introduced to the focus value and virtue pairing that we have as part of the Catholic School Pupil Profile—Eloquent & Truthful:

Eloquent: the ability to speak or write fluently, persuasively and appropriately. We are eloquent when we use language to express our ideas or opinions clearly and with conviction. When we choose our words, we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others. Eloquence isn't limited to speaking and writing. We can express ourselves in other ways like music, drama, painting or dance. We should use our creative gifts to say things in a way that is interesting, truthful, memorable and faithful.



Truthful: God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to. Being truthful is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth.



In assembly, we discussed what eloquence and truthfulness looks like. We explored the example set by St. Oscar Romero, who spoke out for the rights of children and the wrong things that were taking place in El Salvador.

Spring Term Information

Thank you for the great interest that you are showing in the learning of the children. In the coming week, you should all receive a letter and a new set of knowledge organisers from your child's teacher. These can be used for discussion at home so that we can all work together to ensure that the children learn productively. Further information about our curriculum can be found on our school website:

<https://www.stjuderc.bham.sch.uk/curriculum.htm>



Sending all of our families best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	89.9%	96.2%	96.4%	91.7%	95.6%	92.5%	87.7%	93.0%
This Term	89.9%	96.2%	96.4%	91.7%	95.6%	92.5%	87.7%	93.0%
Whole Year	91.3%	94.0%	93.3%	94.3%	94.2%	95.7%	92.8%	93.7%

The Feast of the Epiphany

“On the twelfth day of Christmas...” On January 6th, we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. This special day celebrates the coming of the Magi – the three wise men (or kings), from the East who followed a star and came and adore Jesus. The definition of the word “epiphany” is a divine or supernatural manifestation – just as the wise men discovered Jesus.

The feast of the Epiphany is a holy day of obligation in the Catholic Church and, as a school, we attended mass with the parishioners today. It was wonderful to see the children’s face’s light up as they saw the crib and everyone enjoyed the beautiful singing of traditional carols. The season of Christmas officially ends this Sunday with the feast of the Baptism of our Lord.



FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

- January 28th**—Confession after 11am mass, St. Dunstan’s Church for Y6 Confirmandi
- 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 20th-24th**—half-term
- February 27th**—Pupils return from half-term break
- March 4th**—First Confession for Catholic pupils in Y3, after 11am mass at St. Dunstan’s Church, Kingsheath.
- 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
- May 8th**—Bank Holiday for King Charles III Coronation
- w/c May 29th**—Half-term week
- June 5th**—Teacher Day—school closed to pupils
- June 13th**—First Holy Communion for Catholic pupils in Y3 during the 10am parish mass at St. Jude’s Church.
- July 25th**—End of term, optional 1pm finish
- September 4th**—Teacher Day, school closed to pupils
- September 5th**—School opens for pupils for academic year 23/24

Stars of the Week!

- Nursery - All of Nursery
- Reception – Jessica & Rahilla
- Year 1 - Anthony & Jerusha
- Year 2 - Elias & Quentin
- Year 3 - Sammy & Ayten
- Year 4 - Darrah & Lottie
- Year 5 - Afolabi & Divine
- Year 6 – Ethan & Gokul



Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on January 27th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.

Online Safety Reminder

As children have returned to school after the Christmas holiday, many have excitedly reported that they have had new tech as gifts. Please re-enforce the messages that we give at school about keeping safe online and treating others respectfully. Information can be found on our school website:

<https://www.stjuderc.bham.sch.uk/esafety.htm>

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. 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.

School Uniform

A polite reminder about school uniform please. Pupils from Y1 upward should be wearing the winter uniform of a hard collar shirt and tie, grey trousers or a skirt, a royal blue jumper and black school shoes. Long hair should be tied back and jewellery should not be worn apart from stud ear-rings. We have plenty of pre-loved uniform which is in good condition if this helps. I know that uniform can be expensive and I do try to ensure that I supply as much as I can leaving items in the playground throughout the year and passing things on upon request. Being smart for school is important as it teaches pupils the value of themselves and their school. It also prepares pupils for their secondary education where non-compliance with standards results in detention and other consequences.

BE SMART ONLINE



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SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



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MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



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RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



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TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or www.childline.org.uk



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BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.

