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**St Jude's Catholic Primary School**  
**St Jude's Close Maypole**  
**Birmingham B14 5PD**  
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**Spring Term 2023 20th January 2023**  
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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:

Moses said to God, 'But, my Lord, never in my life have I been a man of eloquence. I am a slow speaker and not able to speak well.' God answered him. 'Now go, I shall help you to speak and tell you what to say.'

('I shall help you to speak,'  
 Exodus 3 )



**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 - Aariah & Kiara
- Reception – Logan & Alyssa
- Year 1 –Abigail & Kayleigh
- Year 2 - Charlie & Maddison
- Year 3 - Jacob & Shay
- Year 4 - Lexi & Moses
- Year 5 - Rocco & Aoife
- Year 6 – Gokul & Summer W



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

**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
<b>This Week</b>	96.5%	96.7%	89.0%	96.7%	96.0%	97.0%	88.1%	94.2%
<b>This Term</b>	95.0%	94.4%	92.2%	96.0%	96.4%	94.1%	89.3%	93.9%
<b>Whole Year</b>	92.0%	91.0%	93.0%	94.6%	94.5%	95.6%	92.4%	93.3%

**Dates for Reading Workshops will be announced in next week's newsletter.**

## NEU Industrial Action Information for Parents and Carers

As you may be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) announced on January 16th that their membership has voted in favour of teacher industrial action. Whilst there will be seven days of strikes in total across the country, our school could be affected by four days of action. For St. Jude's, the four dates of proposed strikes for some staff are: **1 February:** All schools in England and Wales; **1 March:** East Midlands, West Midlands, and the NEU's eastern region; **15 and 16 March:** two-day strike of all schools in England and Wales. I want to reassure you that we will be doing everything we can to minimise disruption to your child's education. The strike does not affect all staff and plans are in place to keep fully open on these dates. In the worst case scenario, if we do need to consider moving to remote learning for some pupils, we will be ensuring those children who most need to be in school can attend. This will include vulnerable children, children of critical workers, and children who are in Early Years and year 6. For now, assume that school is open to all unless you are advised otherwise.

### School Support

Please don't suffer in silence during these challenging times. If you need support, please contact Mrs Orton who may be able to help. Please note that she is not available on a Monday or Friday.

Please use the link below to find out more about the help that is on offer across the city:

<https://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk/content/uploads/2022/11/Help-in-Brum-Cost-of-Living->



### SIFA Fireside Visit

I had a very rewarding morning this week with colleagues from schools in the Tolkien Cluster volunteering at the SIFA Fireside Centre in Digbeth. This is a fantastic place that supports vulnerable



adults. It was a wonderful opportunity to see the great work that takes place in our city.

It was very touching to see a picture of Sister Sabina, who

visited our school many times, and whose legacy lives on.

