



St Jude's Catholic Primary School
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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:

Be eloquent

- Speak well
- Use your words for common good
- Enhance your vocabulary

Be truthful

- Speak out when something is wrong
- Let us know when you need our support
- Let us know when someone else needs our support



Stars of the Week!

- Nursery - Siloam & Keane
- Reception – Olivia & Riley L
- Year 1 –Gabrielle & Evie
- Year 2 - Kamari & Eulalia
- Year 3 - Evie & Millie
- Year 4 - Ivan & Melael
- Year 5 - Noble & Cara
- Year 6 – Matilda & Aleigha-Mae



Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on February 17th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.

FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

- January 28th**—Confession after 11am mass, St. Dunstan's Church for Y6 Confirmandi
- January 31st**—Drumba Workshops— (pupils from Y1 upwards to wear PE kit)
- February 7th**—SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM
- w/c February 6th**—Children's Mental Health Week
- February 6th**—Stars in School Day (all pupils to wear PE kit)
- February 13th**—Y4 Roman's Workshop in school
- February 13th**—Y1 & Y2 trip to CBSO concert
- February 14th**—Safer Internet Day
- February 17th**—Pupils break up for half-term
- February 20th-24th**—half-term
- February 27th**—Pupils return from half-term break
- March 2nd**—World Book Day
- March 2nd**—Y5 trip to Sarehole Mill
- March 3rd**—Y3 trip to Thinktank
- March 4th**—First Confession for Catholic pupils in Y3, after 11am mass at St. Dunstan's Church, Kingsheath
- March 6th**—Y4 trip to Botanical Gardens
- March 13th**—Parents' Evening from 3.30pm to 6pm
- March 16th**—Parents' Evening from 2pm to 5pm
- 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

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	89.3%	93.3%	90.3%	97.1%	95.7%	97.8%	97.8%	94.5%
This Term	93.4%	94.2%	91.7%	96.3%	96.2%	95.1%	91.7%	94.1%
Whole Year	91.8%	91.2%	92.8%	94.8%	94.6%	95.7%	92.7%	93.4%

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.**



Early Bird Learning Sessions

I am blessed with staff who organise learning sessions before school for some pupils. If your child has been invited, and you do want your child to attend these sessions, please be prompt and make sure that they are here at 8.30am. It is not appropriate to send pupils in 5 minutes before the start of day bell and allow them in to school to take part in sessions which are already well under way as it is disruptive. Thank you for your support.

Prime

I know how popular the drink Prime is and how many pupils want to proudly show their bottles! I must ask that these are not sent in to school, even if they filled with something else.



Reading

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been meeting with staff discussing the progress of pupils in their learning. In some cases, it is clear that reading and homework are not part of a routine at home. Reading is such an important skill, it opens the door to accessing the curriculum, and we need pupils, especially those in Reception, Y1 & Y2 to read as often as possible at home. If your child is reluctant to read at home, please speak with an adult in school who may be able

Reading Workshops

Please join your child in school for a Reading Workshop in our school hall (Nursery in their classroom). It is important that we all work together to develop a love of reading in every pupil. (If a parent can't make it, another family member is welcome to attend.)

Nursery: 13th February at 9am

Reception: 15th February at 2.30pm

Year One : 8th March at 2.30pm

Year Two: 6th March at 2.30pm

Year Three: 28th February at 9am

Year Four: 28th February 2.30pm

Year Five: 7th March at 9am

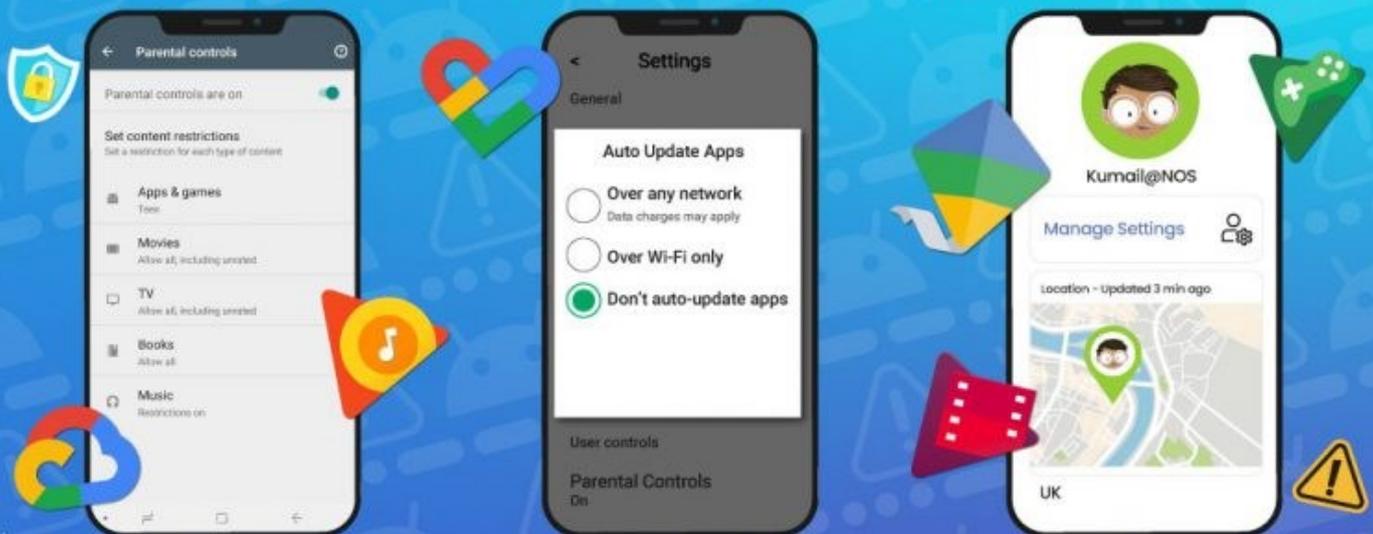
Year Six: 7th March at 2.30pm



How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS

Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set



The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

In the Parish Social Centre
Doors Open after Mass at 6.20pm
Quiz Starts at 7.30pm
Bar Open for Drinks and Snacks

£2 per person - Maximum of 6 people per team

PRIZE FOR THE WINNING TEAM

Tickets on sale after weekend Masses,
during the week from the Parish Office,
and available on the night