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

**Catholic School Pupil Profile**  
**Eloquent and Truthful**

Read the story of Chicken Licken. What does this story tell us about telling the truth? While it is a story, written to show us how we can easily be mistaken, it is important to seek the truth in real life. Imagine someone said something about you that was untrue. How would that make you feel?



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiN13GD X5wA>



**FUTURE DATES**

Some dates for your diary:  
**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**—Shakespeare Birthplace Trust Workshops for Y4 and Y6—The Tempest  
**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.

**Stars of the Week!**

Nursery - Delilah & Theodore  
 Reception – Sienna-Rose & Sumayya  
 Year 1 –Amani & Casey  
 Year 2 - Darcy & Kene  
 Year 3 - Arsema & Ewurakua  
 Year 4 - Isabella & Shyar  
 Year 5 - Romeo P & Anna-Beth  
 Year 6 – Brooke & Laila

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



**Years 5 & 6 Dodgeball**

A huge thanks to Mr Vile and Miss Long who took pupils from Y5 & Y6 to a Dodgeball festival yesterday after school. The children had a great time, played REALLY well but, most importantly, impressed everyone with their good attitude and courteous manner. Great news!



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
<b>This Week</b>	93.8%	95.8%	92.1%	94.8%	95.9%	93.7%	90.4%	93.7%
<b>This Term</b>	93.9%	93.3%	92.3%	94.5%	96.2%	94.9%	90.7%	93.7%
<b>Whole Year</b>	92.1%	91.2%	92.9%	94.4%	94.8%	95.6%	92.3%	93.4%

### Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

Two massive earthquakes have had a devastating impact in Syria and Turkey. Buildings have been destroyed, schools are shut and over 20, 000 lives have been lost with the count rising daily. As a school, I am going to be making a donation to the UNICEF earthquake appeal. This charity directly supports children affected by this awful tragedy. On Wednesday 15th February, there will be a non-uniform day in school to raise funds for this appeal. Please donate a minimum of £1 per child to our collection. Money should be sent directly to class with the children please, not via the school office. Thank you in advance for supporting this much-needed appeal to support those whose lives have been destroyed.



*We pray for the people of Central Turkey and North West Syria, whose lives have been devastated by the earthquake. Be present, O Lord, our Good Shepherd, to bring comfort, relief, shelter and human kindness. Shield the people who suffer, console those who are bereaved, prosper the provision of relief, strengthen the work of emergency teams, and shine your light and hope in the midst of despair.*

*We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### Stars in School

On Monday, we marked Children's Mental Health Week by welcoming a special visitor in to school. Mimi Cesar shared her story of being a pupil in a Catholic school in Birmingham to an adult who has travelled the world successfully pursuing her dreams as a rhythmic gymnast. She showed the children her medals, her stunning costumes and shared some of her skills. The children loved listening to her and having a go at replicating some of her amazing moves using her apparatus. There are some very talented gymnasts in school! Most of all, it was wonderful to see the children respond to the message that hopes and dreams can become reality with hard-work and resilience.



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**

**READING**  
workshop



### World Book Day 2023

Celebrated globally, World Book Day soon comes around! This year, it will be celebrated on March 2nd which is the week after half-term break. There will be lots of book-based celebration in school and inspiring workshops for the children. As for dressing up...it is entirely up to you as parents if you want to send your child to school dressed as a book character. There is certainly no pressure from us as a

school to buy a costume. If dressing up is something that your child enjoys doing and you want to buy or make a costume, then please feel free. If pupils do dress up, they must wear sensible footwear and bring a warm coat.

WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

2 MARCH 2023

### Confirmation Congratulations

Congratulations to the pupils from our school who were sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit on Tuesday evening at their Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers on this important stage on their journey of faith.





# Household Support Fund



February to March 2023

**THIS GRANT IS NOT LINKED TO ANY OTHER COUNCIL TAX REBATE OR ENERGY REBATE PAYMENTS AND WILL NOT EFFECT BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

## WHAT IS IT FOR?



One off grant of up to £200 *per household* to pay for food and energy costs for pensioners, individuals and families that receive means tested benefits. Not for those that got payment between June - December 2022.

## HOW TO APPLY



Applications must be made by one of our registered trusted partners through a secure online portal. You will need to share your contact details, email address, bank details and proof of your benefit status. We will NEVER ask for the long card number, security number or PIN number

## WHO CAN APPLY?



Individuals, pensioners and families can apply but only if you meet the eligibility criteria.  
YES - One application ONLY per household  
YES - Financial hardship claiming means tested benefits  
YES - No Recourse to Public Funds  
NO - Got Household Support Fund payment between June - December 2022

## NEXT STEPS



1. Check you can apply (see above)
2. Fill out a form to join the pre-assessment form [www.bvsc.org.uk/hsf](http://www.bvsc.org.uk/hsf)
3. OR ask your faith centre, school or community centre if they can make an application for you as a trusted partner
4. OR book an appointment at one of our Neighbourhood Hubs [www.hallgreencommunities.org.uk/hsf](http://www.hallgreencommunities.org.uk/hsf)
5. Get your proof of address, benefit payment and reference number ready



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The Parish of St Dunstan and St Jude

# QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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