

THE MESSENGER



10th November 2023

Issue No: 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term. The children have all come back to school with great enthusiasm and a great attitude to learning, which is as always wonderful to see.

This week the children have taken part in UK Parliament Week. Year 5/6 started the week with a TEAMS meeting with MP Karen Bradley from her office in London. Karen shared exciting news about the King's Speech and laws that were relevant to the children's lives. The children were asked about laws that they believed should be introduced.

Also, the school council lead an assembly for the whole school and the children are taking part in a whole school debate 'Should the school day be made longer?'

This week we welcomed Mrs Sigley to our staff team as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant. Mrs Sigley will be working in the year 5 and 6 class and across the school. I am sure you will join us in making Mrs Sigley feel welcome as part of our school community.

On Monday 13th November we begin our anti-bullying week which begins very aptly on World Kindness Day. The national theme for the week this year is 'Make a Noise about Bullying'. You will be receiving further communication about how we are marking this week as a school. We have also included in the Messenger a '14 ways you can share kindness online' poster to support discussion with your children.

On Thursday 23rd November we will be holding our prospective parents' sessions for the Foundation Stage at 2pm and 6pm. If your child will be 3 years old on the 1st September 2024, they will be eligible to join our Nursery. Application forms are available from the school office or on our website <https://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.co.uk/page/?title=Admissions&pid=65>

Similarly, the application process for the Reception Class is now open – this is for children who will be 4 on the 1st September 2024. Applications for the reception class need to be made directly through the local authority and this closes on 15th January 2024.

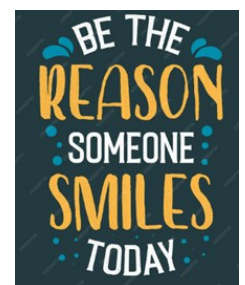
I do wish you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Rathbone

In this week's Gospel Jesus tells the story of the 10 bridesmaids and how important it is to be wise. Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices.

'Wisdom is kind and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.'

St James



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Diary Dates



November

- 13th - Odd Socks Day
15th - Year 5 Musicshare Event at Lichfield Cathedral
16th - Parent Maths Session 2pm
17th - Watch Me Learn - Reception to Year 4
23rd - Foundation Stage Open Day 2pm and 6pm
24th - Year 5/6 Watch Me Learn
26th - Family Mass 9.00am
28th - Songbirds Christmas Concert
29th - Individual, sibling and family photos



December



- 6th - Year 3/4 Christmas Show visit, St. Margaret Ward
8th - PTFA Christmas Fayre, 3.15pm
11th - FS & KS1 Christmas Concert, 2.00pm
12th - FS & KS1 Christmas Concert, 5.30pm
14th - FS visit to Lower Drayton Farm
15th - Festive inter House P.E. Competition
19th - Christmas Lunch
21st - End of Term Assembly, 9.30am
22nd - Family Breakfast, 8.00am
22nd - Carol Service & KS2 Nativity, 9.15am



Celebration Assemblies - Fridays at 2.30pm

Friday 10th November - KS1 Assembly

Friday 17th November - KS2 Assembly

Friday 24th November – Year 3/4 Assembly

Friday 1st December – FS/KS1 Assembly



AUTUMN TERM - 2023

School opens to pupils
School closes

Tuesday 7th November
Friday 22nd December

SPRING TERM - 2024

Inset Day (**school closed to pupils**)

Monday 8th January

School opens to pupils

Tuesday 9th January



ANNOUNCEMENTS



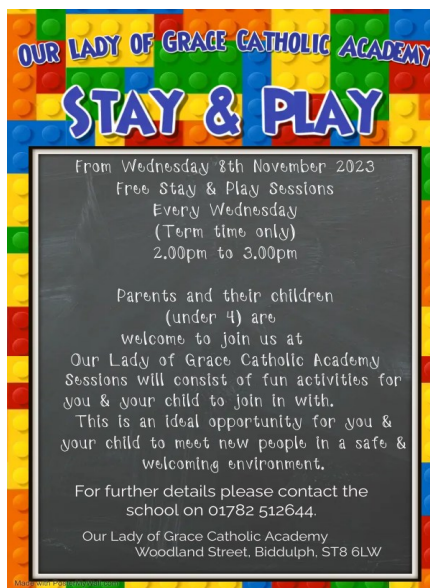
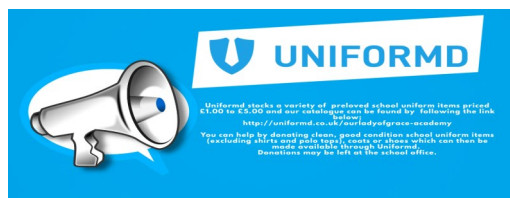
	Head Teacher's Award	Reader Award	Goldfinch Award	Maths
06/10/2023				
Year 3/4	Jessica Ryder	Grace Brown	Isabelle Cook	
Year 5/6	Stanley Clack			
13/10/2023				
Foundation Stage	Dayton Gibbons	Olive Tomkinson	Teddy Brown	Aria-Brave
KS1	Saskia Mathers	Lucca Cucyk	Harry Venables	
27/10/2023				
Year 3/4	Harry Swift	Amelia Nixon	Charlotte Elliott	Zachary Moran
Year 5/6	Olivia Adams	Archie Pass	Lexi	Emily Roden



Thank you for your support of our non uniform day in aid of CAFOD's emergency appeal for those suffering in Israel and Gaza.

We raised a total of £120.00

Please continue to keep those in the region in your prayers.



Well done to.....

Football Awards
Marnie-Rae Bedson
Macy-Mabel Webb-Parkinson
Teddy Robinson
Olive Tomkinson

Player of the Match
Harry Swift
Chloe Morris

Dance Awards
Ella-Louise Kinder-Rigby

Cricket Awards
Stanley Clack
George Clack



Please share your positive views about our school on Parent View <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> Thank you for your support.

Reminders to Parents



- ♦ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, High Street, Tunstall or online at www.supersport.co.uk/schoolwear.html. The school office carries elastic and normal ties, water bottles and a small stock of other uniform items. Please order via Scopay.
- ♦ **School Dinners** - Nursery Meals are £2.40 per day
Reception & KS1 meals are free
Years 3/4/5 & 6. meals are £3.10 per day
Menus are on the School Website.

Breakfast Club

from 7.30am £4.50 (Late or no booking £9.00)
from 8.00am £2.50 (Late or no booking £5.00)

Children must arrive no later than 8.15am

**If your child is at Breakfast Club for the full week the Friday session will be free.
All sessions must be booked and paid for at least one week in advance.**

Care Club

Mon-Fri 3.00pm-5.45pm - Snack included

Care Club First Child;
from 3.00pm to 5.00pm £5.00
from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

Care Club Siblings;
from 3.00pm to 5.00 £3.00
from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £6.00

Late or no booking up to 5.00pm £10.00

Late or no booking up to 5.45pm £15.00

All sessions must be booked and paid for at least one week in advance.

Unattended pre booked sessions will still be charged.

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident.
Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money is payable in advance and should either be paid online via your child's Sco pay account.

ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST EITHER telephone school on 512644, report the absence via Studybugs or email office@olognewman.co.uk

BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.

You must also send a letter or email detailing the dates and the reason for their absence on your child's return to school as this is required by Education Welfare.

If you require this document in any other format please contact the office.