

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

Messenger

January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year!

I do hope that you all had a restful break over Christmas period. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to see their enthusiasm for their work and kindness to their friends. So many of our children have made new year's resolutions that are focused on making the world a better place, living out the mission of our Catholic school,

Over the Christmas holidays we heard the sad news that Father Julian's mum, Jean, passed away at the age of 95 on New Year's Day. We pray for the repose of her soul, and also pray for Father Julian and the rest of the family at this time of loss. Father Julian has shared the details of the funeral and in the Parish Bulletin has asked Parishioners from all of his Parishes to come to the Funeral Mass if possible, to support him, and to make it a wonderful Catholic farewell. The Requiem Mass will be at the church of Our Lady & St Werburgh, Clayton, Jean's parish church, on Friday 19th January at 11.30am.

**Eternal rest, grant unto her O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.**

Amen.

On a final note, if you wish for a place in our Reception Class for September if your child is going to be 4 years old before 1st September 2024, please do this directly with the local authority. [Citizen Portal - Sign in \(staffordshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/citizen-portal/sign-in). Applications for the reception class close on 15th January 2024. Applications for a place in our school Nursery are made directly through the school.

Once again I would like to welcome you back and look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rathbone

When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.

"The Work of Christmas" from Howard Thurman's





Did you know that Our Lady of Grace is a referrer for the Stoke-on-Trent Food Bank?

Any of our families in need of support can contact Mrs McGough in the school office to request confidential help obtaining a voucher.

Please make sure that your child brings a filled water bottle to school every day. **Please note these should not**



contain juice.

Water bottles are available from school, via Scopay, priced ££2.50.



As the weather is turning colder please ensure that your child has suitable clothing for outdoor play at break/lunch time eg coats, hats and gloves.



Uniformd stocks a variety of preloved school uniform items priced £1.00 to £5.00 and our catalogue can be found by following the link below; <http://uniformd.co.uk/ourladyofgrace-academy> You can help by donating clean, good condition school uniform items (excluding shirts and polo tops), coats or shoes which can then be made available through Uniformd. Donations may be left at the school office.



Football Awards

Sophie Simcock
Theodore Jax Robinson
Marnie-Raè Bedson
Olive Tomkinson
Beatrice Elliott
Macy-Mabel Webb-Parkinson



Mrs Scarlett, our well being officer, is in school on Wednesdays.

Mrs Scarlett is available to talk to your child regarding any problems or worries that they may have. Please remind your child that this is available to them.



If you haven't already, please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

<https://studybugs.com>



Congratulations and well done to the children in Year 5 & 6 who took part in Young Voices 2024 in Birmingham last night. You were all amazing!



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



January Diary Dates







17th	SATs Information Sessions, 5pm (Y2 & Y6)
17th	FS & KS1 Assembly, 2.30pm
24th	Year 5 Music - SMW
25th	Year 5 P.E. - SMW
26th	KS2 Assembly
29th	Year 5 - Create with Camerata project
30th	Year 5 P.E. - SMW



Well Done to.....



	 Head Teacher Award	 Reader	 Goldfinch	 Maths
Foundation Stage	Samar Al Maatouk	Macy-Mabel Webb-Parkinson	Emily Burgess	Samuel
Key Stage 1	Scarlett Shaw	Alisdair Noonan	Milenna Stanway	Seth Exon
Year 3/4	Penelope-Rae Kinder-Rigby	Madison Adams	Charlie Swift	Freddie Whyte
Year 5/6	Reuben Moran	Kieran Powell	Lilly Power	Charlie Leach

Wrap around care

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

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 available on the school website.

Please note that dinner money is payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Scopay account.

School Uniform

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 Attendance



HM Government
Head to the NHS website to find out more.

"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child. #AttendanceCounts"

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. Follow this link to get NHS advice on common illnesses.

Is my child too ill for school? - NHS
www.nhs.uk

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.**