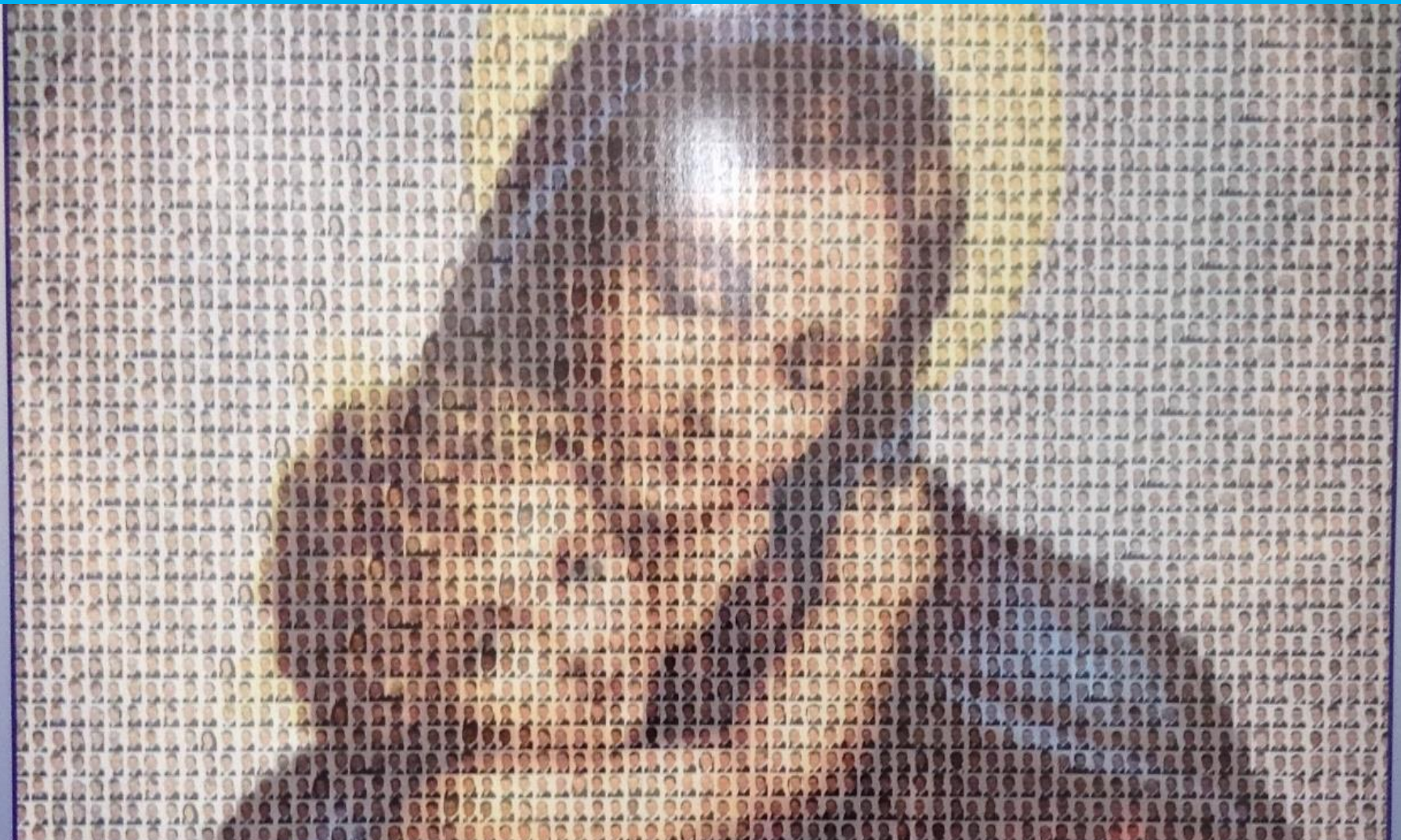




Welcome to Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy



Meet the Staff



- Mrs Rathbone – Principal
- Mrs Pedley – Foundation Stage Teacher
- Early Years Practitioners
- Mrs Scarlett – Family Support Worker / Safeguarding



Family Support Worker/ Safeguarding



Mrs Scarlett can help with an anxieties with children or adults.

Mrs Scarlett can work with individual and groups of children helping with barriers to learning, family problems, friendship issues, long term illness.

Mrs Scarlett can also work with parents regarding any parenting support.

Why choose Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy?



- Part of the Newman Catholic Collegiate – Committed to the catholic faith and education for children aged 3 – 18 years
- Outstanding teaching and learning
- A secure, caring and happy learning environment
- High standards and expectations
- Discipline
- Open door policy
- A close and positive relationship with parents
- Enriched and extended curriculum



Commitment to the Catholic Faith



- RE Inspection: ‘Children are given and accept responsibility and are positive role-models for all the other members of the school family.’
- ‘Leadership very effectively promotes learners’ spiritual and moral development and an ethos of Catholic life pervades the school.’
- We have close links with parish
- Daily Class worship
- Participate in whole school masses
- Holy Communion and Confirmation
- Minnie Vinnies and Discipleship Team – charity work, links with parish

Mission Statement



“Through the strength of God’s love and the power of
prayer

we are guided to do whatever He tells us.

Many hearts, one accord,
we grow and learn together for life
to build the kingdom of God.”

(School Mission Statement)

Partnership with Parents at Our Lady of Grace



We pride ourselves on the relationships we have with our families.

- We operate an 'Open door' policy
- You are your child's first educator
- Partnership working is essential to success – Evidence Me
- Excellent attendance is encouraged through positive reinforcement
- Support for school ethos – Masses and liturgies;
- A Home-School Agreement will need to be signed
- Regular communication- diaries, weekly celebration assemblies
- PTFA
- Phonics, English and Maths Workshops
- Watch me learn sessions

Enriched and Extended Curriculum



We offer a full and rich extended curriculum...

- All classes go on at least 1 trip a term to complement their current topic
- Residential trips to France, Stanley Head and Alton Castle
- Specialist peripatetic teachers - City music school, orchestra,
- Specialist P.E. teachers
- Breadth of after school activities
- City Songbirds
- Children's University
- Breakfast Club
- Wrap around child care - 7.30am – 5:45pm (offered once children are fully settled)
- <https://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.co.uk/topic/school-clubs>

Foundation Stage Curriculum- EYFS – Early Years Foundation Stage

- Prime Areas:
- Personal, Social and Emotional Development
- Communication and Language
- Physical Development
- Specific Areas:
- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Understanding the World
- Expressive Arts and Design
- RE (Spiritual and Moral)

Learning Through Play

At Our Lady of Grace we are committed to ensuring that children throughout the Foundation Stage learn through play.

This allows children to :

- Develop their independency
- Solve problems,
- Develop their concentration and imagination,
- Communicate with others
- Practise and build up ideas
- Learn how to control impulses
- Understand the need for rules.



Learning Through Play



- It may seem that your child talks frequently about how they play lots of games.
- This is a key way in which young children learn with enjoyment and challenge.
- The ‘play’ is planned and structured with effective adult support.
- It allows children to take risks and make mistakes in a safe and secure environment.



Flexible start to the day



In foundation stage there is a flexible start to the day. The children can come into school between 8.30 and 8.40 and finish at 3.10.

As the children enter the classroom they are free to choose from a variety of independent play activities. This allows them to settle into the classroom straight away and start their learning instantly. It also provides for a little time for parents to come and speak to us about any concerns they may have.

Getting Ready For School



- Children should be...
- Using the toilet (with a little help)
- Used to using a knife and fork
- No longer be using a dummy (past the age of 12 months)
- Used to handling reading books
- Singing a number of rhymes and songs
- If your child has any special welfare requirements it is important that we know these so that we can make preparations for your child (please contact the school for further advice)

Admissions Process – Nursery



Applications open: 1st September

Applications close: 31st January

Please complete the application form and return to the school office

<https://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.co.uk/admissions/>

Notified: Mid – end May

Admissions Criteria

- The school admission number is 15
- Please see the school website for further details

Admissions Process – Reception



Applications open: 1st November 2023

Applications close: 15th January 2024

Notifications will be sent out / emailed 16th April 2024

Admissions Criteria

- The school admission number is 15
- Please see the school website for further details

Apply on-line:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>

Admission Contact Details



- Open Monday to Thursday between 8.45am to 5pm and 8.45am to 4.30pm on Friday.
- Admissions – 0300 111 8007
- Email: admissions@staffordshire.gov.uk

CRITERIA OF ADMISSION – NURSERY 24/25

The school admission number is 15.



If the number of applications exceeds the admission number, governors will consider applications according to the following order of priority:

1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after
2. Baptised Catholic children living in the parish of English Martyrs' who have a brother or sister attending Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children living in the parish English Martyrs'
4. Other Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy at the time of admission.

CRITERIA OF ADMISSION – NURSERY 24/25

The school admission number is 15.



5. Other Baptised Catholic Children who have a brother or sister attending another school in the Newman Catholic Collegiate
6. Other Baptised Catholic children
7. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after
8. Non-Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy at the time of admission.
9. Non-Catholic Children who have a brother or sister attending another school in the Newman Catholic Collegiate
10. Non-Catholic children.

The Nursery Day



- All children are entitled to the universal 15 funded hours and are from 8:30 – 12:00
- If you wish to take up, or are entitled to the 30 hours funding, this is from 8:30 – 3:10
- If you are entitled to free school meals (if you receive income support, jobseekers allowance or income related employment and support allowance) you will be offered 30 hours of free nursery education, including lunch.
- School dinners are encouraged - £2.40 per day

Induction Process



1. Stay and play sessions – Every Wednesday 2-3pm
2. Induction parents meeting (June 2024)
3. Induction pack
4. Nursery / Reception class visits (June/July 2024)
5. Contact Settings (June / July 2024)
6. Home visits (September 2024)
7. Induction (September 2024)



Thank You



Thank you very much for
your interest in our school.

Please feel free to visit the school website for further
information

School website:

<https://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.co.uk/>

Alternatively, contact the school office on:

Telephone 01782 512644

Email: office@olognewman.co.uk