

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

# Messenger

## June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. We have such a busy half term ahead with lots of exciting events - many of which parents will be invited to. This half term will focus on the transition for your child's next step in their learning journey. Our transition sessions for each year group will be held every Monday afternoon, starting in the week commencing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to get to know their new class teacher and take part in some class-based activities so that they feel confident and ready for their new year group in September. On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, each class will spend the full day in their new classroom with their new teacher.

As we move towards the end of the year, Year 6 will be preparing for their journey to high school through their own transition days and events. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Year 6 for being such a wonderful group of children and we wish them all the very best of luck in their next steps. We hope that their final half term at Our Lady of Grace is enjoyable and filled with lots of special memories.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June, some of our children will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We pray especially for these children as they prepare to take the next step in their faith journey. You are all warmly welcome to attend this celebration at English Martyr's, 9.00am.

Some key dates for this half term are as follows:

- Father's Day Breakfast - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 8.00am
- Father's Day Prayer Service - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 9.15am
- Sports Day- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 9.00am
- Summer Fayre- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 3.15pm
- Parent drop in sessions- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- End of term Mass- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 9.15am
- Foundation Stage Graduation- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2.15pm
- KS1 and KS2 Prize Giving- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2.00pm
- Leaver's Breakfast - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 8.00am
- Leaver's Assembly - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Davis  
Head of School



Last Sunday the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus (Corpus Christi). This explores the words and actions of Jesus during the Last Supper and what this means for us now and how we can share with others the presence of Jesus today.



Hopefully the sun will make an appearance during the rest of the term! On sunny days please make sure that sun cream is applied before school (you may send in a labelled bottle of sun cream if you wish) Also ensure that all children have a sun hat and water bottle.

Please pray for the children in Year 4 who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this month.



## Football Awards

**Charlie Simcock**  
**Harry Venables**

**EURO Special**

**Veggie Meatballs with Pasta**  
in a Tomato & Basil Sauce and Garlic Bread

or

**Hot Dog**  
Frankfurter Sausage/Veggie Sausage  
with Baked Beans or Sweetcorn  
and Pommes Noisettes

**Choice of Dessert**  
Shortbread Football Player  
Football Cupcake  
Fruit Pot

Served on Thursday 13 June



Our Lady of Grace  
Catholic Academy



# Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on  
Monday 1st July at 9.00am.  
(weather permitting)

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## We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App



We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

### How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

The Sunnyville School of Magic  
W10 5BN, London, GB

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

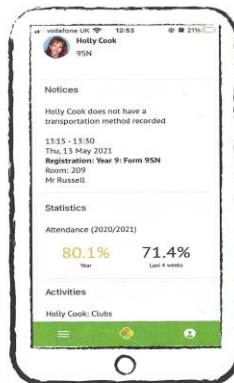
### Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

#### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



**FREE 30 HOUR NURSERY PLACES SEPTEMBER 2024**

Applications are still open for spaces in our Nursery class for September 2024.

We are offering **FREE 30 hours** education for all children, regardless of funding eligibility. (Subject to available capacity)

Please contact the school office on **01782 512644** for more information or to arrange a visit.

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



# June Diary Dates



11th	Northwood Field Events
12th	Year 5 English Speaking Board Assessments
14th	FS/KS1 Assembly
19th	Year 6 English Speaking board Assessments
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Ensemble Concert, Victoria Hall
13th	Year 5 P.E. at St Margaret Ward
21st	KS2 Assembly
23rd	First Holy Communion
25 <sup>th</sup>	Songbirds Concert
26 <sup>th</sup>	Northwood Track Events
28th	Year 4 Wizard of Oz, St Margaret Ward
28th	Children's University Graduation
28th	Foundation Stage & KS1 Assembly







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.



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; <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/our-lady-of-grace-catholic-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.

# Well Done to.....

	 <b>Head Teacher Award</b>	 <b>Reader</b>	 <b>Goldfinch</b>	 <b>Maths</b>
Foundation Stage	Emily	Wendy	Katie	Jack
Key Stage 1	Betsy	Mason	Bobby	Harry
Year 3/4	Kellan	Elyra	Sophie	Enzo
Year 5/6	All of Year 6	Lilly	Dario	Aiden

School Masses will take place on a weekly rota basis— led by Whole school, EYFS, KS1 or Year3/4 and Year 5/6.

All of these Masses take place on a Tuesday morning at 9.15am (*unless otherwise stated*).

We encourage all parents, grandparents and members of the parish to support these Masses where possible.

Tuesday 11th June

Year 3/4

Tuesday 18th June

Year 1/2 and Foundation Stage

Tuesday 2nd July

Year 3/4

Tuesday 9th July

Year 1/2 and Foundation Stage

Tuesday 16th July

End of term—Leavers Mass—whole school

**Studybugs** 

**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>**

## 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](http://www.supersport.co.uk/schoolwear.html)

Our uniform policy is available on the school website

The school office carries elastic and normal ties, water bottles and a small stock of other uniform items.

Please order via Scopay.

## School Attendance



**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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

ABSENCE ....IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST EITHER telephone school on 512644, report the absence via Studybugs or email [office@olognewman.co.uk](mailto:office@olognewman.co.uk) BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.