

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

Messenger

July 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

We only have two weeks left until the end of this academic year and we still have so much to fit in! Please look carefully at the calendar dates for these last two weeks.

Last week, our Songbirds performed at the City Songbird Summer concert. They sang their little hearts out. Well done, Songbirds! We also had many children representing the school at Northwood – they showed great sportsmanship and did the school proud – well done!

Last Friday, we also had 27 children graduate from 'The Children's University'. This was a fantastic achievement of children's engagement with extracurricular activities marked by a graduation ceremony at the Victoria Hall. Well done to all those who graduated!

On Friday 12th July, we have our attendance trip to Drayton Manor for all those children with 100% attendance - we hope they have a fantastic day! We are also delighted to announce that Year 3/4 are the class with the highest attendance. They will be having a special rewards day in school in the final week with pizza, a movie, popcorn and lots of other treats!

Today, the events team have held their first 'Colour Run'. A fantastic idea from one of our pupils, Ella, to raise further funds for our prayer garden and the collegiate charity this term. Thank you to all those to took part! A very colourful afternoon to lead us into our summer fayre.

On a final note, please can I take this opportunity to remind you about the school uniform policy in relation to haircuts. Any part of the hair that is shaved should not be less than a grade 2 – this includes any hair shaved that falls under longer hair. There should also not be any visible lines. Any hair accessories that are needed to tie hair back all need to be in school colours. We really do appreciate your support with the uniform policy. Our children wear their uniform with such pride, which is always noted by any visitors we have.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend with hopefully a little bit of sunshine!

Mrs S Rathbone

Principal



GOD
WELCOMES
ALL

In this weekend's Gospel we hear that despite knowing the wonderful things that Jesus had done, he was still not welcomed within his community.

Pope Francis, our Holy Father, says, " God's will is that we grow in our capacity to welcome one another."

As we prepare to close one school year and begin another, let us pray that we will all be welcomed in the communities that form and shape our lives.



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.



Very well done to Tommy & Elaya who performed with the Collegiate Orchestra and all of the children who joined the Collegiate Choir during St. Margaret Ward's Summer Music Concert earlier this month. We are very proud of you all.



Well done to all those children who have represented Our Lady of Grace at track and field events this half term. You are all superstars!

Last week children from KS1 & KS2 who had reached the marker for the next milestone for participation in after school clubs attended the Children's University Graduation.

As always this was a wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of our children and it was wonderful to have the support of so many family members at this event.



Our KS1 football team had great fun at the Collegiate tournament – well done to all players and thank you to parents for your support.



After lots of hard work we are very proud to announce that we have been awarded the

CAFOD LiveSimply Award!

A huge, special thank you to Mrs Catalano, the Chaplaincy Team and the Mini Vinnies for all of their hard work towards this wonderful achievement.

Congratulations to our Songbirds on their fantastic performance in the City Music Summer Concert, "Grand Day Out". You were all amazing!



Arbor 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

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.

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

Enter your password

Log in

Forgotten password?

iPhone UK 12:53 21%

Holly Cook
95N

Notices

Holly Cook does not have a transportation method recorded

15:15 - 15:30
Thu, 13 May 2021
Registration: Year 9: Form 95N
Room: 209
Mr Russell

Statistics

Attendance (2020/2021)

80.1% **71.4%**

Year Last 4 weeks

Activities

Holly Cook: Clubs



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



July Diary Dates



9th	Parent Report Drop in Session 3.30pm to 6.30pm
10th	Oral/Dental Hygiene Workshop 2.00pm
12th	100% Attendance Trip
15th	Year 5 Science at St Margaret Ward
16th	End of Term Mass 9.15am
16th	Foundation Stage Graduation 2.15pm
17th	KS1 Stafford High House
18th	KS1 & KS2 Prize Giving 2.00pm
19th	Leaver's Breakfast 8.00am
19th	Leaver's Assembly 1.30pm
4th September	School opens to current children and new Reception
5th September	Start date for Nursery



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.....

	 Head Teacher Award	 Reader	 Goldfinch	 Maths
Foundation Stage	Olive	Nela	Beatrice	Emily
Key Stage 1	Harry	Evie	Seth	Aadyynn
Year 3/4	Roman	Cody	Hayzley	Kellan
Year 5/6	Harvey	Evie	Charlie	Reuben

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

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)

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.