

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

Messenger

April 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

During this season of Lent the children have been actively involved in delivering prayer services as part of their Lenten observance. These prayer services have been a beautiful opportunity for the children to engage in reflection, prayer, and spiritual growth, as they learn the deeper meaning of this season leading up to Easter. We encourage you to continue to support your child's participation during this special time. Consider discussing the themes of Lent at home, such as self-reflection, kindness, giving to others, and how they can live out these values each day. All parents are also warmly invited to attend our Stations of the Cross service, which is being led by Y5/6 next Friday, 11th April, at 9:10am.

Thank you to all our parents in supporting the school's uniform policy, your support is greatly appreciated. After the Easter holiday, the children are more than welcome to wear the summer uniform, as in line with our school uniform policy. Girls can wear **navy blue** gingham dresses and the boys can wear grey shorts. Please see the school website for further details [Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy - School Uniform](#).

We have recently had some haircuts that have not been in line with school policy. As the uniform policy states, 'Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines and should be an appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2). Please ensure that you and your child are aware of this policy.

Just a reminder that next Thursday morning, 10th April, we have our end of term assembly, which will take place from 9:15am. It would be lovely for parents and grandparents to share in this wonderful celebration of all of our children's achievements this term.

Over the Easter holidays, Miss Boon will also be celebrating something very special as she gets married and will become Mrs Edwards. I am sure you will join us in sending congratulations to Miss Boon and wishing her a wonderful wedding day full of special memories and love.

Finally, I would just like to reiterate how grateful we are for your ongoing support as we work together to help our children grow in faith and spirit during this meaningful season. We really do wish you all a very happy and holy Easter.

School will close for Easter on Friday 11th April and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 28th April.

God Bless,

Mrs Davis



In this week's Gospel we hear how Jesus offers those who have sinned a fresh start. This exemplifies the Christian belief in the redemptive power of forgiveness and the transformative nature of God's love. During this time of Lent, God calls us to be hopeful and positive in our relationships with each other.

Lenten Prayer Services

Wednesday 19th March - Year 5/6, 9.00am
Monday 24th March - Foundation Stage, 9.00am
Wednesday 26th March - Year 3/4, 9.00am
Friday 28th March - Year 1/2 Mother's Day Prayer Service, 9.15am
Monday 31st March - Year 1/2, 9.00am
Wednesday 2nd April - Year 5/6, 9.00am
Friday 4th April - Foundation Stage, 2.30pm
Monday 7th April - Year 3/4, 9.00am
Wednesday 9th April - Year 1/2, 9.00am
Friday 11th April - Year 5/6, Stations of the Cross



Stay & Play
Thursdays
2.00pm to 3.00pm
(term time only)

For more information contact us on
01782 512644

Join us for a relaxed session with fun activities for you & your child (under 4's) to join in with. An ideal opportunity to meet new people in a safe & welcoming environment.

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Well done to the children who have taken part in Basketball, Swimming & Handball events this half term. A big thank you to parents for your support with transport.



Congratulations to KS2 children who took part in Dance '25 at the Victoria Hall earlier this week. You were all superstars!



Easter Events
JOIN US FOR
EASTER BINGO
WEDNESDAY 9TH
APRIL, 3.15PM



HAF fun this Easter
Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.

visit staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities

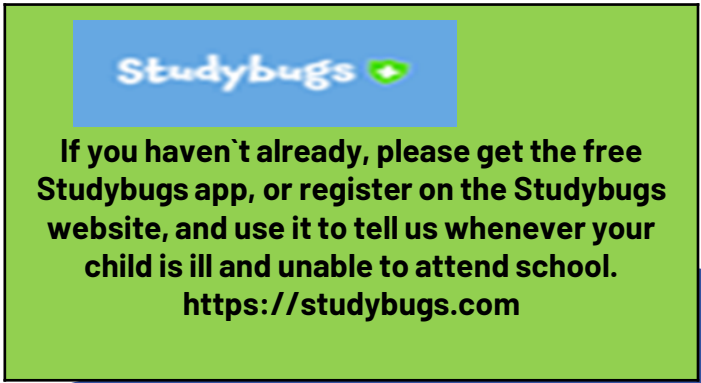


Well done to children in Year 3 for their wonderful performance at the Recorder Festival earlier this month – You were all amazing! ★

A reminder of free Breakfast Club available for Year 5 & 6 from 8.00am!



Please be courteous to our neighbours when parking to drop off/collect your child. We have established good relationships with our local residents and ask you to be considerate of their access needs. Thank you for your support.



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>



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



April Diary Dates



8th April	End of Term Mass, 9.15am, English Martyrs'
8th April	Foundation Stage Easter Bonnet, 2.30pm
8th April	Foundation Stage Drop in Session, 3.15pm
9th April	Easter Bingo, 3.15pm
10th April	End of Term Assembly, 9.15am
29th April	Scholastic Book Fair
1st May	KS1 Wedgewood Centre
5th May	School closed, May Day Bank Holiday
6th May	Read with me - 2.45pm
9th May	FS/KS1 Assembly, 9.15am

Parish Easter Mass Times

Maundy Thursday

11.30am Stations of the Cross, Biddulph Town Centre

7.30pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper – English Martyrs'

Good Friday

12.00 noon Family Stations of the Cross, St. Joseph's, Goldenhill

6.00pm Liturgy of the Passion, English Martyrs'






Easter Sunday

9.00am Mass, English Martyrs'

Easter Monday

10.00am Easter Monday Mass, St. Patricks, Packmoor

Well Done to.....

	 Head Teacher Award	 Reader	 Goldfinch	 Maths
Foundation Stage	Charlie	Jack	Maya	Saoirse
Key Stage 1	Jeremy		Samuel	Eva
Year 3/4	Evie	Harry	Olivia-Faye	Sebastian
Year 5/6	Aiden	Victor	Gabriella	Charlie

Don't forget to register for free with our new fundraising partners – raising funds for Our Lady of Grace while you shop!



Easyfundraising - https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/our-lady-of-grace-catholic-academy/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-fb1

My School Fund - <https://www.myschoolfund.org/>



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.



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.

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 Smart Uniform, Unit 2, Highgate, Tunstall Trade Park, Tunstall, ST6 4JZ or online at

<https://smartuniform.co.uk/>

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 \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://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.