

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

Messenger

May 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It was so lovely to welcome the children back into school on Monday. They all look very smart with some children choosing to wear the summer uniform. Just a gentle reminder that if girls are wearing summer dresses they need to be navy gingham dresses and not light blue as stated in the uniform policy, which can be found here: [Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy - School Uniform](#).

On Monday 21st April, we awoke to hear the sad news regarding the passing of Pope Francis. We recognise that he has returned to the Father's house and give thanks for his life of service and leadership of the church. We pray that the cardinals are inspired by the Lord and filled with the wisdom of the Holy Spirit when electing the next Pope of the Catholic Church.

On Thursday 8th May, we will be celebrating the 80th Anniversary of V.E. day. The children have the option of having a V.E. themed celebratory lunch on this day. If you wish for your child to have this lunch then please select this lunch option via Scopay.

Monday 12th May marks the beginning of our assessment week for Year 6. We would all like to wish year 6 all the best as they carry out their SATs tests. They have worked extremely hard in their preparations and I am sure this effort will be rewarded. Please keep our year 6 children in your thoughts and prayers during this week.

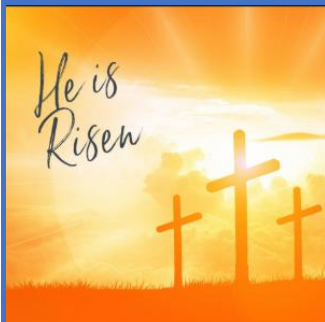
This Sunday, 4th May, we have our joint May procession taking place at 3:30pm at St Patrick's R.C. Church, Mellor Street, Packmoor. All children and families are warmly invited and we would particularly encourage our Year 4 children who are preparing to take the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to attend.

And finally, sadly today we say goodbye to Miss Glover, who has secured a position at another school. I am sure you will join me in thanking Miss Glover for all of her hard work at Our Lady of Grace. She will be very much missed but we wish her every success within her new position.

I do wish you all a lovely bank holiday weekend!

God Bless,

Mrs Davis



In this week's Gospel we hear how the resurrection of Jesus is a reality that transforms how we live every single day. John 21 beautifully shows us that life after the resurrection is about allowing Christ to influence every area of our life. Through the Gospel story of Jesus sharing a miraculous breakfast with His disciples, we learn that we can trust Jesus to provide for our needs – because He loves us!

May Diary Dates

6th May	Storytime, all classes 2.45pm
9th May	FS/KS1 Assembly
12th May	Assessment Week
16th May	Stardome
16th May	No assembly
19th May	MHST Coffee Morning
20th May	Foundation Stage Drop in Session 3.15pm
21st May	Non-Uniform Day
21st May	KS2 Watch me Learn Reading
23rd May	Year 6 Alton Towers
23rd May	Foundation Stage Class Assembly, 9.10am

School Mass Dates

Tuesday 29th April - Year 5/6

Tuesday 20th May - FS/KS1

Tuesday 3rd June - Year 3/4

Tuesday 10th June - Year 5/6

Tuesday 17th June - Year 3/4

Sunday 22nd June - First Holy Communion

Tuesday 8th July - FS/KS1

Tuesday 15th July - Whole School, End of Year Mass

Well Done to.....

	Head Teacher Award 	Reader 	Goldfinch 	Maths 
Foundation Stage	Charlie	Jack	Maya	Saoirse
Key Stage 1	Jeremy		Samuel	Eva
Year 3/4	Madison	Lexi	Kobe	Saskia
Year 5/6	Kieran	Charlie B	Reuben	Evie

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.