

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Bidulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

Messenger

September 2025



Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new academic year! A special welcome to our nursery children and any new children who have joined us this year. We are very much looking forward to working with you all. The children have all come back to school looking very smart and have settled into their new classes beautifully. Can I please just remind you that earrings of any kind are not to be worn in school, as stated in our uniform policy, which you can find on the school website. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Next week, on Tuesday 9th September, we will come together to celebrate our first school Mass in church, as always, you are more than welcome to attend.

Please remember that parents are warmly invited to our celebration assemblies every Friday at 9:05am. Please check the website and calendar to confirm whether it's a Key Stage One or Key Stage Two assembly.

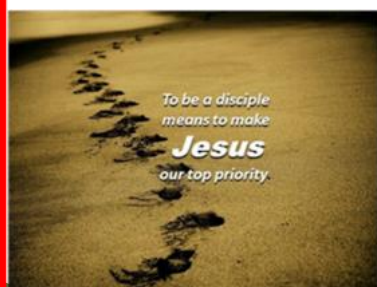
On Friday 26th September we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning, 9:00 – 10:30. Please refer to the letter for further details. It would be lovely for you to share this special event with us.

During the beginning of October, we will be gathering together for our annual Harvest celebrations. All donations of non-perishable foods will be greatly accepted and donated to the local Foodbank.

On a final note, I would like to thank you for the parental feedback from the questionnaire in the summer. All feedback is greatly appreciated, and I will look forward to sharing developments that have come from the feedback with you in the near future.

Mrs Davis

Head of School



This Sunday's Gospel from Luke invites us to reflect on what it truly means to follow Jesus. It's a powerful reminder that discipleship is not always easy or comfortable—it calls for sacrifice, intention, and unwavering commitment. Jesus encourages us to honestly examine our lives: Are we willing to let go of our own comfort, preferences, and personal desires in order to follow Him more closely? Are we ready to align our priorities with His will, even when it challenges us to change? As we begin a new school year and settle into new routines, this is a fitting time to reflect on where Christ is leading us. Let us ask for the grace to respond with courage and trust, knowing that when we give our whole hearts to Him, He leads us on a path of true joy and purpose.

Head Boy- Charlie Swift
Head Girl- Chloe Morris

Deputy Head Boy – George Clack
Deputy Head Girl – Charlotte Elliott

Following the migration of our text system to Arbor, we will now also be using the system for emails. We are also intended to increase the use of in app messaging so please make sure you are signed up to the Arbor app and enable push notifications!




North Staffordshire
Combined Healthcare
NHS Trust

CAMHS Open Day

Saturday 13th September 2025
9:30am - 12:30pm
Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre

- Core CAMHS
- Mental Health Support Teams
- Partner Agencies
- CAMHS Looked After Children
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Come along to our open day to find out more about the services we offer!

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>

SAVE THE DATE - On Friday 26th September we are hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. Information to follow.

Please ensure that all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.



Make sure you don't miss out on any important dates during the school year by subscribing to our school calendar here; <https://www.ourladyofgraceacademy.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=9&viewid=1>

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



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

September Diary Dates

Friday 12th September – KS2 Assembly

Friday 19th September – FS/KS1 Assembly

Week Beginning 22nd September – National Recycle Week

Monday 22nd September - Y5/6 Collegiate 5-a-side Football 5-6pm

Friday 26th September – Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 26th September – KS2 Assembly

Monday 29th September – St Gabriel the Archangel Celebration

Tuesday 30th September - Y3/4 Collegiate 5-a-side Football 5-6pm

School Mass Dates

Tuesday 9th September – Whole School Mass, 9:15, English Martyrs'

Tuesday 16th September – Y5/6 Mass, 9:15, English Martyrs'

Tuesday 23rd September – Y3/4 Mass, 9:15, English Martyrs'

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 £3.25 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 Arbor 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 Arbor.

School Attendance

HM Government
Head to the Education Hub to find out more.

MOMENTS MATTER. ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

NHS

**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.