

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

Messenger

May 2026



St Gabriel
the Archangel

Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. It has been wonderful to see the children return to school looking so smart, with many now wearing their summer uniforms.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity throughout Lent. As a school, we supported both Father Hudson's Charity and CAFOD through a range of fundraising activities. The Big Lent Walk and mini marathon raised £80.00 for CAFOD, while our wonderful in school talent show supported Father Hudson's Charity. Alongside the sale of Easter chicks, we raised a fantastic total of £170.70 for both causes. It was a joy to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic while supporting these worthy charities.

Last Sunday, Mr Sigley took on the incredible challenge of the London Marathon in support of CAFOD. He performed brilliantly, completing the race in an impressive 4 hours and 30 minutes—an outstanding achievement. Well done Mr Sigley- we are all very proud of you.

Last Sunday, also marked Vocation Sunday. This week, the children have been reflecting on how we can live out our vocation, remembering that our shared calling to love God and others helps us to live life to the fullest. We would love to welcome any parents who would like to share their own vocations with the children into school.

Assessment Week for Year 6 begins on Monday 11th May. We wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best as they complete their SATs. They have all worked incredibly hard, and we are confident their efforts will be rewarded. Please keep them in your prayers during this important time.

This Sunday, 3rd May, we have our May Procession at 3.30pm, at St Patrick's R.C. Church, Mellor Street, Packmoor. All our children and their families who are receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion this summer are invited to attend as well as our Chaplaincy team.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable bank holiday weekend.

God Bless,

Mrs Davis



In this week's Gospel we hear how the disciples were looking for God the Father. Little did they realise that God was standing right in front of them in human form, through the person of Jesus. John 14 beautifully shows us how we can relate to God on a personal level through the person of Jesus Christ.

"THIS MORNING, HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT SCHOOL... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!"

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.



HM Government

Head to the Education Hub to find out more.



It is important that we hold up to date information on our pupils.

All you need to do is log into Arbor and make the changes, we will receive a notification of those changes and approve.

If your child is absent from school

Please telephone the school on 01782 512644, or register the absence on studybugs <https://studybugs.com> no later than 9.30am.



Please ensure that medical and dental appointments are booked outside of school hours where possible.

If an appointment is unavoidable, please ensure your child is absent for a minimal amount of time from school.



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our charities. Thanks to your generosity, we raised £80.00 for the Mini Marathon in aid of Cafod, and our Chaplaincy team's Easter chick sale brought in an amazing £90.70 for Father Hudson.

Your support truly makes a difference!



To view term dates for the remainder of this and next academic year click on the link below:

[click here](#)

Summer Uniform

Children may now wear navy blue and white checked summer dress, or dark grey trouser shorts if desired.

Please check our website for the uniform policy by clicking on the link below:

[click here](#)

PE is on

Please ensure we have PE kits in school. If they are taken home to wash on Friday's, please remember to bring them back in.

Don't forget your PE kit!

Please note that dinners are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Arbor account.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

All key dates for the remainder of the academic year are now found on our school calendar, which can be found on our website.

Did you know that you can subscribe to our calendar?

Once you view the calendar, click on the subscribe button and choose which device to save it to. All events are then available to view at the click of a button! There is also an option to print the dates.

[Click here to view the calendar](#)



Sun Safety



KEEP WELL HYDRATED

Water bottles should be in school every day. Water stations are provided around the academy for children to refill them.

APPLY SUNSCREEN

Please apply sun protection before school, your child/ren can bring a bottle to top up during the day. Please make sure its clearly labelled with the childs name.

SUNHATS

Remember to bring sun hats to school every day during the summer months.

Trip reminder

Please ensure if you are required to give consent for an upcoming trip that you log into Arbor by the deadline date which appears on the letter.

Thank you for your co-operation.

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.

All masses can be found on our website under the calendar tab:

[click here](#)



Our next family Mass is at 9am on Sunday 17th May.



Awards/Celebrations



We would like to congratulate all the children who have received awards

Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Foundation Stage	Rosie	Jack	Frankie	Alfie
Year 1/2	Beatrice	Dayton	Wendy	Joseph
Year 3/4	Isla Bradley	Aiden Saskia	Milenna Albie	Maria Alisdair
Year 5/6	Madison Samuel	Cody Charlotte	Gabriella Leo	Chloe Penelope



Celebration assembly dates can be found on our website, on the calendar tab: [click here](#)

Please remember to bring in any certificates as we love to celebrate achievements in our assemblies!



Our Dance 26 children were incredible during their performance at the Victoria Hall last month. They brought so much energy and enthusiasm to the stage.

Everyone had an amazing time!



It has been lovely to see so many children represent Our Lady of Grace over the last month. Participating in a range of competitions ranging from Football, Swimming Gala and Handball.

Well done to you all.



Congratulations to Evie on winning our writing competition. Evie wrote a short story called The Dancing Queen & Talking Fox.



Well done to Milenna who created a Fairtrade poster, showing her creative side!