

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Biddulph



“Do whatever He tells you.”

# Messenger

## July 2026



**St Gabriel**  
the Archangel

Catholic Multi-Academy Trust

Dear Parents,

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 Big Sing 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!

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 25 children graduated from 'The Children's University'. This was a fantastic achievement of children's engagement with extracurricular activities marked by a graduation ceremony at Staffordshire University. Well done to all those who graduated!

This Friday, the PTFA will hold their annual 'Colour run'. A special thank you to all of the parent volunteers who support with the colour run and the summer disco, your enthusiasm, energy and support for the school is very much appreciated. Due to the PTFA's hard work, they have raised a total of £801 this academic year. We will let you know when we decide where the money will be invested. We are always looking for additional parents to join our Events Team. If you can spare some time and would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office for more information.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July we have our attendance trip to Drayton Manor Park 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 reward day in school in the final week.

I wish everyone a lovely weekend with lots of sunshine!

Mrs D Statham

Head of School



As we near the end of the school year, we are encouraged to remember the importance of rest in our lives, to be restored physically and mentally, and be filled spiritually. During this holiday season let us remember to bring our concerns and worries to Jesus and find our rest in Him.

## 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.



It is important that we hold up to date information on our pupils. If you have changed address, telephone number or email address we need to know.

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

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.



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

[click here](#)

### AUTUMN TERM – 2026

INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

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School opens to pupils

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Half Term

INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

School opens to pupils

School closes

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy, Bishop**  
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**Monday 6th July**  
parent class induction meeting  
3.30–4.30pm

**Tuesday 7th July**  
Parent drop in session  
3.30–6.30pm

**Tuesday 14th July**  
Foundation stage graduation and prizegiving

**Thursday 16th July**  
KS1/KS2 prizegiving  
1.30–3pm

**Friday 17th July**  
Leavers breakfast 8am–8.30am  
Leavers assembly 1.30–3pm

All key dates for the remainder of the academic year are 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](#)

# NON UNIFORM DAY!

COME TO SCHOOL IN YOUR HOUSE COLOUR!



**RED**   **BLUE**   **GREEN**   **YELLOW**

IN EXCHANGE FOR NON UNIFORM BRING AN ITEM IN YOUR HOUSE COLOUR  
(EXAMPLES FOUND ON THE LETTER)

RAFFLE TICKETS GO ON SALE AT THE DISCO COLOUR RUN SCHOOL OFFICE

**£1 PER STRIP**

**4 HAMPERS TO WIN!**

## Wimbledon Special Menu



Chicken Burger  
Or Veggie Burger (V)

Or  
Homemade Quiche Lorraine  
Both served with:  
Potato Tennis Balls and a  
choice of  
Baked Beans or Veg

~  
Strawberry Eaton Mess

**Thursday 9th July 2026**


## Seaside Menu



Crispy Battered Fish,  
or  
Quorn Sausage (V)  
Served with Chips  
And a choice of Mushy Peas,  
Garden Peas or Baked Beans,  
Curry Sauce or Gravy

~  
Rocket Ice Lolly

**Friday 17th July 2026**




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1 to 2 working days

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An email will be sent to advise a due date/timescale if an item is not available.

Thank you for shopping with  
**smart** school uniform



We have pre-loved uniform available.  
All items are priced at **£1**  
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If you would like to donate any pre-loved uniform - we are only accepting School Logo items; Sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper, tie.

We kindly ask that the items are clean and in good condition.



Well done to all the children who represented Our Lady of Grace at the track and field events in June. You are all superstars!

A polite reminder that all after school clubs will finish on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.  
Wraparound care provision will continue to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**REMINDER**

A polite reminder to ensure that any outstanding balances on Arbor are cleared at the earliest convenience.

### What is our new breakfast club offer?

We are excited to be part of the government's free breakfast club programme, which is funding universal breakfast clubs across the country. From Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September we will offer 30 minutes of childcare alongside a free breakfast between 8-8.30am.

The club is open to all pupils from reception to Year 6.

A letter will be sent to parents before we break up for the summer, this will outline everything you need to know.





# Awards/Celebrations



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

| Year             | Headteacher | Reading | Maths     | Goldfinch |
|------------------|-------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| Foundation Stage | Alfred      | Rosie   | Beatrix   | Harry     |
| Year 1/2         | Teddy       | Taya    | Jack      | Wendy     |
| Year 3/4         | Leticia     | Jorgi   | Kobe      | Eva       |
| Year 5/6         | Lexi        | Chloe   | Charlie B | Isabelle  |



Celebration assembly dates can be found on our website, on the calendar tab.

[click here](#)

On Tuesday 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. It was wonderful to have the support of so many family members at this event.

