



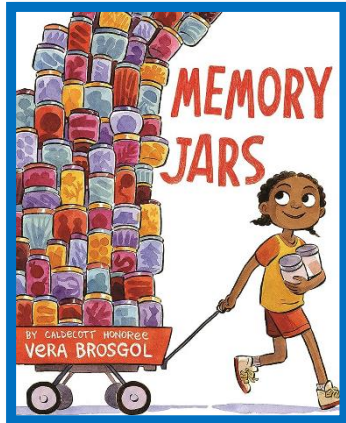
Catholic Federation of Schools
St Joseph & St Teresa's Catholic Primary School
Newsletter

15th September 2023



Welcome to the start of this new academic year!

A warm welcome to everyone and especially to the new starters to our school and their families. I hope everyone has settled well and will enjoy their learning journey with us. All children seem to have made a calm and determined start to their learning and they all look so smart in their uniforms. Thank you.




For our first week back our whole school focussed on one class book, Memory Jars.

Each class went on to focus on creating different pieces of writing – summer memories, poems and diary entries.

Our Foundation Stage children tasted and made jam! Some children were even brave enough to share their work in our Monday assembly.

Attendance

Class	Class Attendance for the week ending: 07/07/2023	Lates	Class Attendance for the week ending: 14/07/2023	Lates
St Teresa	98.8%	0	96%	2
St Patrick	94.4%	2	94.8%	0
St Andrew	95.7%	1	89%	0
St David	94%	4	97.6%	7
St George	92.2%	0	94.1%	1
	St Teresa's class achieved the highest attendance of the week!		Well done to St Teresa's class who achieved the highest attendance of the week!	
Overall attendance	95%		94.3%	

Leave of Absence During Term Time

We would like to remind you that no leave of absence from school can be authorised unless due to exceptional circumstances; which are as follows-

- Where it is company/organisational policy for an employee to take leave at a specific time in the year and there is no opportunity for a family holiday in the school holidays. This must be evidenced by production of the policy document of the organisation.
- Service personnel returning from/scheduled to embark upon a tour of duty abroad.
- Where a holiday is recommended as part of a child's rehabilitation from a medical or emotional issue. Evidence must be provided.

Reminders

School Meals/Breakfast Club

Please can we remind parents/carers that payment for school meals and breakfast club MUST be paid in advance on ParentPay. If payment for a school meal has not been received the school office will contact you to bring a packed lunch for your child/children.

If you are experiencing particular difficulty regarding payment of dinner money, please speak to Mrs Collins or Mrs Murphy in confidence. Thank you

Earrings and Jewellery

Only **small plain stud** earrings and a watch should be worn in school. Earrings **MUST BE REMOVED** for PE and any after school sports clubs.

Achiever Assemblies

These will take place most Fridays at 9am and parents will be notified by text if their child is an achiever and invited to attend the assembly. Only two adults per child. Please join us if you can.

Building Fund

As a voluntary aided school we ask for a voluntary contribution of £30 per family towards building costs. This can be paid in instalments on ParentPay.

The McAuley School Open Evening

Date: Thursday 28th September

Time: 5 - 8pm. Talks at 6pm and 7pm

Location: McAuley Acacia Site (Lower Site) DN4 6NU

PE Kit

Plain black or navy shorts/tracksuit top and bottoms

Plain white T-shirt/polo shirt

Trainers

Please note: white stripes and large writing are not part of PE uniform.

Earrings should be removed on PE days.



PE Timetable

St Teresa's Reception and full time nursery	Monday and Friday
St Teresa's beginning of week nursery	Monday
St Teresa's end of week nursery	Friday
St Patrick	Tuesday
St Andrew	Monday
St David	Wednesday
St George	Thursday



After School Clubs for this half-term

Monday	St Andrew - Basketball	3.25-4.25pm
Tuesday	St Patrick – Multi skills	3.25-4.25pm
Wednesday	St David & St George - Basketball	3.25-4.25pm
Thursday	St David & St George - Dodgeball	3.25-4.25pm

Children must be collected from all after-school clubs from the playground by a responsible adult.

Head of School Awards

Class	W/E: 15/09/2023
St Teresa	Hunter for a positive attitude when returning to school and for showing amazing care to the new children.
St Patrick	Charlotte B and Dylan A for being a fantastic role models, always following instructions and being ready to learn.
St Andrew	Mia C for making a great start to her new class and always giving her best.
St David	Annalee for having a mature approach towards her learning, putting in maximum effort and always having a positive attitude.
St George	Mikolaj for excellent attention to detail in science work, which showed great listening and Amber-Louise for a superb piece of poetry writing.

Sports Personality Award

W/E: 15/09/2023
Ralphie for showing excellent effort in PE and full concentration throughout both lessons.
Raine for showing sportsmanship in the after school club and in lesson when playing games with winners and losers.
Lavinia for showing fabulous control when dribbling the ball.
Max for showing a great start with listening and showing good control of the ball.
Charlie for showing brilliant passing technique during tag rugby.



Heart of Gold Awards

Class	Pupil's Name	Statement
St Teresa's	Charlotte A	I treat others as I would like to be treated.
St Patrick's	Layla C	
St Andrew's	Olivia	
St David's	Jacob H	
St George's	Halliemai	

Sports Council



Mr Ashwell and Miss Payne were overwhelmed with the number of children who applied to be part of the sports council and all application were written with such a passion for sport. It was a very difficult decision! Congratulations to this year's sports council, we cannot wait to see you progress and develop into young leaders and help promote healthy active lifestyles here at SJST.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
18 th September	St George's class welcome meeting at 3.30pm. Parents are invited to attend.
19 th September	St Andrew's Class welcome meeting at 3.30pm. Parents are invited to attend.
28 th September	The McAuley High School Y6 Open Evening 5-8pm at the Acacia Road site.
28 th -29 th September	Year 4 residential visit to Austerfield
29 th September	St Andrew's class fire safety talk.
9 th October	Individual school photos
13 th October	St Andrew's class visit to the National Coalmining Museum.
16 th October	St David and St George's Classes visit to Murton Park
17 th October	St Teresa's Reception visit to Eastfield Farm – pumpkin picking
1 st November	St Patrick & St David parents evening phone calls 1-6pm.
2 nd November	St George & St Andrew parents evening phone calls 1-6pm
7 th November	St Teresa's class parents evening phone calls.
14 th November	Flu vaccines (nasal sprays)
13 th December	St Teresa's Nativity – 2.30pm
14 th December	Grandparents party – 2.00pm.
19 th December	St Patrick & St Andrew Nativity – 2.30pm
21 st December	St David & St George carol concert – 2.30pm

St Joseph & St Teresa's School holidays 2023-2024

These dates include the training days

School re-opens	School closes
Tuesday 5 th September 2023	Friday 20 th October 2023
Monday 30 th October 2023	Friday 22 nd December 2023
Monday 8 th January 2024	Thursday 8 th February 2024
Monday 19 th February 2024	Thursday 28 th March 2024
Monday 15 th April 2024	Friday 24 th May 2024
Tuesday 4 th June 2024	Friday 19 th July 2024

Bank holidays: Friday 29th March 2024
Monday 6th May 2024

Training Days: Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 9th February 2024
Monday 3rd June 2024
Monday 22nd July 2024
Tuesday 23rd July 2024