



# St. Austin's Catholic Primary School A Catholic Voluntary Academy Weekly Newsletter: Friday 26th January 2018 No: 18



## A reflection on this Sunday's Gospel—4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel we read about Jesus starting to teach in the temple, where the Jewish people went to pray. The people were surprised and impressed with the way he taught. They believed what Jesus said and they trusted him, more than the church teachers they usually listened to.

Jesus taught the people through the stories he told. But he also taught them – just in the same way that he teaches us - through the things he did. He lived out what he is taught.

Perhaps this week we might pray for all teachers including our own skilled and dedicated team here at St. Austin's that strive for the very best for each child every day. It is important that we also remember that parents are the first teachers of their children and the family is the first school.



## Preparation for First Sacraments



### **First Sacraments Programme at St. Austins**

Please contact Monsignor David or Fr Sean Crawley at the presbytery on 01924 372080 for further information on the Sacrament of Reconciliation for year 3 pupils at St Austin's.

### **First Sacraments Programme at SS. Peter and Paul's**

The 2018 First Sacraments programme for SS. Peter and Paul's Parish will begin at the end of February. The parish would like to invite children in Year 3 who attend SS. Peter and Paul's Church to join them as they take the next step in their faith journey of faith. For an application form and more details please contact Katie Flood on 07807 935066 or at [katie-flood@live.co.uk](mailto:katie-flood@live.co.uk)

## Week beginning Monday 29th January 2018

### Monday 29th January

No Lunchtime Rosary Group

After School Club: Netball with Miss Balmond

### Tuesday 30th January

After School Club: Lego/Construction with Lorraine

### Wednesday 31st January

Y4 Healthy Lifestyles Programme with the School Nurse

After School Club: Football with Elite Coaching

### Thursday 1st February

After School Club: Choir with Mr. Molyneux and Mrs. Willis

### Friday 2nd February

After School Club: Dance with Elite Coaching

## Punctuality + Good Attendance = Success

The school day begins at 8.50am. At this point the main entry doors around school are opened and in KS1 the teachers take their own class from the playground into the classroom. A number of children are arriving after this time which can cause a disruption especially when KS2 are gathered in the hall for morning prayers. In many cases it is the same children arriving late each day. The doors will be closed at 8.55am and any child arriving after this time must be brought by their parent/carer to the office. We will continue to monitor this and hope to see all children in school on time.

## Ukulele Concert

Our Year 3 children presented a Ukulele Concert to KS2 and their parents yesterday morning. A special word of thanks goes to Mrs. Garside our peripatetic music teacher for her inspirational teaching. It was lovely to see so many parents joining us—the children really appreciate seeing their parents at these types of events. Mrs. Garside is already planning the next concert for later in the school year.

## School Uniform

All children should be in full school uniform and all items of clothing need to be labelled. Hair needs to be tied back and jewellery and nail varnish should not be worn to school. Children should not have extreme hairstyles or tramlines. Large bows/headbands are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn. As per the school prospectus, shoes should be of a sensible and safe design, appropriate for a primary school. Wherever possible, please avoid shoes with buckles or high heels. We encourage all our children to wear their uniform with pride.

## PE Lessons

With the exception of our Y4 children, all classes have two PE lessons per week. Y4 have one PE lesson and attend a weekly swimming lesson. It is an expectation that all children will take part in this key curriculum subject. We have seen a steady increase in children without PE kit, which means, for health and safety reasons they cannot participate in the lesson. We are planning to provide each class with one or two spare sets of PE kit to enable any child who **occasionally** forgets their kit to join in with the lesson. Teachers will put a note in children's planners on these occasions. Full PE kit should be in school at all times including appropriate footwear— ideally a pair of trainers. If there is a genuine reason why your child cannot take part in a PE lesson please notify us in school. For details of our PE Kit items please see our school prospectus which can be found on our website. Thank you.

## School Holiday Dates—Spring and Summer Terms

School closes for February half term:	Friday 16th February
School re-opens:	Monday 26th February
School closes for Easter:	Wednesday 28th March
School re-opens:	Monday 9th April
School closed for May Bank Holiday:	Monday 7th May
School closes for May half term:	Friday 25th May
School re-opens:	Monday 11th June
School closes for Summer Holiday:	Friday 20th July

### Staff Training Days

Thursday 29th March  
Monday 23rd July  
Tuesday 24th July

St. Wilfrid's Catholic High School is proud to present...

### Sister Act—a divine musical comedy!

Monday 12th to Thursday 15th February 2018

Tickets from St. Wilfrid's Finance Office

Adults £7,  
Concessions £5  
Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £22

### Hot Chocolate Friday

The following children have been rewarded with 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' for their super behaviour and excellent attitude towards all aspects of school.

Class RW - Anna Judin  
Class RK – Gabriel Batch-McGinty  
Class 1T– Sumaiya Akbar  
Class 1/2C– Jonah Shadlock  
Class 2V – Thomas Steele-Mckay  
Class 3/4JT – Samantha Orzechowska  
Class 3/4W – Aulona Hajrullahu  
Class 4N – Taneesha Brear-Silveria  
Class 5B– Oliver Cunniff  
Class 5/6C– Jacob Taylor  
Class 6CD– Verity Milsom



### OFSTED

Our school is now in the window for inspection and when it happens school will be notified the day before the inspection begins. We don't know when this will be.

Parent Voice is a website that can be used by parents to share their views about our school. You can access it at:  
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/parent-view-results>

*We hope that any worries you have had will have been shared with us previously. It is important for those happy with what we offer your children at St Austin's that you contribute to this web page too. Thank you.*

### Adverse Weather Conditions

It is always worth pointing out at this time of year that we aim to keep the school open at all times but at no point will we ever compromise anyone's safety – staff, parents or pupils. Should it be necessary to close the school we will let you know by text and on our website. If we need to close school early due to bad weather we will notify by our texting service.



**Don't forget to download our Groupcall Xpressions App! Thank you to all parents who have already done so.**

### Milk

If you wish your child to have milk each day at school the cost of this is £6.00 per half term. .

### School Meals (KS2 children only)

The cost of a school dinner is £2.20 per day or £11 per week.

### Attendance

Congratulations to RW and 2V who are this week's KS1 attendance winners both with 96% and also to 5B in KS2 with an attendance of 99%.

Just a reminder that the school doors open at 08:50 and the day begins at 08:55. If you can ensure your child arrives on time. Thank you.



### Key Diary dates for this half-term

Wednesday 31st January	School nurse working with Y4 children—Healthy Lifestyles Workshop
Thursday 8th February	Spring 1 Dojo Treat
Tuesday 13th February	Y5 and Y6 to St. Thomas a Becket to see 'Beauty and the Beast'
Friday 16th February	School closes for half-term
Monday 26th February	School re-opens after half-term break

### Masses

Once we have agreed dates and times for our class or school masses with both priests we will publish details on future weekly newsletters.

### Parish Mass times this weekend are:

#### St Austin's:

Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday at 8.15am, 11am and 6pm

#### SS Peter & Paul's

Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 9am and 10.45am

For further information please see the newsletters on the parish websites: [www.peterpaul.org.uk](http://www.peterpaul.org.uk) and [smartinswakefield.org/index](http://smartinswakefield.org/index).



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