

## Attendance

Whole school attendance  
14-01-2019 to 18-01-2019

Year	%
1	97%
2	97%
3	99%
4	97%
5	96%
6	94%

Year	%
Nursery	86%
Reception	82%

Whole school attendance  
4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 18<sup>th</sup> Jan

Year	%
1	97%
2	96%
3	97%
4	96%
5	97%
6	97%

Year	%
Nursery	88%
Reception	92%

### What's your attendance grade?

- A = 100% Excellent
- B = 98% Very good
- C = 95% Good
- D = 92% Satisfactory
- E = 90% Below Average
- F = 85% Poor
- E = 80% Unacceptable



### Congratulations to Year 3 with 99% Attendance

Attendance from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 94%

School Attendance from 4<sup>th</sup> Sept to 18<sup>th</sup> Jan for Key Stage 1 and 2 is 96%

Please ensure your child attends school unless they are too unwell to do so.

All children should be in school by 8.45am at the latest.



Alive in Jesus

## THE MESSENGER

### CATHOLIC LIFE



In the coming months children in Year 3 and Year 6 will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion (Year 3) and Confirmation (Year 6), please keep these children and their families in your prayers during this period of preparation.

This Saturday we have our First Holy Communion making the sacrament of Reconciliation. Please pray for the children as they begin this journey of faith.

*A word from Pope Francis 'Dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face'.*

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the Spring Term. I hope that you have all had a Happy and Holy Christmas and managed to spend quality time together as a family. We have had a fantastic start to the term. The children are looking smart and tidy and have really been applying themselves to their learning.

### Jesuit Values

This half term we are focusing on being Eloquent and truthful. Eloquent in what we say of ourselves and to others and truthful in all we say and the actions we choose to use to represent ourselves.

### VIRTUES

The following children were chosen for demonstrating the virtues of **Eloquent** and **Truthful**.

Y1	Lola	Y2	Zoe	Y3	Omar
Y4	Tyler	Y5	Daivee	Y6	Tayla- Leigh

### SPECAIL MENTION

These children were chosen by their class teachers:

Y1	Talia & Dellah	Y2	Kai & Alexandra	Y3	Tamari & Login
Y4	William & Layla	Y5	Delicia & Christopher	Y6	Kaylum & Skye

### **Uniform Reminders**

Thank you for sending the children back to school looking smart and ready to learn. Please ensure PE kit is in school (PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum).

### **E-mail Addresses**

We are trying to cut down the number of non-urgent text messages that are sent out to parents as it is much cheaper to communicate by email. If you have not already done so, could you please provide school with an email address. Forms are available to complete in the school office. Thank you

### **ST THOMAS AQUINAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN**

**MORNINGS:** 21st & 22nd JANUARY 2019 - 9:15am-10:45am as you may be aware; St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School was inspected by Ofsted before Christmas. The published report is exceptionally positive; it reflects the huge strides the school has made to improve behaviour and recognises the excellent attitudes displayed by students to their learning. Staffs at St Thomas Aquinas are seeking to become the school of choice for local Catholic children. They would like to welcome as many families as possible to see the school as it really is and witness for themselves the exciting changes that are taking place. Everyone is able to make an appointment to go and see the school at any time but families from Lumen Christi schools in particular are warmly invited to attend a special Open Morning later this month. Please go to [www.stacs.org](http://www.stacs.org) to see the report and find out more about these events, there is no need to book, please just turn up! (Please do let St Paul's know if your child is going to the Open Morning and will therefore be late into school - Thank you).

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,  
Mrs Damms

### **Doctor Dan's visit to Year 6**

On Tuesday afternoon Dr Dan came to visit Year 6 as their topic for this half term is all about the heart. He spent two hours answering the children's questions and Year 6 learned so much about their heart and how to keep it healthy. 'A child's heart is the size a fist and an adult heart is the size of two fists'. Brooklyn Y6  
'The only organ in the body that can regrow is the liver.' Kyani Y6  
'Your heart beats around 100,000 times a day or to be exact, 115,200 times a day.' Phoebe Y6  
His main message was that in order to keep our hearts healthy we must: exercise, eat healthily and not smoke.



### **The Friends of St. Paul's (FOSPS)**

I'm sure you would agree, the activities and events organised for the festive period last term were fantastic; the Christmas Fayre, Santa visits, discos, raffles etc. Most of this would not have been possible were it not for the Friends of St. Paul's giving their time generously to organise and run these events. A huge thank you to all of the parents involved in the FOSPS – pupils, parents and staff greatly appreciate the effort you gave.

This term, we have more exciting events planned, so look out for any key dates coming up.

If you would like to join the FOSPS, please leave your details with Miss Tashman in the school office and someone will contact you.

### Attendance

School's overall attendance last term was 96%.

Well done and thank you to all of the children and families who came to school every day last term – we're so proud of you! It is wonderful to know that you didn't miss a single day of learning – make sure you keep it up this term too!

We were also very impressed with some pupils who had less than expected attendance in the first half term who then drastically improved their attendance in the second half term – with some children even gaining 100%!

We like to work with families to improve attendance. If your child's attendance is of concern, we will invite you in for a meeting to discuss the reasons for this and give advice on how you could improve it.

Please remember, consistently poor attendance can result in penalty notices being issued from the local authority.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please make an appointment to see

Mrs Williams  
(Vice Principal)



### A Star is Born!

Did you know we had a budding actress right here at St. Paul's school?

Last term, Elisa Swain in Year 5 auditioned and was selected to perform in a Christmas production of Aladdin at the Palace Theatre in Redditch. Elisa worked incredibly hard for this and had to attend rehearsals and practise at home with her family.

She did a wonderful job and everybody at St. Paul's is so proud of her achievements – we are certain this is just the beginning for Elisa!

Please have a look through the photos of her performance below.



### Online Calendar

There is now an online calendar on the school website so you can keep track of the up coming events.



*Learning is the lifelong process of transforming information and experience into knowledge, skills, behaviour and attitudes.*

