

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
6<sup>th</sup> May  
is  
Kindness.



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class Rec B for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 99%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4A whose attendance was 98%.

Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible. **If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8985 0995 (option 1) to report their absence. Please do this before 9:00am on each day of absence.**



### SATs in years 2 and 6

The SATs testing period is starting for our year 2 pupils. There is no set timetable for the tests in year 2 so the pupils may take them at any time during May.

Our year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs on the week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The timetable is as follows:

DATE	TESTS
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>English grammar, punctuation and spelling</b> Paper 1 - Questions Paper 2 - Spelling
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>English Reading</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Maths</b> Paper 1 - Arithmetic Paper 2 - Reasoning
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Maths</b> Paper 3 - Reasoning
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>No tests</b>

We would like to remind parents and pupils of the importance of good attendance and punctuality during the testing period. Pupils will feel better prepared for the tests if they have had a good night's sleep and have been fuelled with a healthy and filling breakfast.

If pupils in year 6 are absent for any of the tests they will only be able to take them when they return under special circumstances. If you know that your child will be absent during the year 6 testing period, please let your child's class teacher know immediately.



**National curriculum tests (SATs)**  
The Department for Education has produced an information leaflet

and two videos for parents with children in years 2 and 6 about the national curriculum assessments. The purpose of these materials is to help parents understand more about the end of key stage assessments that are being administered this month. They provide basic information on the purpose and format of the national curriculum tests, how parents can best support their children and how the results will be reported. You can access the leaflet and the videos via the following link:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

If you have any queries or concerns about the tests, your child's class teacher will be happy to discuss these with you.



**WOW! Day -Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.** Reception class to Year 5 enjoyed another fantastic WOW day this week.

Children and staff dressed in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spent the day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

The costumes were amazing and included:

Plants, Victorians, Europe, Minibeasts and the environment. The children in 2B were shocked when their classroom was turned into a landfill site for the day!

Here is what some of the children had to say:

'I had a brilliant day! I enjoyed everything, all the activities.'  
Isla 1B.



**Internet Safety Day - competition winner.**

Congratulations to Ivan in year 6 who won a competition to design a poster for Internet Safety Day. He received a £10 Amazon voucher. Well Done!



**BAFTA Competition**

We are delighted to announce that our school has been chosen to take part in an exciting competition where 3 winners will get to attend a BAFTA lunch at the BAFTA headquarters! Good luck to all those who have been entered.



**Summer Term.**

Now that the warmer months are upon us can we remind parents that pupils can come to school in their summer uniforms. Girls can wear their summer dresses and boys can wear shorts and short-sleeved polo shirts. Children should bring bottles of water to school on hot days and should have adequate sunscreen to protect them during P.E. and playtimes



**KS2 Building**

Please do not enter the KS2 school building to collect your child before 3.30pm without prior arrangement. As part of our Safeguarding duty to all children, adults must wait in the reception area for their child to be collected.



**Governors Fund - School Levy**

As a Catholic Voluntary Aided School, we are required to contribute 10% towards all costs relating to the maintenance of and improvement to the children's classrooms, all other buildings and the school grounds, including the school gates and fencing to the playground, as well as any IT and other equipment used in the School, including the laptops and iPads. Our School does not receive 100% funding from the Government. This is why we ask all parents or guardians for a donation to the Governors Fund.

This year we are excited to announce that we have received 90% funding to replace our library building in the playground. Your donations will contribute greatly to this project.



**Payments**

If you are making a payment for dinner money, any of the after school clubs or piano lessons. Please put the correct amount in an envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and class. **Receipts for payments will be issued at the end of the school day.**

The office cannot accept cash unless it is in an envelope.

Thank you for your co-operation.



**Collecting children at the end of the school day.**

We have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that unless their child is attending an after-school club, all children must be picked up at 3.30pm. We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late.

Unless you have contacted us beforehand, children who are not collected at 3.30pm will be brought into the after-school club for which there is a £10 charge per day.



Moved address?  
New email address?  
Have a new mobile phone?

**IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date details**

Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence.

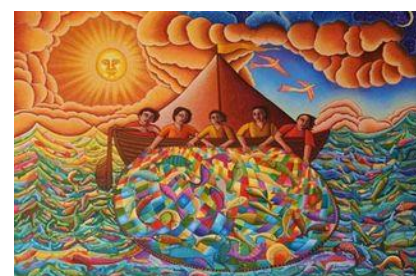
If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



**Birthdays at St. Dominic's**

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the next week.

Nursery	Olasubomi
Year 1	Maryam
Year 2	Ayomide and Daniel
Year 3	Gena, Ralik
Year 4	Joseph, Victory
Year 5	Gabriel, Vanessa
Year 6	Miradie



**Third Sunday of Easter.**

There are many different ways to show people that we love them; a kiss, a smile, an act of kindness. Jesus appeared to his disciples and prepared a meal to share with them as a sign of his love and friendship.

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus,  
Help us to recognise you in the world around us  
and to show how much we love you  
by our words and actions.

**Amen.**