St Dunstan's RC Primary School

'We journey with Jesus beside us'

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have continued to reflect on our Catholic faith and the importance of living out the teachings of Jesus in our everyday lives. In Monday's Gospel (Luke 17:5–10), the apostles asked Jesus, **"Increase our faith!"** Jesus reminded them that even faith as small as a mustard seed can achieve great things. This beautiful message teaches us that faith does not have to be big to make a difference.

In school, we encourage all interactions between pupils with kind hearts, and the children often receive praise for how they look out for one another. As part of our curriculum and pedagogical approach, we strive to create learners who have a thirst for knowledge and have questioning minds. Our lessons across all subjects are designed to promote an inquisitive nature and we would like to showcase this later in the Autumn term. We will set up a series of **'Learn with Me'** sessions where you will be invited into school to take part in lessons with your children. Details of the events will be included in future newsletters. We look forward to welcoming you into school to share in the learning experience! **October is a particularly special month in the Catholic Church as it is dedicated to the Holy Rosary.** Today, our children learnt how to pray the Rosary and explored why this beautiful prayer is so important to Catholics. Through the Rosary, we honour Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and reflect on important moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary.

The Rosary teaches us the importance of prayer, patience, peace and trust in God. It encourages us to make time for quiet reflection and to pray for our families, our school community and those in need. October also reminds us of Mary's example of faith, humility and willingness to follow God's plan. As a Catholic school, these experiences are central to our mission, **"We journey with Jesus beside us."** I encourage you to take a few moments at home during October to pray together as a family, perhaps beginning with a simple Hail Mary. May Our Lady of the Rosary guide and bless our children, families and whole school community throughout this special month.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership in nurturing our children's faith and learning.

Headteacher's Award

Afiya in Y1 for excelling in phonics with her skilful oral blending in Phonics

""To educate is an act of love, it is to give life."

Pope Francis



The Wednesday Word – Good News for Families

The link below is to this week's edition of the Wednesday Word. Please continue to read and discuss the Wednesday Word every week as a family by visiting:

The Wednesday Word | The Sunday Gospel | Catholic Church

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Parent Consultation Meetings

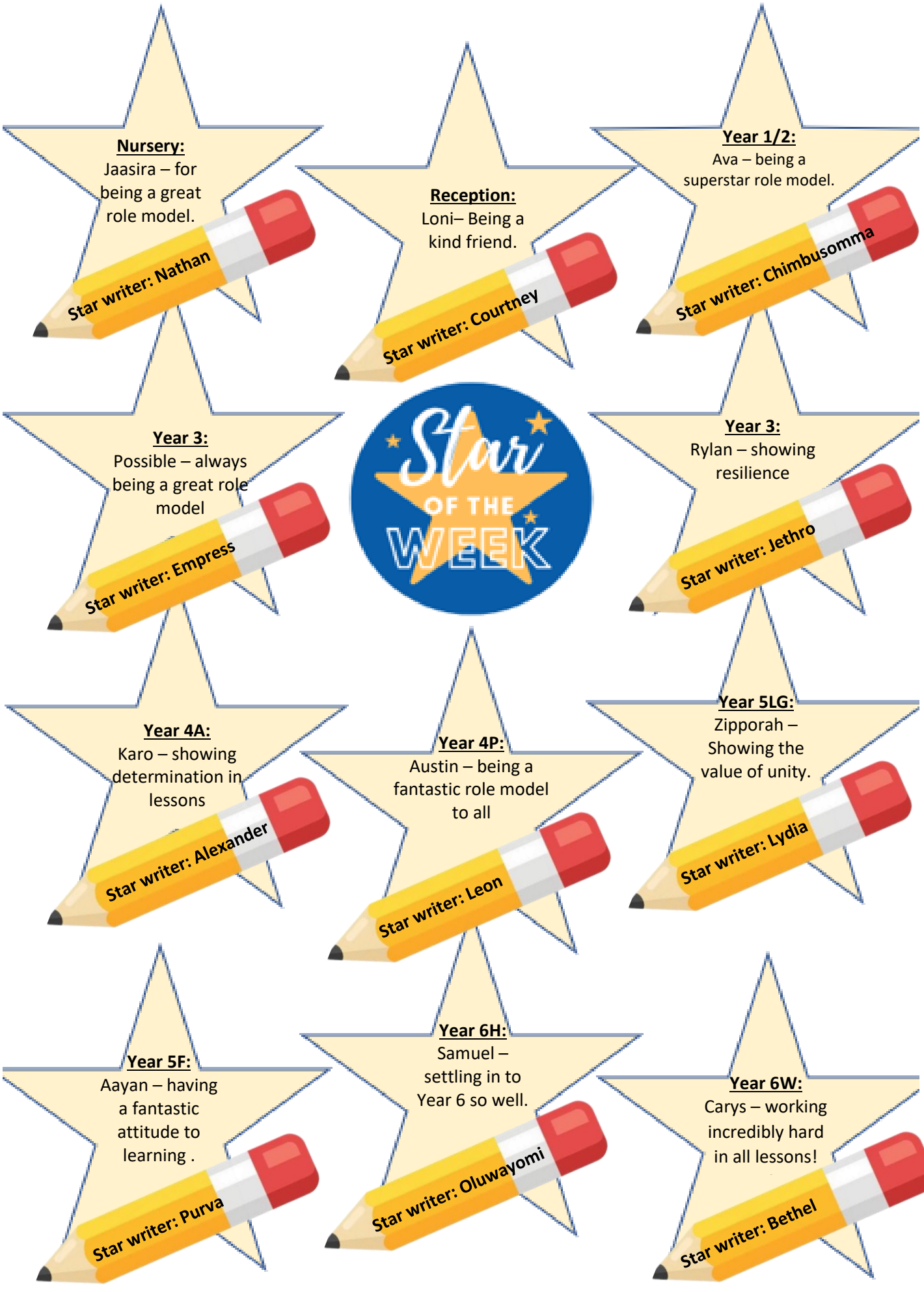
The Arbour online appointment system will shortly go live for you to book your time to speak to your child's class teacher.. Appointments for Wednesday 21st October will be in-person in the school hall. Guidance notes will be emailed home to support parents with the registration process, but please contact the school office if you have any issues. Please follow the link provided to book an appointment. **The week beginning 19th October, we will not have any after-school clubs.**

The government has announced changes to the entitlement to free school meals from September 2026, resulting in two different levels of free school meals, known as 'targeted' and 'expanded'. If you wish to check if you have an entitlement, please apply via the Manchester City Council Free School Meals Portal. More information is available via our school website letters page. Please apply even if your child is currently receiving a KS1 Universal Infant Free School Meal as entitlement can bring benefits such as FSM vouchers/food packs and pupil premium funding through school.

School News & Updates






Star of the Week
Nursery:
Jaasira – for being a great role model.
Star writer: Nathan
Reception:
Loni– Being a kind friend.
Star writer: Courtney
Year 1/2:
Ava – being a superstar role model.
Star writer: Chimbusomma
Year 3:
Possible – always being a great role model
Star writer: Empress
Year 3:
Rylan – showing resilience
Star writer: Jethro
Year 4A:
Karo – showing determination in lessons
Star writer: Alexander
Year 4P:
Austin – being a fantastic role model to all
Star writer: Leon
Year 5LG:
Zipporah – Showing the value of unity.
Star writer: Lydia
Year 5F:
Aayan – having a fantastic attitude to learning .
Star writer: Purva
Year 6H:
Samuel – settling in to Year 6 so well.
Star writer: Oluwayomi
Year 6W:
Carys – working incredibly hard in all lessons!
Star writer: Bethel

What have we been learning this week?	
Nursery	This week the children have been learning two new sounds 's' and 'p' as part of our Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics programme.
Reception	Reception have been working hard this week identifying rhyming words in their English lessons and learning to compare numbers in Maths.
Year 1/2	This week we have been thinking about the seaside and what we might see and hear there. We also made predications on what we thought might happen in our story.
Year 2	Year 2 have produced narratives centred on a magnificent journey into space!
Year 3	This week we have been learning about greater than and fewer than. We have also been writing fact files about different animals.
Year 4A	. In Science, we explored animal teeth and used them to identify whether animals are herbivores, omnivores or carnivores.
Year 4P	In Maths, we have been practising rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In RE, we have been learning about Joseph and his dreams, and the children now know lots about his story.
Year 5F	In maths we are learning some speedy ways of doing arithmetic and in science we have been exploring how to separate different mixtures.
Year 5LG	This week we have been planning setting descriptions in English.
Year 6H	In Art, the children began exploring the work of artist Fiona Rae, studying her colourful and expressive style to inspire their own creative pieces.
Year 6W	This week, in Computing, we learned we could collaborate using different devices on the same network. We also thought about the sort of world God wants us to live in and what we can do to achieve this.

Attendance this week

Nursery 98%
Reception 99%
Year 1/2J 97%
Year 2 – 95%
Year 3- 96%
Year 4A – 99%
Year 4P – 98%
Year 5 LG – 99%
Year 5F – 95%
Year 6H – 98%
Year 6W – 93%

Whole School: 96.7%



