St Dunstan's RC Primary School

'We journey with Jesus beside us'

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we come to the end of another wonderful week at St Dunstan's, I have been reflecting on last Sunday's Gospel, which tells the parable of the wedding banquet. In this story, the king invites people to share in the celebration, reminding us of God's generous invitation to each and every one of us to be part of His Kingdom.
What a beautiful message for our school community! God's invitation is open to all, and we are called to welcome one another with kindness, love and compassion. At St Dunstan's, we strive to live out this message every day, ensuring that every child knows they are valued, loved and an important part of our school family. We want our children to understand that God's Kingdom is built on love, inclusion, forgiveness and respect, and that each of us has a part to play in making the world a better place.
This message of welcome and inclusion was particularly evident today as our children came together to celebrate Show Racism the Red Card. I was incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, thoughtfulness and maturity they demonstrated in recognising the importance of challenging racism and standing up for what is right. Our children are learning that every person deserves dignity and respect, regardless of their background, culture or beliefs. It was wonderful to see them embrace the message that we must never be silent in the face of discrimination, but instead choose kindness, courage and understanding.
A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and carers who have supported this important cause through your generous donations to the charity. Your kindness helps us reinforce these vital messages beyond the classroom and shows our children what it means to put our values into action. Together, we are helping to raise a generation who will stand up for fairness, celebrate difference and treat everyone with love and respect.
I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate how wonderfully our children continue to flourish in school. It is a privilege to see them grow not only in their knowledge and understanding, but also in their confidence, independence and relationships with others. Whether they are tackling new challenges in their learning, showing perseverance when something feels difficult, supporting a friend, or demonstrating curiosity and creativity, our children give us so many reasons to be proud. Their enthusiasm for learning and their willingness to try their best reflect the wonderful school community we are building together.
None of this would be possible without the dedication of our staff and the continued support of our families. Thank you for working in partnership with us, encouraging your children and helping us create an environment where every child can feel safe, included and inspired to achieve their very best.
As we look ahead to the coming week, let us continue to remember God's invitation to each of us: to be welcoming, to be generous, to stand up for what is right and to make room for everyone at the table. May we continue to show our children, through our words and actions, that they belong to a community where they are loved, where differences are celebrated and where everyone has the opportunity to shine.
Wishing you all a restful and happy weekend.
With every blessing,
Headteacher

Headteacher's Award

Bereket for showing great listening skills in lessons and following instructions effectively.

"We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their colour."

— Maya Angelou



THE Wednesday WORD
Good News for Families

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Parent Consultation Meetings

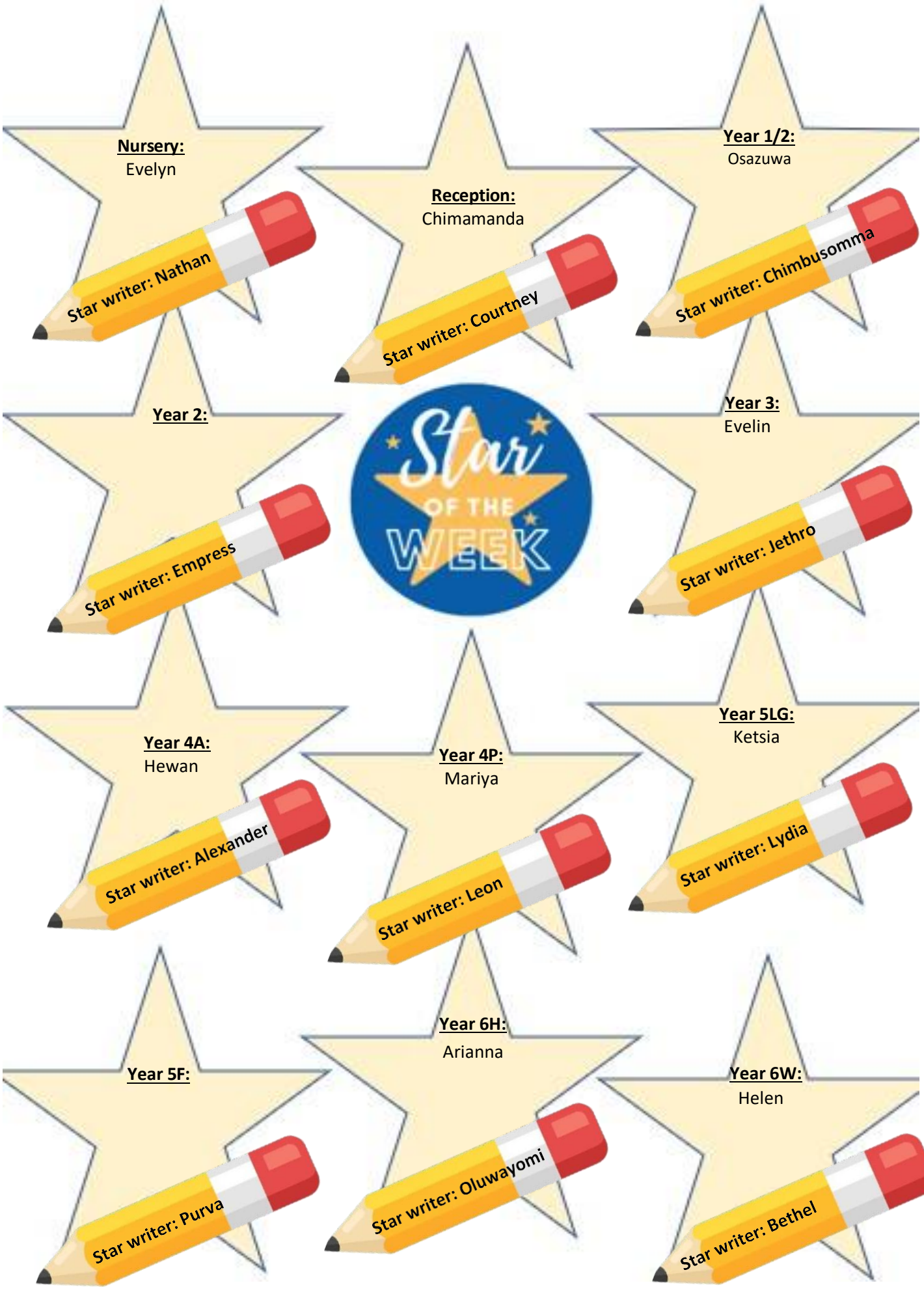
The Arbour online appointment system will shortly go live for you to book your time to speak to your child's class teacher.. Appointments for Wednesday 21st October will be in-person in the school hall. Guidance notes will be emailed home to support parents with the registration process, but please contact 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






Nursery:
Evelyn
Star writer: Nathan
Reception:
Chimamanda
Star writer: Courtney
Year 1/2:
Osazuwa
Star writer: Chimbusomma
Year 2:
Star writer: Empress
Star of the Week
Year 3:
Evelin
Star writer: Jethro
Year 4A:
Hewan
Star writer: Alexander
Year 4P:
Mariya
Star writer: Leon
Year 5LG:
Ketsia
Star writer: Lydia
Year 5F:
Star writer: Purva
Year 6H:
Arianna
Star writer: Oluwayomi
Year 6W:
Helen
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.

<u>Attendance this week</u>

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%



