St Dunstan's RC Primary School

'We journey with Jesus beside us'

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of another wonderful week, I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that our children have achieved.

Monday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of faith, gratitude, reconciliation and recognising the blessings we receive. We are called to see the good around us and to give thanks for the gifts God has given each of us. This is something we see so clearly in our school community as our children continue to grow, learn and flourish.

It has been particularly encouraging to hear the positive comments from visitors to our school. Those who spend time with us are noticing a real change in our children's attitudes and behaviour for learning. They are commenting on how focused, engaged and ready to learn our pupils are. This is something of which we can all be incredibly proud.

This year, we are also delighted that our children are able to access each and every subject within our curriculum. We believe that every child deserves a rich, broad and ambitious education, with opportunities to discover their talents, develop new interests and experience success across a wide range of subjects.

Our after-school clubs are also playing an important part in enriching the lives of our children. These opportunities help to build their cultural capital, broaden their experiences and allow them to develop skills and interests beyond the classroom. Whether through sport, the arts, music or other activities, it is wonderful to see our children growing in confidence, discovering new passions and developing into the unique individuals God created them to be.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, as a school, parish and family community, we will continue to help our children grow academically, socially and spiritually.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back next week.

Mrs Bailey

Headteacher's Award

Dion (Year 2), for consistently being an outstanding role model and embodying our DUNS school values.



"Never be limited by other people's imaginations."

Dr. Mae Jemison



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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Healthy Snack

Children in Years 3 – 6 are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat at break time. Where possible, please ensure to limit plastic packaging. We are a nut-free school. Children in EYFS and KS1 will be provided with fruit.



Mass – Wednesday 23rd September:

Mass will be celebrated by Year 3 and Years 4 at 9:30.am in the school led by Father Job. Family members are welcome to join us.



School News & Updates

Punctuality:

A gentle reminder that we expect all children to arrive at school on time and ready to learn each morning. The school gates open in the morning, and children should be on the playground ready for the start of the school day. At 8:40am, children line up with their classes, and we ask that parents and carers remain with their children on the playground until this time. The gates will close promptly at 8:50am. Any child arriving after 8:50am will receive a late mark and will need to enter school through the Reception Office, rather than coming onto the playground. Being on time is an important part of developing good habits and ensures that children are settled, prepared and ready to begin their learning with their classmates. It also helps to minimise disruption to the start of lessons. Thank you for your continued support in helping us to ensure that every child starts their day positively and is ready to learn.

Thank you for working with us to give our children the very best start to each school day.

SEND in the Spotlight

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Information Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS)

SENDIASS offers information, advice and support for:

· Parents and carers of children and young people with SEND
· Young people directly
· Professionals

The service is free, impartial, and confidential.

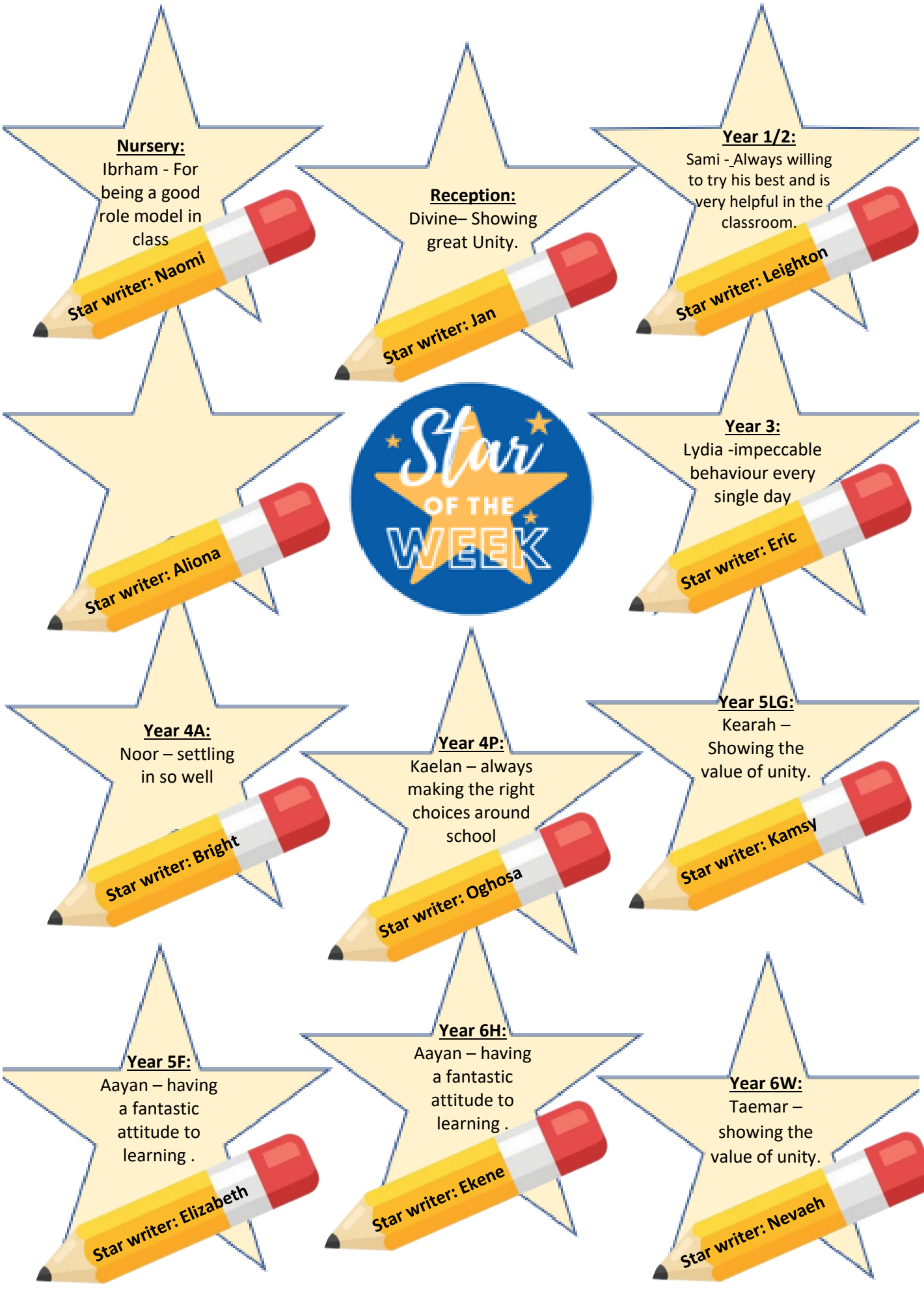
Who do we help?

Manchester residents who are:

· Parents/carers of children and young people (0–25 yrs) with SEND
· Young people (16–25 yrs) with SEND
· Professionals needing signposting or info on the SEND Code of Practice

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QR code Facebook page


Nursery:
Ibrham - For being a good role model in class
Star writer: Naomi
Reception:
Divine– Showing great Unity.
Star writer: Jan
Year 1/2:
Sami - Always willing to try his best and is very helpful in the classroom.
Star writer: Leighton
Star writer: Aliona
Star of the Week
Year 3:
Lydia -impeccable behaviour every single day
Star writer: Eric
Year 4A:
Noor – settling in so well
Star writer: Bright
Year 4P:
Kaelan – always making the right choices around school
Star writer: Oghosa
Year 5LG:
Kearah – Showing the value of unity.
Star writer: Kamsy
Year 5F:
Aayan – having a fantastic attitude to learning .
Star writer: Elizabeth
Year 6H:
Aayan – having a fantastic attitude to learning .
Star writer: Ekene
Year 6W:
Taemar – showing the value of unity.
Star writer: Nevaeh

What have we been learning this week?

Nursery	This week the children have been learning two new sounds 'm' and 'a' as part of our Read Write Inc. (RWI) phonics programme.
Reception	In English, Reception class made wanted posters after the mischievous gingerbread man that had visited our classroom.
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 some wonderful writing this week based on our new story 'Look Up'. We have been learning about ambition and how we can reach for the stars!
Year 3	We began reading Seal Surfer and used the opening chapters to write a recount in the past tense, focusing on using coordinating conjunctions to extend sentences and add detail.
Year 4A	Year 4 have had a great week of learning and teamwork. We have enjoyed exploring the book Gorilla and have made a great start to our work on place value.
Year 4P	This week, Year 4 have been working hard in Maths, flexibly partitioning 4-digit numbers.
Year 5F	This week children have been imagining that they are Olympic athletes and have written diary entries about their experiences.
Year 5LG	Year 5 have been working on place values with numbers up to 100,000 in maths and building timelines in History.
Year 6H	In Maths, Year 6 have been strengthening their place value skills, working with numbers including millions.
Year 6W	This week, we have learned about the life of Floella Benjamin and written information texts about her life.





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%

