# St Dunstan's RC Primary School

*'We journey with Jesus beside us'*

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another lovely week comes to an end, it is wonderful to reflect on all that makes our school community so special. Last Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13), the parable of the ten bridesmaids, reminds us of the importance of being prepared and keeping our light shining. In school, we do this through kindness, compassion, helping others, making good choices and showing respect. We want our children to understand that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

On Wednesday 11th November, our school community joined together for the two-minute silence at 11am to remember all those who have served and sacrificed their lives in wars and conflicts, as well as those affected by them. We are incredibly proud of the respect and thoughtfulness shown by our children as we remembered the importance of peace, courage and gratitude. Our children really are amazing! Every day, they make us proud with their enthusiasm, curiosity, creativity, resilience and kindness. It is a joy to watch their confidence grow, friendships flourish and individual talents shine. Every child brings something unique and special to our school, and we feel incredibly privileged to be part of their journey.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have joined us for our Learn with Me sessions. It has been lovely to welcome you into school and share your children's learning with you. We would really value your feedback. What have you enjoyed? Have you found the sessions helpful? What would you like to see in future sessions? Your thoughts and suggestions will help us make these opportunities even more meaningful. Thank you for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. Let us continue to encourage our children to shine brightly, celebrate one another and make a positive difference every day. Together, we can create a school filled with kindness, happiness, belonging and a love of learning.

Have a wonderful weekend!

## Headteacher's Award

Ekene – showing great leadership as Captain of our School Football Team during this week's tournament.




*"We shouldn't be embarrassed by the things that make us different. We should be proud of them."*

*— Barack Obama*




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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## *New Family Hub*

A brand-new family hub has opened in Harpurhey this week to help ensure local children and young people are given the very best start in life and helped to become happy and healthy young adults who achieve their full potential.

The Best Start in Life Family Hub - Harpurhey, is located inside North City Leisure Centre on Upper Conran Street and provides one-stop-shop style access to a wide range of advice and support for parents and carers, as well as children and young people.

Its welcoming and accessible space gives families open-door access to services including family support, parenting programmes, and support for children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), alongside health and wellbeing activities and community connections.

Designed to support families with children aged 0–19 years (up to 25 years for SEND and care leavers), as well as expectant parents, the team at the centre can provide information, advice, guidance, and practical support - helping families access services both within the Hub and across the local neighbourhood in partnership with schools and community organisations.

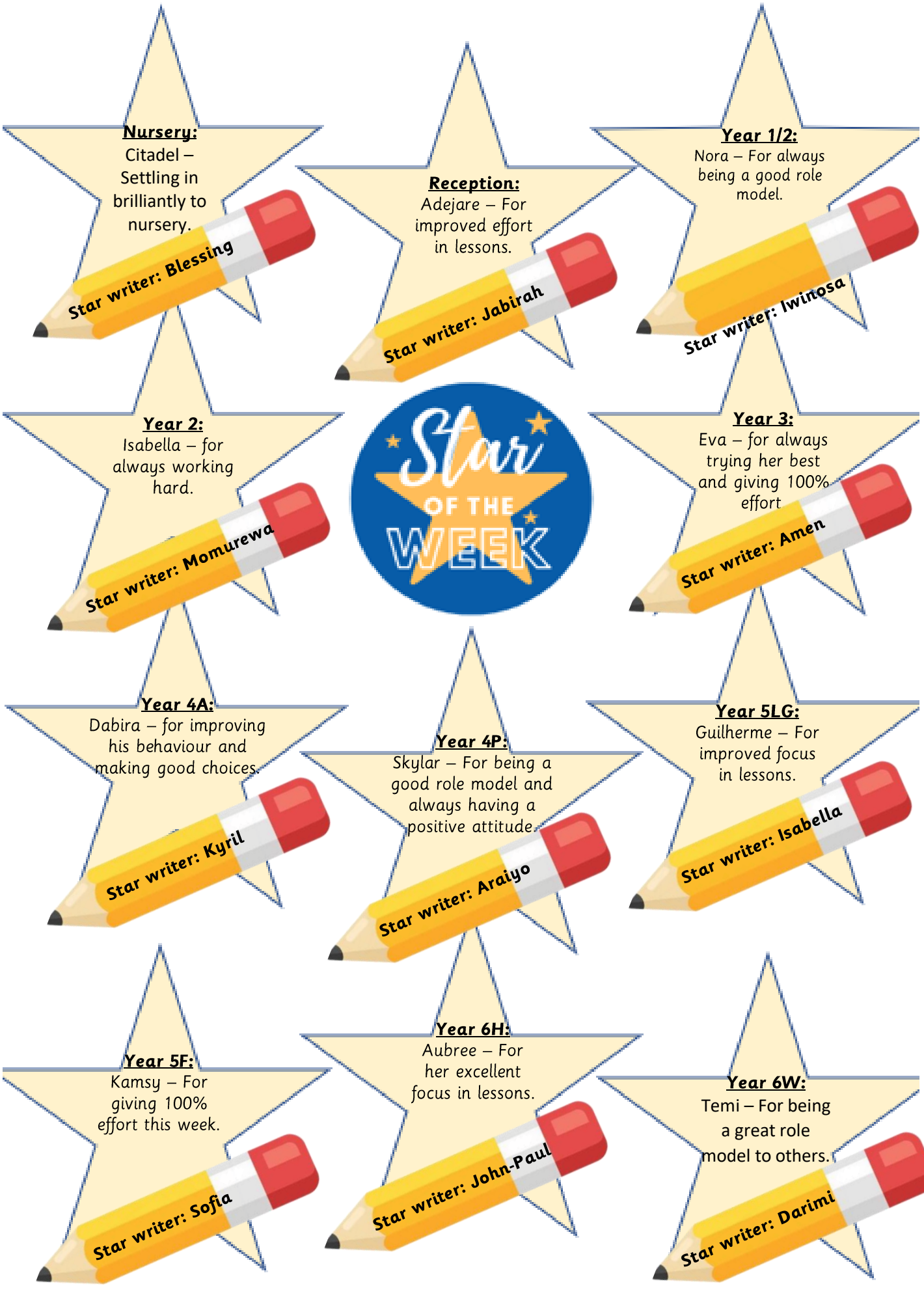



Advent Mass:

All parents and carers are welcome to join us for our Advent Mass at St Dunstan's Church. This will take place on Tuesday 1st December 2026 at 10:00am. If you would like to help us walk down to Church with the children, please meet us at the school office at 9:30am.

# School News & Updates




Nursery:
Citadel – Settling in brilliantly to nursery.
Star writer: Blessing
Reception:
Adejare – For improved effort in lessons.
Star writer: Jabirah
Year 1/2:
Nora – For always being a good role model.
Star writer: Iwinosa
Year 2:
Isabella – for always working hard.
Star writer: Momurewa
Star OF THE WEEK
Year 3:
Eva – for always trying her best and giving 100% effort
Star writer: Amen
Year 4A:
Dabira – for improving his behaviour and making good choices.
Star writer: Kyril
Year 4P:
Skylar – For being a good role model and always having a positive attitude.
Star writer: Araiyo
Year 5LG:
Guilherme – For improved focus in lessons.
Star writer: Isabella
Year 5F:
Kamsy – For giving 100% effort this week.
Star writer: Sofia
Year 6H:
Aubree – For her excellent focus in lessons.
Star writer: John-Paul
Year 6W:
Temi – For being a great role model to others.
Star writer: Darimi

**Attendance this week**

Nursery – 100%
Reception – 95.7%
Year 1/2J – 86.79%
Year 2 – 97.83%
Year 3 – 97.06%
Year 4A – 100%
Year 4P – 93.81%
Year 5 LG – 97.83%
Year 5F – 96.19%
Year 6H – 95%
Year 6W – 94.26%

**Whole School: 95.55%**

