



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Celebration of the Word: Half Term Six, Week One**

I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable half term break.

This week's **Celebration of the Word**, which we will reflect on during form time, is taken from **John 17:20-26**. In this passage, Jesus prays for His followers, asking that "*they may all be one*." At the heart of this Gospel is a message of unity, a call for all people to be united in love, just as Jesus is one with the Father. In our St James' family, this reminds us of our shared responsibility to always try to strive for understanding, and peace in all our relationships.

We continue our journey in the **Jubilee Year 2025**, embracing the theme chosen by Pope Francis: *Pilgrims of Hope*. This theme calls us to walk together in faith, offering hope and joy to others, especially during times of challenge or uncertainty. As we step into this final half term, we are invited to look forward with purpose and trust in God's plan. Please keep an eye on the St James' app for further updates on our Jubilee celebrations still to come this term.

Our **Catholic Social Teaching focus** this week is once again the **Common Good**. We are reminded to act not only for ourselves but with the well-being of others in mind, especially those who may be vulnerable or struggling. Every small act of a more just and compassionate society. This will be discussed in form times and assemblies throughout the week.

We continue to hold our **Year 11** children in prayer as they progress through their **GCSE examinations** over the coming weeks. We are proud of their commitment, maturity, and resilience. Looking ahead, we are preparing for their **Leavers' Mass on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June**, a special moment to give thanks for their time at St James'. More details will be shared with families in the coming weeks but we look forward to seeing you there.

Please feel free to join us in prayer for all those sitting exams:

***Loving God, bless our Year 11 students. Calm their hearts, strengthen their minds, and surround them with Your peace. Amen.***

Our **Form Saint of the Week** is **St Isidore of Seville**, chosen by **10C**. St Isidore was a bishop, scholar, and teacher who dedicated his life to preserving knowledge and spreading the faith. He reminds us that learning and wisdom are gifts from God, and that we should use them in service of others. As our children return to lessons and revision, St Isidore's example encourages us to strive for excellence in all we do- in line with our school ethos.

As always, I welcome any feedback you may have. Please feel free to contact me at [h.purkiss@stjamesheadle.uk](mailto:h.purkiss@stjamesheadle.uk)

Yours faithfully

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