



ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

7th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

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

This week's Celebration of the Word is taken from Mark 6:1-6, where Jesus returns to His hometown and faces rejection from those who knew Him. Despite their doubts, Jesus continues His mission with faith and perseverance. This Gospel challenges our children to remain steadfast in their own faith journeys, even when faced with difficulties or misunderstanding.

Our Form Saint of the Week is St James the Lesser, one of the apostles and a leader in the early Church. St James reminds us that faithfulness and humility are essential in serving others. He said, *"Be doers of the word, and not hearers only"* (James 1:22), encouraging us to live out our faith through actions, not just words.

Last week, we were pleased to welcome Fr Mark from St Winifred's parish, who led a beautiful Mass here in school. It was a lovely occasion to come together and give thanks as we near the end of the school year.

A group of our children also attended the Mini Dash event within the Shrewsbury Diocese last week and were a credit to our school, enjoying a wide range of activities and demonstrating great enthusiasm throughout the day.

This week, our Catholic Social Teaching focus is the Option for the Poor. This principle calls us to pay special attention to those in need and to stand in solidarity with the vulnerable. It challenges us to act with compassion and justice, ensuring that everyone is cared for and valued.

As we enter our penultimate week of school, we keep in our prayers all of our children preparing for Sports Day, as well as those going out on school trips and work experience during Catholic Excellence Week (CEW). We pray for a safe, enjoyable, and rewarding time for all.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me at h.purkiss@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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