



# St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School

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## Friday Newsletter Week Ending: 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Welcome to this week's newsletter...

December's Value is **Respect**

Please can you re-enforce this at home with your children throughout December

Our Shining Light and Values Awards for 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023 go to ...

	Shining Light	Value (Respect)	Dojo
Acorn	Ibraheem		
Blossom	All class	Ilyanah	Nadia
Willow	Ollly	Nadia	Antonia
Sycamore	Maryam	Saarah	Adam Y
Beech	Lienna	Erin	Abdur Rahman A
Year 3	Mylah	Abdul	Ehab
Year 3/4	Bartosz	Muhammad A	Aleena
Year 4/5	Chisom, Zain and Aisha H	Aamina Y	Harriet
Year 5/6	Ryan	Fatima	Myah
Year 6	Orion	Henry	Alishbah



	30 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	13 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	27 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11 <sup>th</sup> –15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Blossom	97.33%	97.67%	97.00%	90.00%	87.33%	96.00%	95.67%
Willow	98.18%	98.57%	97.86%	94.29%	94.29%	93.21%	92.55%
Sycamore	97.67%	99.67%	97.99%	96.33%	98.00%	92.28%	97.99%
Beech	95.67%	97.67%	93.67%	89.33%	92.00%	97.67%	92.67%
Year 3	93.16%	94.84%	94.19%	97.08%	94.52%	94.81%	91.23%
Year 3/4	94.85%	95.67%	95.76%	91.52%	90.61%	94.55%	95.15%
Year 4/5	96.13%	95.16%	98.71%	95.48%	93.87%	96.45%	96.45%
Year 5/6	95.31%	95.94%	98.44%	99.38%	97.81%	99.06%	96.88%
Year 6	91.61%	84.36%	95.48%	96.25%	93.75%	95.31%	95.94%

**SCHOOL**  
Attendance



### Nativity

Thank you for all your support at the Infant Nativity performances earlier this week. We hope you agree that the children were amazing!

Mrs Thompson has done a very professional job of creating a video from several performances of 'A Bundle of Joy' which has been uploaded to our school website - you can access this via the link below

<https://st-augustines-catholic-primary-school-preston.primarysite.media/>

We hope you enjoy it!



### After School Clubs

After School Clubs re-start on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. If you would like your child to attend you must sign up by completing and returning your child's club letter by **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.



### Christmas Parties

On **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, our children are having a Christmas Party Day with party food for lunch and a disco and fun and games during the day.

Children can wear their own/party clothes but please remember that they will be playing out in these clothes during the day.

Please see messages/letters from your child's class teacher for full details.



### Christmas Dinner Day

On **Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, our children will be having their Christmas Dinner and more fun activities during the day. Everyone can wear a Christmas Jumper if they want to!

If any children would like to exchange Christmas cards, they can bring them on this day.



### Carols around the Christmas tree

On Wednesday, **20<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, our Junior children will be holding a Carol Service starting at 9:30am. Each class will lead the service in readings about Christmastime and carols will be sung. This is a lovely lead into our Christmas Holidays.

**Parents are welcome to attend.**



### **Celebration Assembly**

On **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**, we are holding our End of Half Term Celebration Assembly starting at **9:15am**.

**Parents are welcome to attend.**



### **Help for the Homeless**

During Advent we are collecting items to support a local homeless charity, the Metanoia Project (<http://metanoiaproject.co.uk/>) which is based at St Wilfrid's Church and provides a warm and safe space for the homeless people of Preston as well as a meal and things that they need to keep warm and clean.

The items that are needed have been divided between the classes:

Blossom & Yr 3/4 = shower gel and soap

Willow & 4/5 = baby wipes

Sycamore & Acorn = toothbrush and toothpaste

Beech = deodorant

Y3 = socks

Y3/4 = gloves

Y5/6 = scarves

Y6 = warm hats.

All items are for adults and any contribution that you can make will be much appreciated. These will be donated to the Metanoia Project Team at our Celebration Assembly on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023**.



### **Christmas Holidays**

Please remember that school closes on **Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 1:30pm** and re-opens on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.



Class/Pupils	Event	Day	Date	Time
All pupils	Christmas Parties	Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	All Day
All pupils	Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	All Day
All pupils	Christmas Dinner	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	11:30 - 13:00
All pupils	Christmas Fun Afternoon	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Afternoon
Junior pupils	Carol Service	Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9:30 – 11:00
All pupils	Celebration Assembly	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	9:15 – 11:00
All pupils	School finishes for the Christmas holiday	Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023	1:30pm

# This Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023, is the Third Sunday of Advent



*This Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent – a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus, when we remember his birth at Christmas and when he comes again in glory.*

**In this week's Gospel we hear more about John the Baptist, who came to tell everyone to get ready for Jesus, the Son of God, who shows us how we should live; He is a shining light in the darkness for us to follow.**

**Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28**

God sent his messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light.

The Jewish authorities in Jerusalem sent some priests and Levites to John to ask him, "Who are you?"

John did not refuse to answer, but spoke out openly and clearly, saying: "I am not the Messiah." "Who are you, then?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

"No, I am not," John answered.

"Are you the Prophet?" they asked.

"No," he replied.

"Then tell us who you are," they said. "We have to take an answer back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

John answered by quoting the prophet Isaiah:

"I am 'the voice of someone shouting in the desert:

Make a straight path for the Lord to travel!'"

The messengers, who had been sent by the Pharisees, then asked John, "If you are not the Messiah nor Elijah nor the Prophet, why do you baptize?"

John answered, "I baptize with water, but among you stands the one you do not know. He is coming after me, but I am not good enough even to untie his sandals."

All this happened in Bethany on the east side of the River Jordan, where John was baptizing.