



St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School



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Friday Newsletter Week Ending: 1st December 2022

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 today 1st December 2022 go to



	Shining Light	Value (Care & Compassion for Nov)	Dojo
Blossom	Abdullah	Maja	Aizah
Willow	Purity	Ali	Lilianna
Sycamore	Atiyah & Bartek	Ih'saan	Aaminah P
Beech	Liam & Yusuf	Damian	Aleena & Yusuf
Year 3	Muhammad A	Spencer	Matthew
Year 3/4	Oscar	Yahya	Sarah
Year 4/5	Helena	Henry	Abdullah
Year 5/6	Julia	Riley	Maariyah
Year 6	Yuosf	Lillie	Hannah

SCHOOL Attendance

	17 th – 20 th Oct	31 st Oct – 4 th Nov	7 th – 11 th Nov	14 th – 18 th Nov	21 st – 25 th Nov	28 th Nov – 1 st Dec
Blossom	86.21%	97.24%	92.76%	86.55%	92.41%	89.66%
Willow	70.54%	95.36%	94.29%	92.14%	92.41%	90.00%
Sycamore	80.09%	88.46%	87.41%	87.04%	87.04%	94.91%
Beech	83.33%	97.33%	96.33%	90.00%	78.67%	94.58%
Year 3	93.36%	92.50%	96.56%	96.56%	91.56%	94.53%
Year 3/4	96.55%	95.21%	97.00%	97.74%	96.25%	98.05%
Year 4/5	98.05%	94.69%	96.56%	91.56%	90.31%	92.19%
Year 5/6	92.34%	91.25%	97.81%	91.88%	90.00%	90.23%
Year 6	84.58%	90.67%	89.67%	97.00%	93.67%	96.67%



Christmas Jumper Donations

We are continuing our collection of good condition Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your child.

Any donations that we receive will be shared with pupils across school which they can then wear on our Christmas Jumper Day, Thursday, 15th December 2022.



After School Clubs

Please remember that After School Clubs end today, **Thursday, 1st December 2022** and new clubs will recommence in the New Year.

Mr Whittle's Before School Clubs will continue up to the end of term.



Inset Day

Please remember that school is closed tomorrow, **Friday, 2nd December 2022** for a Staff Inset Day.



Father Christmas visit

On **Monday, 12th December 2022**, Father Christmas will be visiting our school grotto and our Infant and Junior children will have the opportunity to meet him and receive a small gift.

If you would like your child to meet Father Christmas please make a payment of £3.00 via ParentPay by **9am on Monday, 5th December 2022**.



CATHOLIC
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Exciting Opportunity – Train to Teach Locally

Teacher Training courses starting September 2023

The Catholic Teaching Alliance, based at Our Lady's Catholic High School, is accepting applications for their 1 year PGCE with QTS (qualified teacher status) teacher training courses beginning in September 2023. Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary training), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above.

Teacher training (PGCE with QTS) is available in all phases:

- Early Primary (3-7 years, in Preston or Burnley)
- General Primary (5-11 years, in Preston or Burnley)
- Secondary (11-16 years, in Preston or Blackburn)
- Secondary with post 16 (14-19 years, in Preston)

For further information, or to book onto one of the online information sessions, call 01772 326931 or email ctaschooldirect@olchs.lancs.sch.uk

Website: <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/>



School Admissions for September 2023

Applications are now open for children who are due to start primary school in September 2023.

If you have a child who is due to start primary school next year the deadline date is the **15th January 2023**. Applications can be made online via the link below.

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/>



Tuesday, 6th December 2022

Sycamore and Beech pupils are going to Vue Cinema to watch The Muppet Christmas Carol. This is free of charge in exchange for helping them practice their fire evacuation procedures! The children are leaving at 9:15am and will be back in time for lunch. They are walking to the cinema so will need sensible shoes, a coat, hat etc. They can bring a small snack with them if they wish.

Wednesday, 7th December 2022

Advent/Christmas Mass in school starting at 9:30am – parents welcome.

Thursday, 8th December 2022

All Junior children are going to the Sleeping Beauty Pantomime in Blackpool. The coach will leave school at 9:00am and we will be back before the end of the school day. Children should arrive at school from 8:30am as we need to make sure that we set off at 9am in case there are traffic problems!

Monday, 12th December 2022

Father Christmas will be visiting the school grotto and pupils will have the chance to meet him during the day – payment details have been sent via dojo.

Infant Nativity – The Bethlehem Barn Band! which seems to have a cast of thousands!! There will be three performances this year as there are so many pupils taking part. Details on how to book places have been sent via dojo.

Performance dates are: Monday, 12th December at 1:50pm and Tuesday, 13th December at 9:40am and 1:50pm.

Note: All the performances are the same!

Thursday, 15th December 2022

Christmas Dinner Day. The children will be doing Christmas art activities in the morning and then have a meal altogether in their Key Stage groups with the staff. Everyone can wear a Christmas Jumper if they want to!

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

Friday, 16th December 2022

Monthly Celebration Assembly - parents welcome.

Monday, 19th December 2022

Christmas Party Day! Pupils can wear their party clothes. Please be mindful that they will be playing out during the day. See party day letter for full details.

Be prepared for very tired children at the end of the day!

Tuesday, 20th December 2022

The Juniors 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.

School closes at 1:30pm for the Christmas Holidays

Wednesday, 4th January 2023

School re-opens on

CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN



Class/Pupils	Event	Day	Date	Time
School	Academy Conversion	Thursday	1 st December 2022	All day
All	After School Clubs End	Thursday	1 st December 2022	4:00
All	School closed – Staff Inset Day	Friday	2 nd December 2022	All day
Sycamore & Beech pupils	Muppets Christmas Carol film - Vue Cinema	Tuesday	6 th December 2022	9:15 – 12:00
All	Advent Mass	Wednesday	7 th December 2022	9:30 – 10:30
Junior pupils	Sleeping Beauty Pantomime	Thursday	8 th December 2022	12:30 – 3:30
All	Father Christmas visit	Monday	12 th December 2022	All day
Infants	Nativity	Monday	12 th December 2022	1:50 – 2:40
Infants	Nativity	Tuesday	13 th December 2022	9:40 – 10:20 1:50 – 2:40
All	Christmas Dinner	Thursday	15 th December 2022	11:30 – 1:00
All	Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday	15 th December 2022	All day
All	Celebration Assembly	Friday	16 th December 2022	9:15 – 10:15
All	Christmas Parties	Monday	19 th December 2022	1:00 – 3:00
Junior pupils	Carol Service	Tuesday	20 th December 2022	9:30 – 10:45
All	School finishes for the Christmas break	Tuesday	20 th December 2022	1:30pm

This Sunday, 4th December 2022, is the Second Sunday of Advent



In this week's Gospel we hear about John the Baptist who told everyone that Jesus was coming and that they needed to get ready. John tells the people coming to be baptised that they need to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong and change their lives for the better as this will help them to be ready for Jesus.

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judah and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said:

"Someone is shouting in the desert,

'Prepare a road for the Lord;

make a straight path for him to travel!"

John's clothes were made of camel's hair; he wore a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. People came to him from Jerusalem, from the whole province of Judea, and from all the country near the River Jordan. They confessed their sins, and he baptized them in the Jordan.

When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him to be baptized, he said to them, "You snakes — who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins. And don't think you can escape punishment by saying that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these stones and make descendants for Abraham! The axe is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire. I baptize you with water to show that you have repented, but the one who will come after me will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He is much greater than I am; and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. He has his winnowing shovel with him to thresh out all the grain. He will gather his wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."