



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023



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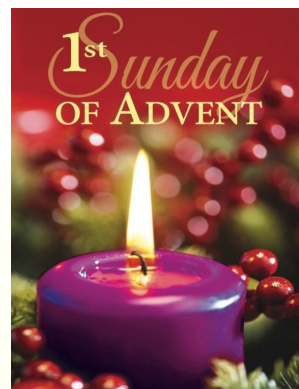
Year 5 trip to Westminster Cathedral

On Wednesday, 45 children went to Westminster Cathedral, for an Advent Carol Service. The children took the 207 to get to Ealing Common and then a train to Westminster. When the group arrived at the Cathedral it was packed! The presenter was Angel Gabriel! Angel Gabriel told everyone the amazing story of Mary and Joseph. They then sang Christmas Carols, and even saw Clover the donkey and Lilly the goat. As soon as the children left the Cathedral, they sat on the steps to eat their packed lunches. When they finished their food they began their journey home. Thank you to all the staff who accompanied the trip.



Sunday 3rd December 2023

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



We do not know the day or hour when the Master will return, to assess us

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake-for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Our Festive School

The children and staff have made our school a warm and festive place with wonderful decorations and nativity scenes. Thank you to everybody who gave up their own time to make the school look so wonderful on the inside!



Love Learn Believe

Attendance

This Friday is the second Friday in a row when I have handed out certificates and several of the children have not been in. I fully understand that children can be ill but there is a link with Fridays and illness. I have had a meeting with our attendance officer and letters will be going out in January to address poor attendance.

Friday 8th December: Own Clothes Day — Bring in a gift for a man

On Friday 8th December the children can wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in a gift for a man. Thank you.



Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported our pre-loved uniform sale. We raised £155 which will be added to our Children in Crisis appeal. Thank you to all the children who helped prepare and sell the uniform and to Mrs Kenny for organising.



Advent Calendar

The season of Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas - so this Sunday - and is a time of prayerful preparation. During Advent we recall the Israelites' long wait for the Messiah's birth and remember that Jesus was born into the world and will come again. Sent with this newsletter is an Advent Calendar from 'Mission Together', the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. This calendar has Bible links, prayers and actions to help us all be spiritually ready for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. I hope you and your family are able to make use of it together through the four weeks of Advent. Mrs Ingham - RE Co-ordinator.



Winter 2023 HAF programme

The HAF programme provides funded holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, for children and young people in Reception to Y11 who reside in or attend school in Ealing and are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM), or who are vulnerable and would benefit from a HAF place.



Children in Reception to Year 6 who are in receipt of the universal FSM offer are **not eligible** for HAF.

Ealing's Winter HAF will run from Friday 22 December 2023 and Tuesday 2 to Friday 5 January 2024

Eligible children and young people can attend for a maximum of **5 days** over the Christmas school holiday.

Booking information and FAQ: [HAF pages on Ealing's Families Directory](#)

HAF bookings open Wednesday 15th November and close Thursday 21st December

Celebrations

Religious Education Work of the Week awards are given to children who have shown that bit of extra effort in their RE lessons that week.

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	George	For talking about Advent promises.
RB	Hanna	For always sharing with others!
RH	Luca	For understanding the season of Advent is a time of preparation.
RL	Leyna	For always being a kind and considerate friend.
1AP	Lourdes	For coming up with a lovely action for our class advent calendar.
1EB	Lilianna	For writing a thoughtful activity for our class Advent calendar.
1SR	Ophelia	For thinking of many thoughtful ways that we can show love during Advent.
2AB	Tymon	For a great piece of writing on how to prepare for a special event.
2AF	Oran	For his excellent writing on how he prepares for special occasions.
2JB	Aoibheann	For her thoughtful ideas about how we can prepare our hearts for Christmas.
3AR	Antoni	For designing a thoughtful symbol for a Jesse Tree.
3DB	Isabella	For a lovely interpretation of Isaiah's announcement of the coming of God.
3MS	Esme	For learning the lyrics of our Advent song so quickly
4AS	Alicja	For recognising lots of gifts of friendship and presenting them thoughtfully.
4GS	Sophie	For really understanding the qualities of good friendship are truly a gift from God. Well done.
4S	Georgia	For being able to recognise qualities of a good friend.
5AL	Alex	For excellent work on relaying Prophet Isaiah's announcement to the world.
5AS	Leo	For presenting a fantastic report about the good news of Jesus' birth.
5CR	Yeva	For having a brilliant understanding of the Advent Wreath. Great work!
6LI	Mehreen	For thoughtful responses to 'mission' using St. John Henry Newman's words and Matthew's Gospel.
6MS	Julia	For her excellent personal mission statement with links to scripture.
6WL	Sofia	For a beautiful ordination card which recognised the types of vows a priest makes.

Headteacher awards are presented each week to children who the staff think have put that little bit of extra into their work. Well done to the children listed below:

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery	Alicja	For confident performance during our Nursery dress rehearsal.
RB	Filip	For writing his name independently.
RH	Claire	For speaking very clearly when saying her line in our Nativity.
RL	Emily	For showing more confidence in blending sounds.
1AP	Erick	For his excellent work with plurals.
1EB	Bea-Rose	For her super work in all lessons.
1SR	Bruno	For displaying a great understanding of changing singular nouns to plural.
2AB	Ben	For super effort constructing 3D shapes with straws.
2AF	Joseph	For his brilliant letter of complaint in English.
2JB	Jarvoise	For having a brilliant first week!
3AR	Myles	For great work when comparing tropical and temperate climate zones. Well done!
3DB	Angeline	For her kind, helpful and positive attitude!
3MS	Cole	For improving his effort skills this week.
4AS	Liberty	For showing her kind nature helping friends with their work.
4GS	Calum	For persevering with the associate law to help with mental multiplication until he fully understood it. Well done!
4S	Elijah	For always presenting his work neatly. Keep it up!
5AL	Maddalena	For excellent precision when measuring and drawing angles.
5AS	Paul	For being helpful and supportive during computing.
5CR	Elijah	For representing our school so well during the Westminster Cathedral Advent Service.
6LI	Sophie	For quick, accurate conversions between units of measure – ml/l and g/kg.
6MS	Karol	For creating a super information text about Victorian jobs in History.
6WL	Kacper	For producing a well-structured, clear balanced argument.

Good Disciple awards are given to children who have shown exceptional love and kindness to fellow pupils and are helping to build God's kingdom here and now. Well done to the children listed below:

Phase	Name	Reason
Lower	Noa RB	For always being an excellent role model.
Middle	Joshua 2JB	For helping our new starter to settle in at St. Joseph's.
Upper	Artemiy 5CR	For always holding the door open for other children, offering help and being extremely polite!

Christmas Arrangements December 2023



Date	Time	Year group/Class	Event	Where
Wednesday 6 th December	9.15am	NR & NRdp	Christmas Liturgy	Nursery
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Monday 11 th December	9.15am	RB, 1EB, 2AF, 3DB and siblings	1SR Dress Rehearsal	Junior Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	9.00am	Ladybirds	Christmas liturgy	Infant Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	9.15am	RH, 1AP, 2JB, 3MS and siblings	1EB Dress Rehearsal	Junior Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	2.00pm	Year 5 audience	1SR Nativity	Junior Hall
Wednesday 13 th December	9.00am	Butterflies	Christmas liturgy	Infant Hall
Wednesday 13 th December	9.15am	RL, 1SR, 2AB, 3AR and siblings	1AP Dress Rehearsal	Junior Hall
Wednesday 13 th December	2.00pm	Year 6 audience	1EB Nativity	Junior Hall
Thursday 14 th December	9.00am	Honeybees	Christmas liturgy	Infant Hall
Thursday 14 th December	2.00pm	Year 4 audience	1AP Nativity	Junior Hall
Friday 15 th December	All day	All classes	PTA Christmas Fair	Dance Studio
Monday 18 th December	All day	All classes	Christmas jumper day	
Monday 18 th December	Afternoon	All classes	Class Christmas Parties	
Tuesday 19 th December	Lunch	All classes	Children's Christmas Lunch	
Tuesday 19 th December	2.00pm	Year 3	Year 2 Advent Service	Junior Hall
Tuesday 19 th December	7.00pm	All	Year 5 Advent Service	Church
Wednesday 20 th December		Nursery	Last day	
Wednesday 20 th December	9.30am	Years 1-3	Pantomime	Junior Hall
Wednesday 20 th December	1.30pm	Years 4-6	Pantomime	Junior Hall
Wednesday 20 th December	Lunch	All staff	Staff Christmas lunch	Year 5 classroom
Thursday 21 st December	1.30pm	Rec to Year Six	Finish for Christmas	



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