



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023



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Christmas lunch

Children will be having their Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December. Please see the menu at the back of the newsletter.

If your child will not be taking a Christmas lunch, please let the office know before Tuesday 12 December by email - ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk

Junior Travel Ambassadors

Here are our newly appointed Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) - Annabella, Alicia, Joseph, Shane, Esme, Naiyana, Daffidi and Eloise. JTAs are a pupil council specialises in promoting active and sustainable travel as well as road safety. Pupils get together on a regular basis to discuss ways to encourage active travel and plan and deliver activities. They are looking forward to running a 'Be Bright Be Seen' stall in the New Year. More details to follow. Thank you to Mrs. Day for organising.



Sunday 10th December 2023

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8



The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the desert: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the desert, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Ms. Williams

Today we remembered Ms. Williams on the second anniversary of her death. Staff said prayers before school and the Middle and Upper Phases remembered her in their prayers during our Collective Worship Praise Assemblies.

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
And let Your perpetual light shine upon her.
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed
Rest in peace.
Amen.*



Nursery Nativity

On Wednesday the Nursery was packed to the rafters with families wanting to see their children perform in the 'Wriggly Nativity'. The children in Rainbows, Raindrops and Sunshine sessions performed their parts well and sang really beautifully. Their costumes looked amazing, so well done to all of them. Thank you to Ms Martin and Ms Delaney for preparing the children.

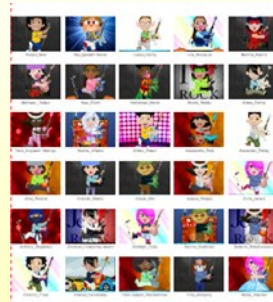
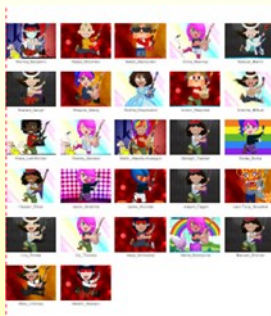


Church Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to all of you who bought raffle tickets for the Church Christmas Fayre I am very pleased to tell you that the first and second prizes were won by families in the school. The Christmas Fayre was a big success raising just over £5,000, which is an amazing sum of money. It was lovely to see so many St Joseph's families there on the day, we hope you had a good time. Also a very big thank you to the PTA who built Santa's grotto and helped Santa organise all the beautiful gifts for the children.

Times Tables Rock Stars

The children continue to enjoy TTRS. This week the trophy was awarded to the class with the most impressive looking avatars collectively. Ms Smith, Mr Sheehan and Mrs. Murphy acted as judges and the award went to 3AR in the Middle Phase and 6LI in the Upper Phase. None of judges knew which classes they were judging but all were impressed by the standards.



Knitted Nativity Scene

When I walk around school, I never cease to be amazed by how well our children work and how they behave impeccably; the arts and crafts type work is always a joy to behold. This week, I was shown a beautiful knitted Nativity scene completed by a grandmother to a child in 3AR. The detail is stunning and it must have taken ages. Thank you for your donation to the school.



Football

On Wednesday the girls' and boys' football teams travelled to Trailfinders to play in the next round of Peal Shield competition. The cold conditions did not stop the children from putting on a fantastic display of football against Mount Carmel Primary School. The boys continued their goal scoring with an impressive 7-1 win. The girls showed excellent defence throughout and ended the match with a 3-0 win. Well done to both teams. Girls team - Ellie, Lilia, Reis, Joy, Georgina, Julia, Sofia and Millie. Boys team- Olly, Riley, Ronell, Noel, Joel, Alex, Jakub, Joey, Louis and Lucas. Thank you to Mr. Sheehan and Miss Scotts for accompanying the children.

Keeping you and your phone safe

There has been a spate of phone thefts committed by youths on younger children. Our children have received sessions with the Police on what to do and what not to do but I attach this flyer for your reference.

**MY PHONE**

KEEPING YOU AND YOUR PHONE SAFE

Getting a phone is really exciting. You can stay in touch with friends and find out more about the world.

As police officers, our job is to keep you safe and stop people who want to steal property like phones, cash, earphones and even expensive coats or trainers.

You can help us do that by being careful where you use your phone and taking care of cash and other valuable items.

5 TIPS TO KEEP SAFE

- Keep your phone and valuables out of sight and in a safe place. Take care when you take them out especially near bus stops and train stations.
- Stay alert and remember earphones/headphones can distract you from being aware of someone approaching from behind you. Thieves can approach on mopeds, e-scooters and pedal cycles.

Don't fight back, it's not worth the risk when a phone can be replaced.

- Tell us if someone robs you or tries to. It's important you get help straight away by dialling **999** using a friend or trusted adult's phone rather than contacting police when you get home. This gives us the best chance to catch the suspects, recover stolen items and make sure you're safe.

- If you don't want to talk to police – contact Fearless online, without giving your name, at www.fearless.org
- Memorise or keep a note of a parent/carer's phone number in a separate place in case of emergency.

YOU CAN HELP US PROTECT AND TRACK YOUR PHONE IF IT'S STOLEN.

HERE'S 3 THINGS YOU CAN DO:

- Your phone will have security features such as a passcode or fingerprint/face ID. Make sure you use it to protect access to your phone.

- Tracker apps can help locate your phone if it's lost or stolen. Ask a parent to show you how to set one up.
- Record the phone's IMEI number in a separate place at home. Find this by typing in ***#06#**. You'll need to give this number to police if it's stolen.

For more information go to www.fearless.org/campaigns/robbery

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	Nursery Class	For re-enacting the Nativity story with confidence.
RB	Oliwia	For working hard to learn the Nativity songs. Well done!
RH	Claire	For understanding and explaining why we are only going to send one Christmas card to the whole class. Claire knows it is important look after God's world.
RL	Rhys	For trying hard and putting in good effort during our Nativity practice.
1AP	Penelope	For her great understanding that Advent is the time of waiting to celebrate Jesus.
1EB	William	For contributing so well to classroom discussions.
1SR	Eyob	For always participating well and behaving brilliantly in all Class Worship.
2AB	Atlas	For her thoughtful response on how we can prepare our hearts for Advent.
2AF	Ellen	For her beautiful Advent window about being kind every day.
2JB	Lorena	For her understanding of what a prophet is and how Jesus brought peace to people.
3AR	Sophia	For her great response to Paul's advice on how to be ready!
3DB	Harrison	For his beautiful Annunciation artwork and explanation of Mary's feelings.
3MS	Marie	For doing such an amazing job learning your lines and using expression for our Advent assembly.
4AS	Ola	For presenting her RE work with great care, especially when learning about Advent.
4GS	Leandro	For thinking deeply about God's love and forgiveness.
4S	Noah	For an excellent understanding of how God sent Jesus as a gift.
5AL	Elise	For truly understanding the symbolism of William Holeman Hunt's painting of Jesus standing at a door.
5AS	Jason	For explaining the symbolism in the art work of Jesus.
5CR	Max	For having a great understanding of the symbolism of Jesus as a light!
6LI	Christian	For being thoughtful and prayerful during class worship on the theme of peace (jar of peace).
6MS	Sara	For creating a beautiful title page for our topic 'Expressions'.
6WL	Millie	For identifying the symbolism in the lyrics of 'Maranatha'.

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	Nursery class	For an amazing Nativity Liturgy.
RB	Yesandi	For writing an invitation all by herself. Well done!
RH	Jamie	For writing a fantastic letter to Santa.
RL	Charlotte	For settling into Ladybirds class so well.
1AP	Leo	For his amazing work in all lessons.
1EB	Nel	For working so hard on her reading.
1SR	Abbas	For focusing better when learning and a great improvement in his behaviour.
2AB	Harry	For excellent work on subtracting a one-digit number from a two-digit number.
2AF	Emmett	For his fantastic work in subtraction.
2JB	Kaia	For the enthusiasm and focus she shows during practices for our Advent Service.
3AR	Meabh	For excellent leadership skills when problem solving in PE.
3DB	Rosie	For being a fantastic listener and always trying her very best.
3MS	Elissa	For stiving to do her best in everything she does.
4AS	Samuel	For showing great improvement in writing, especially his persuasive letter!
4GS	Oliwia	For always concentrating on her work, challenging herself in her learning and ALWAYS following the school rules. Well done!
4S	Carla	For always having a lovely positive attitude to her learning!
5AL	Kacper	For working hard to solve negative number calculations using a number line.
5AS	Thomas	For displaying excellent geographical knowledge.
5CR	Daniel	For amazing attention to detail while creating and making our stockings.
6LI	Dennis	For fabulous effort working at fraction, decimal and percentage equivalences.
6MS	Emanuella	For always doing her best to participate in class discussions. Well done!
6WL	Maciek	For using computational skills to plan and produce a repeated geometric pattern.

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	Roy 1AP	For always setting a good example for peers.
Middle	Joshua 3DB	For showing kindness to others by helping them when they are struggling and are in need of support.
Upper	Livia 6MS	For being dependable, trustworthy and an all-round great role model

Christmas Arrangements December 2023



Date	Time	Year group/Class	Event	Where
Wednesday 6 th December	9.15am	NR & NRdp	Christmas Liturgy	Nursery
Wednesday 6 th December	12.45pm	NS & NRdp	Christmas Liturgy	Nursery
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 2	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	

Christmas Lunch

If your child is not taking a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 19th December please let the school office know before Tuesday 12th December —email ask@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk. A packed lunch will need to be provided.



Christmas turkey or Vegetarian tomato and mozzarella puff

Served with all the trimmings roast potatoes,
mini sausages, yorkshire puddings,
carrots & peas, parsnips, brussel sprouts
roast potatoes,
stuffing & gravy

Desserts

Chocolate ice cream log
or
Christmas mince pie slice
Christmas puddings or Ice creams



Do you love to sing but have never sung in a choir before? London Youth Choirs (LYC) have a friendly choir for children in years 3-6 near you...

Local to your school, London Youth Choirs (LYC) runs a friendly and inclusive choir called [LYC West](#) which meets every **Thursday at 4.30pm-5.30pm** during term time at St Barnabas church hall in Pitshanger Lane.

LYC's team will be coming to your school to lead a singing assembly soon!

We will also send home the flyer attached to this email. If you would like to come to a **FREE taster session** at LYC West on a Thursday then please get in touch at the details below.

NO experience of singing in choirs is needed to join and LYC offer a **wide range of financial support** to ensure that there are no barriers to taking part. All LYC members enjoy excellent musical training, new friendships, dedicated pastoral care, social activities and AMAZING concerts!

We are inviting **children in years 3-6** at YOUR primary school to come to LYC's FUN, FRIENDLY and FREE auditions on **Thursday 11th January 2024** at St Barnabas Church Hall, Pitshanger Lane, London W5 1QG.

Sign up for AUDITIONS [HERE](#) and fill in the form!

LYC know that the word 'audition' can seem daunting, so they make the whole experience as welcoming, inclusive and supportive as possible. LYC Membership & EDI Manager Freddie has recorded an audition video guide which you can [WATCH HERE](#)

If you want to see what it's like being in LYC from a member's point of view, [WATCH THE DAY IN THE LIFE VIDEO HERE](#)

And here's a video of the big concert at the Royal Albert Hall in May 2023 which children from your school took part in! [WATCH THE CONCERT VIDEO HERE](#)

Have questions?

Get in touch with LYC by email: engagement@londonyouthchoirs.com

Text or phone: 07549435102

THE LYC TEAM ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!

Kind Regards,

Ealing Music Service 🎵

Disclaimer St Joseph's School is happy to use the newsletter to support activities and events. However, we have not vetted these services and are not specifically recommending them.