

Thursday 19th December 2024

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the first term in this academic year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the lovely things we have been up to this term at St Mary's and to say thank you for all of your support, kind words and engagement in school, during my first term as Head of School.

This term has been full of activity, achievement, and, of course, the magic of Christmas. From the excitement of the Christmas Fayre, to the beautiful Christmas concert and nativity performances. The spirit of joy and togetherness has shone through. I know many of you have taken time out of busy schedules to support school events, volunteer, or simply cheer from the sidelines, and it makes such a difference to our children.

We've accomplished so much over the past few months. Highlights include:

- The launch of our PTA team, who have been amazing this term and we are so thankful for their help and support. We have held many events this term to help raise awareness and money for charity. From, Cafod film night, Children In Need, Red Nose Day, Odd Sock Day, Wellbeing week, The British Legion, Norah's North Pole, Kindness Café and Macmillan.
- Wonderful work completed throughout the curriculum. This advent, the children have been exploring the Jesse Tree, advent workbooks, Advent Celebration of the Word and a range of advent activities.
- A range of exciting trips and visits that have enriched the children's learning experiences. The children have visited many different places such as; The Discovery Museum, YMT, Winter Gardens, Urban Factory, Sports games at Temple Park, Mini Police events and Choir events.

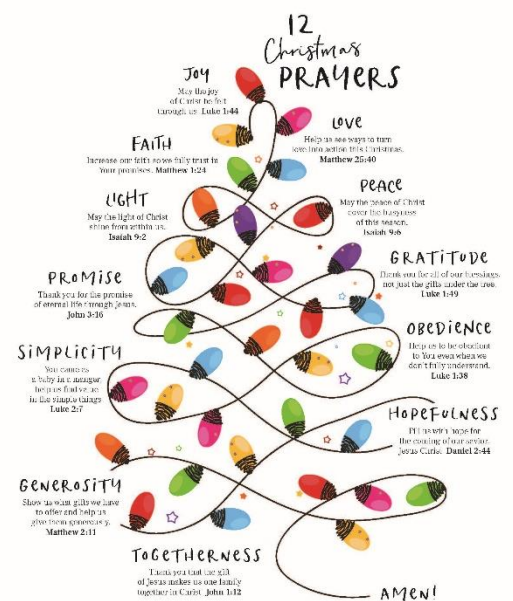
None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our incredible children, staff and the support of our families. I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to making this term a success.

We have lots of lovely things planned for the Spring term and these dates will follow in the New Year.

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all on the 6th January, refreshed and ready for an exciting year ahead!

Many thanks

Mrs Colley
Head of School



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