



# January

**Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,**

Welcome back after the Christmas break! We have lots of fun things planned this term, which I know that the children will love. We endeavour each day to make the learning fun and provide a creative curriculum which is both rich and memorable.

**Feast of the Epiphany**

On Tuesday the whole school started the term with understanding the feast of the Epiphany during our whole school assembly and the children have built on this throughout the week.

As you know we have prioritized making sure we maintain the standard of all wearing the correct uniform and I was delighted to see that most children have started the term of looking smart.

**Family Support Worker**

It is with great sadness I have to announce that Shar will be retiring at the end of this month. It has not been an easy decision for all parties and I thank Shar for all her hard work in supporting families, staff and myself in school. Moving forward there are no immediate plans to replace this role. Governors and myself will be discussing other ways school can support families. Mrs Oldham, school SENCO, will be released to provide some support to families going forwards - I will confirm the day and times she will be available.

**YEAR 3**

On Monday we are delighted to welcome Miss Lewis back to school, she is very excited, happy and focused to return. She will begin teaching on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January and share the week with Mr Allton. This staffing structure will continue until February half term.

After half term year 3 will start swimming lessons every Thursday morning. Please can all children be ready to swim - all the children must have a swimming cap and towel, goggles are not allowed unless they have a signed letter indicating a medical issue.

**INSTAGRAM**

School is in the process of switching from twitter/X to Instagram. EYFS will have a separate Instagram account to the school. No children will be on any site unless permission is granted from parents. Forms will start to come out soon and explain the purpose of Instagram and how school intends to use this platform.

Class	Pupils		Attendance	Authorised Sessions	Unauthorised Sessions	Lates	Ranking
Reception	21		97.14%	3	0	0	4
1	28		97.86%	0	3	3	2
2	30		97.33%	4	0	1	3
3	31		95.48%	2	5	6	6
4	33		94.55%	7	1	6	7
5	32		96.88%	4	1	2	5
6	29		98.62%	1	1	2	1

***Congratulations and well done to Year 6 again! Extra break for winning attendance of the week.***

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## Diary Dates.

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year 6 Invasion Games 3.15-4.15pm

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Fire Safety Talk- Y2 & Y6 1-3pm

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Jan:** EYFS Admissions deadline for 25-26 intake

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Team from Y3 & Y4 Indoor athletics at Holy Cross

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Class photos from 9am. Full uniform please

**Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan:** Shar's last day

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Water Safety Assembly

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Chinese New Year Activity day

**Mon 10<sup>th</sup> & Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Feb:** EYFS Balance Bikes

**Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Holy Cross Reading workshop 2.15pm

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Half Term

**Please check the above dates on a weekly basis as this will change and be added to each week.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

	Merit	Star	Value
EYFS	Oliver Wilby	Louie Sherlock	Thea O'Connor
Year 1	Jaydon Jomi	Bettie Houlihan	Bella Wharton
Year 2	Ruben Burke-Moulson	Eleanor Critchley	Ezra Jotejko
Year 3	Hugo Catterall	Emilia Eslton	Lillie Cole
Year 4	Sophie Woods	Annie Robson	Halle Turner
Year 5	Hanna Filus	Molly Kaczmarska	Szymon Modny
Year 6	Emilia Sutcliffe	James Chouteau	Oscar Wilson

## New Parent Governor.

The governors are delighted to announce that Mr Colin Wilby, parent of a child in reception will be joining the Governing Body. Mr Wilby's family has a long history with the school. With his mum working at the school in the past.

The Governors are also looking to appoint a foundation governor. This is someone chosen by the church and Fr Graeme. If you regularly attend mass and would be interested please speak to Fr Graeme.

## Adverse Weather.

With the weather being quite challenging this week I would like to take the opportunity to thank all staff for their efforts, firstly, in getting to school and secondly, preparing the school and making the grounds safe.. This week we have also had some challenging boiler issues and again the last thing we want is to close school. If things get worse and we do have to go down this route every effort will be made to get a message to you as soon as possible before 8am.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr D Darbyshire  
Head teacher

**Hello January.....**

**"Every day is a new beginning, but there's something especially magical about January."**

**"This January, take it day by day, goal by goal, and you'll be amazed by how far you've come." "January is the perfect time to reset, recharge, and renew your focus on what truly matters."**

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