

# St Joseph's Newsletter

12/12/2025

**Buildings** - The work is coming on well, it's good to see the outline of the new classrooms.



**School Uniform** – we have lots of jumpers and coats at the front of school. Please check to see if these belong to your child.

**Tombolas** will be open on Tuesday, we will take each class at a time. Children will need a **MAXIMUM** of £2 so that they can have a go on each. Teddy tombola – a prize every ticket. Chocolate tombola winning tickets end in 5 or 0.

**Meat hamper raffle** tickets available from Monday morning and after school in the playground. Tickets will also be taken to the classes.

**Parties**, the children can come to school in party clothes or bring them to change into. Mrs Harris has sent additional information to the children in the choir who are carol singing.

## Peace



On Sunday the second candle on the Advent Wreath was lit.

“I baptise you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Matthew 3:11

This important message, from John the Baptist, will inspire us to live in the hope God brings us, now and after the year of Jubilee ends. God will always forgive us when we say sorry, He is always with us no matter how we are feeling.

# What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

## Nursery

Nursery have been very busy this week. We started the week learning our new sound "i". The children are working so hard in phonics! We all enjoyed our Christmas dinner and the children looked fabulous in their Christmas jumpers. We did a "Santa dash" with Miss Rogers in P.E. and the children loved running as fast as they could to the Christmas tunes. We have been working hard to get ready for our Advent prayer and liturgy service for all the parents on Tuesday, we hope you can all come. Finally, this week our rhyme has been "Twinkle, twinkle little star", the children made star pictures and paintings and we played with some glittery star water.



This week reception have been preparing for their advent service.

## Reception

The children have created beautiful advent wreaths to give to our parents, and have performed a lovely advent mass.

We are very proud of reception. Well done!



## Year 1

It has been a very busy week in year one. On Tuesday, we did our Advent assembly on peace. The children were amazing! Thank you to everyone who was able to make it.

In English, the children acted out the 3 Billy Goats Gruff. They were the troll, Baby Gruff, Middle Gruff, or Big Gruff. Acting out the story is a great way for children to work on sequencing the events of a story.

On Monday, we finished our fairy tale sliders. The children loved designing and creating their mechanisms.

## Year 2

This week year 2 have been so hard working and resilient while doing their end of term tests in reading, maths and SPAG. We have been designing, cutting and sewing our Christmas decorations and adding pompoms and glitter, making sure they look like the designs the children created. We also did our Advent assembly for parents and carers and everyone did such a fantastic job at saying their lines and singing the hymns. The children spoke about the importance of Advent and how we are waiting for Jesus' birth. On Friday afternoon we had a fun singalong to Christmas songs with Year 1 and Mr Lee.

## Year 3

Year 3 has had such an adventurous week with their learning. We made our very own marvellous medicine in English, and wrote instructions on how to make it, however no-one was brave enough to try it! After many weeks of waiting they finally got to use the climbing apparatus in PE, which they have looked forward to for so long. The children were very excited to discover and taste seasonal flavours in DT where we had a tasting session of some of the foods you can find being grown at this time of year. We had a bone-chilling science lesson, where Mr. Turner brought in his collection of animal bones and skulls so we could learn about animal skeletons, including a horse's skull! We can imagine that next week will be even more excitable as we welcome in the last week of term, so close to Year 3's well earned break.

## Year 4

This week has been assessment week and the children have worked incredibly hard to show what they have learnt so far in English and Maths. Their positive attitudes, resilience and determination have been truly impressive.

In History, we explored the fascinating story of Boudica, the warrior queen who led a rebellion against the Romans. The children examined this event from two contrasting perspectives—the viewpoint of the Celts and that of the Romans—encouraging them to think critically and appreciate the importance of empathy and multiple viewpoints in history.

In Science, the children created comic strips to explain an apple's journey through the digestive system. Once again, they demonstrated a strong understanding of the process and showcased their creativity.

In RE, the children reflected on gratitude and faith by writing heartfelt letters to God. In these letters, they expressed their thanks for the most precious gift He has given us—Jesus.

## Year 5

Year 5 have really been working their socks off this week trying to do the best in their tests. Their determination and resilience have been fantastic, and they have really done well. Alongside all the challenging assessments, the pupils have also been continuing multiplication in maths and developing their narrative writing skills as they have been preparing their space stories. They are starting to really develop their exciting ideas. The class are also becoming little engineers and have today started developing and measuring out their own locomotives that we will be finishing off building next week.

We've also been getting in the festive spirit this week by creating Christmas cards, having our Christmas dinner together in Christmas jumpers and going on our Santa Dash!

## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have shown incredible determination and an amazing attitude to their SATs practice papers. We have been impressed with their focus and effort all week - even yesterday when they had to do a Christmas Maths reasoning and problem solving paper on Christmas Jumper Day! The children seemed to enjoy the festive atmosphere at lunchtime as we enjoyed our Christmas dinner (sprouts included!). They have been working hard in other lessons too and continue to amaze me with their scientific knowledge of the human heart. They are showing great empathy in their writing about Joseph, a soldier during WW2 and I am sure it will result in some wonderful writing next week. Today, we have dashed around the playground in true Santa style!

## Sport

On Thursday, children from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a football tournament.



## Santa Dash

This morning everyone got in the festive mood when taking part in a Santa Dash fun run. The children ran round the playground as a class with their Christmas hats and jumpers on.



# Happy Birthday To...

Saatvik

Ollie

Poppy

Arisha

Vishnu

## STAR OF THE WEEK

|        | Reception                | Harper<br>CONFIDENCE |                       |
|--------|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Year1  | Esther<br>CONFIDENCE     | Year 2               | Kristen<br>CONFIDENCE |
| Year 3 | Christiane<br>RESILIENCE | Year 4               | Deakan<br>RESILIENCE  |
| Year 5 | Frankie<br>RESILIENCE    | Year 6               | Astou<br>CONFIDENCE   |

## WORK OF THE WEEK

|        | Reception | Mila   |          |
|--------|-----------|--------|----------|
| Year1  | Asa       | Year 2 | Jeremiah |
| Year 3 | Sarah     | Year 4 | Anvika   |
| Year 5 | Gillian   | Year 6 | Logan    |

## Dates to Remember

| Date                           | Event                                   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Monday 15th December           | EYFS & KS1 Christmas Party              |
| Wednesday 17th December        | Year 6 and 5 Christmas Party            |
| Thursday 18th December         | Year 4 and 3 Christmas Party            |
| Friday 19th December           | School closes at 2.30pm                 |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January | School opens for the Spring 1 Half Term |