

St Joseph's Newsletter

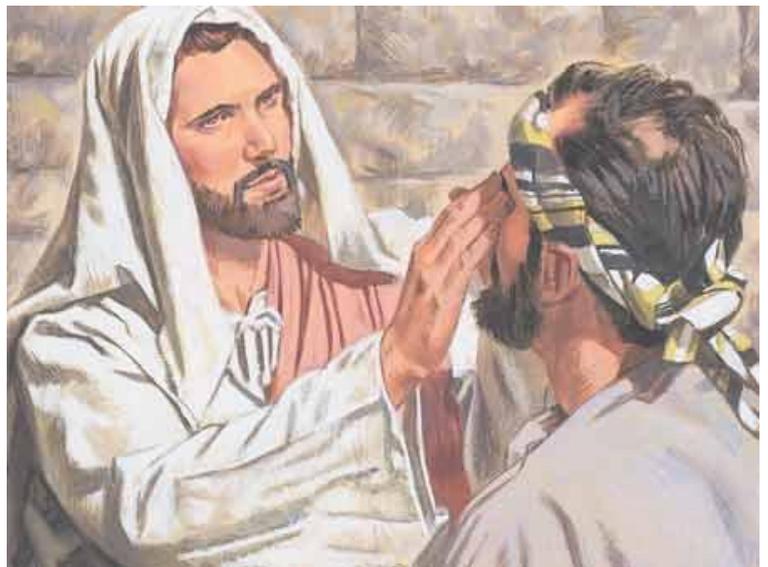
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Thank you for your support throughout this term. The children have enjoyed lots of trips, supported charities, participated in various sporting events, sung for different audiences, shared their Advent Prayer and Liturgy and enjoyed the teddy and chocolate tombola's. We raised £303.10

The winner of the meat hamper is Mrs Crompton.

The new building which will consist of 2 classrooms and a smaller work area is progressing well despite the rain. We hope that the builders will be able to start the foundations for the new school entrance and reception area early in the new year.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2026.



And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Matthew 11:4-6

Last Sunday was the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudette Sunday, Gaudete is a Latin word meaning rejoice. The pink candle on the Advent Wreath was lit, to celebrate that the end of our Advent journey is near, it's almost Christmas! We'll also rejoice because Jesus' presence is among us! Over the last few weeks of Advent, we have been preparing and getting ready by listening to important messages from Jesus and John the Baptist.

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week?

Nursery

Nursery had a very exciting last week before Christmas. We started off the week in such a lovely way with our Advent prayer and liturgy. Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us. The children were wonderful; we were so proud of them. Then we had our Christmas party where we danced to our favourite songs, played pass the parcel and even had a visit from Father Christmas. The children completed a Santa dash in PE and raced around the playground. We finished the week making snowman soup and reindeer food, ready for Christmas Eve and the children have all promised to go to bed early and stay fast asleep!! We wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas.



It's Christmas!

Reception have had a very busy week creating their Christmas makes to take home. We have made lovely decorations for our trees, beautiful cards, reindeer food and a reindeer bag to pop everything into.

We have also been learning the true meaning of Christmas, looking at the nativity story and why it is so important to us.

Reception wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Reception



Year 1

It has been a very cheerful week in year one. In English, we invented toys for Santa. We sketched a plan, made a model, wrote a letter to Santa. We were very excited to see that Santa wrote back!

In maths we have been discussing patterns. We created holiday shapes with pattern blocks. We have also been discussing radiating patterns, or patterns that go around in a circle. Snowflakes are a radiating pattern that occur in nature. We filled our classroom with lots of snowflakes that we made.

We hope you have a restful and cheerful break.

Year 2

Year two started off the last week of a busy term with our KS1 Christmas party! The children had fun dancing, playing pass the parcel and even had a special visit from Father Christmas and we enjoyed singing Christmas songs with him. We have also been enjoying finishing off our science unit of materials, we did some investigations to see which materials were waterproof and looked at surface tension with different liquids. In English this week we have been writing elf and North Pole descriptions, letters to Santa and writing diaries as if we were a character from the North Pole. Merry Christmas!

Year 3

What a busy last week year 3 have had! We are all in need of the Christmas break as Year 3 have achieved so much. They put on an amazing performance for the year 4s of their rendition on the first Noel, which was spectacular to hear and watch. This is such a musically talented class. The performing didn't stop there as we were fortunate enough to be given tickets to the musical show of Roald Dahl's The Enormous Crocodile at the Lowry. Year 3 represented the school beautifully and it was thoroughly entertaining. On Thursday afternoon they let their hair down at the LKS2 Christmas party where songs, dance, snacks and games were fun for all. Now rest up children for more exciting learning next year. From all of us in Year 3 and St Josephs, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy new year, God bless.

Year 4

What a magical week it has been as we embraced the joy and spirit of the Christmas season together! Our classrooms and hallways have been filled with laughter, creativity, and holiday cheer, making this a truly unforgettable time for all. This week, the children delighted in a variety of lovely Christmas activities. A highlight of our week was, of course, our annual Christmas Party! The children had a wonderful time celebrating with their friends, sharing treats, playing games, and basking in the festive spirit. The music performances this week were simply spectacular. The children's hard work and practise were evident as they performed holiday classics with such enthusiasm and joy. As we prepare to bid farewell to

this term, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support throughout the year. It has been a privilege to watch your children grow, learn, and share in these special moments. Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a lovely, restful holiday break. May your homes be filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of the season.

We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year for more adventures and learning.



Year 5

What a lovely end to our term this week has been in Year 5. The class have still worked hard producing fantastic space narratives and retellings of the nativity story. They have also been working hard on their skills of division within maths and been little engineers this week creating their own functioning electric locomotions. On Wednesday we had lots of fun playing games and dancing at the Christmas party, and the children also enjoyed some Christmas quizzes and films on our final day. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year, well done for working so hard this term!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a fantastic week and half term and term! They thoroughly deserve a two week break after so much hard work! Their flashback stories about Joseph are packed with adventurous vocabulary choices, description and emotion - they have done a wonderful job capturing the feeling of the writing. In science, they have been learning about the contribution of different scientists and how our understanding changes over time and today they have impressed me with how healthy they all eat! They have continued to work hard in music and PE throughout the year. Please keep reading with the children throughout the holidays - it really is the best thing they can do to help unlock all of their learning potential! Have a wonderful Christmas and we shall see you all in the New Year ready for Lledr Hall!

Happy Birthday To...

Jeremiah

Mawette

Rufael

Lily-Mae

Qudus

Aurora

Noah

Harithik

Saatvik

Christiane

Fareeha

Jeremy

Joanne

NEW BUILDING UPDATE

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Dates to Remember

Date	Event
Monday 5 th January	School opens for the Spring 1 Half Term
Monday 12 th – 14 th January	Y6 Lledr Hall
Friday 13 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 23 rd February	School opens
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for the Easter Holidays