

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 6th December 2024

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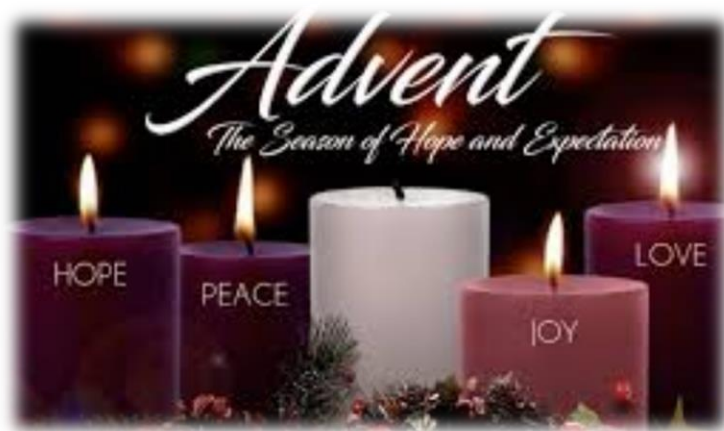
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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

This week we lit our second Purple Advent Candle. This symbolises Peace and is sometimes known as the Bethlehem candle.

We remember Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, as Mary prepared to welcome her son Jesus.



OFSTED – 3.12.24

As you are aware, we had our OFSTED phone call on Monday, which meant we had to make a few changes and adaptations and once again, I am very grateful for your flexibility and understanding with this.

The Inspection team attended on Tuesday and this was a very busy day in school. As I shared on the recent text messages, the children did us proud and we are so grateful for the support you as families gave us: through your completion of the Parental views questionnaires, through your kind words of support and for ensuring pupils arrived punctually.

I must extend thanks to our Governors who attended meetings on Monday evening and during the Inspection on Tuesday again sharing their care and passion for all at St. Mary's.

Finally, I must give thanks to the Staff Team. They went above and beyond to ensure our school was celebrated and reflected fairly and worked to showcase all we do.

We cannot share any details until I receive the final report which I will do in due course.

4.12.24 – Anglo Saxon visit

On Wednesday, we had a special visitor, an Anglo Saxon storyteller who came along to enhance the History Curriculum.



"I learnt that the Anglo Saxons were two separate tribes that were in the same area and when together formed the Anglo Saxons" Violet Jameson

"I learnt that the Anglo Saxons lived in wood houses and every winter they needed to do lots of work on them" Rome Heaton

"I learnt that the Anglo Saxons fought with spears and on the Battle fields they had lots of set instructions that they had to learn" Lilianna Conway

Class 3 - World War 2: The Home Front Trip- Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Another action packed visit for Class 3 to support their History topic!

Just like that, we were back at The Museum of Lancashire for ANOTHER session linked to our World War 2 topic, this time with a focus on The Front Line. First stop was the Billeting Office, where we were told where we would be staying whilst we were evacuees.



Jamie- my favourite part was sitting in the classroom and learning how to use a bandage.

Louisa- I enjoyed the Semaphore signalling and using the bandages.

Bailey- I liked being the ARP warden and dressing up- the Moaning Minnie was very loud.

Maisie- I would like to go back again to the museum to learn even more about the war.

Santa Dash – 2024

We had great fun dashing through the snow, travelling over icebergs and through the elves caves
...and of course running through school!

We raised just over £1000 for school, an amazing total! This will be used to benefit all in school and we have plans to buy some new books for school!





Key stage one Nativity

10.12.24 – Dress rehearsal in school – The Whole School can watch and can visit the FOSM tuck shop ahead of the show £2 combo deal- can, crisps, and Haribo's (Halal/ Vegetarian option available)

11.12.24 – Nativity 10.00 and 4.00 pm – KS1 Pupils REMAIN in school have a drink, snack and then get dressed for the 4.00 pm show.

Next week.....

9.12.24 – Whole school Pantomime visit am – Lunch upon return. Picnic style lunch
Pupils will ALL get a pack of crisps and a biscuits at the Panto (a treat from school). They may bring a water bottle but it MUST BE a DISPOSABLE labelled bottle. We cannot take their normal drinks bottles.

FOSM -Christmas Fayre from 3.30 onwards

Pupils will leave school at the normal time of 3.15 and be handed over to families



12.12.24 – FOSM -Breakfast with Santa -£5

This includes a delicious breakfast, chocolate treat and a story with Santa! This has been pre booked and pupils cannot 'turn up' on the day.

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Dates for your diary

9.12.24 - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime

11.12.24 – Key stage one Nativity – 10.00 am and 4.00 pm

17.12.24 – Passport for Learning Day

Useful Information

School times

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm

Forest School – This commenced w/c 09.09.24

Monday: Class 1 Forest School

Wednesday: Class 3 OR class 4 Forest School – Autumn 1 Class 3 Autumn 2 Class 4

Friday: Class 2

PE Days

Class 1: Wed pm and Fri pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Monday pm and Thurs pm

Class 4: Tuesday (Swimming) ** and Thursday pm ** Swimming commenced from 10.9.24

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures will resume in the New Year Thursday 9th January 2024

Helping Hands

With the support of St. Mary's Parish, we have created a '*Helping Hands Fund*' - This means we have a stock of tinned food / non-perishable items and toiletries ...So, if you ever need a little '**Helping Hand**' please just ask and we can gladly put a pack together.

Celebration Awards

Last Celebration assembly is 13.12.24

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Holly Wilson	Matthew Williams	Sadie Lewis
Class 2	Sebby Allen	Phoebe Simpson	
Class 3	Roisin Moss	Esmee Woodruff- Brown	Imaan Khan
Class 4	Deondre Thompson	Isla Pennington	

