



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 16: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year to you all!

This week, the children have taken part in induction week within their classes. This includes a re-cap on some key areas of learning covered in autumn term. It includes work on the British values - looking at individual liberty and mutual respect, our behaviour and safeguarding policies and procedures (including who are trusted adults the children can go to if they have any worries). The children have also been learning about how to keep safe online and about their emotional resilience and wellbeing - dealing with emotions and calming and regulating techniques.

Black history is woven into our curriculum throughout school, but we have taken the time this week to remind the children about significant key figures and what we can learn from them. These include: Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King.

As well as all of this, children have been focusing on reading and making predictions about what might happen in a book, as well as revisiting work on their class composer and styles of music.

We have been talking about the importance of our class rules and behaviour expectations and it has been lovely to see the children return to school enthusiastic and ready to learn.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

**Events and Notices**

We have a new menu for spring term. This is available on our website. We will be on week two next week.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Y5 attending Mass with the parish

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January Y2 and Y4 Nurse Workshops for children

Y6 Safeguarding Me Programme - this will now start on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January (every Friday for 9 weeks; please see separate letter)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January- Y4 educational visit- Please see separate letter.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January Y6 at Mass

EYFS parents are invited to parent workshops as follows:

Nursery: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 9am (how parents can support at home)

Reception: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 9am (reading workshop)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 6pm - Y6 Parent meeting

We have a number of families who are regularly arriving late to school. As a reminder, we open the gates at 8:40am for children to arrive and school starts at 8:45am. The gate closes at 8:55am and any children arriving after this time must be brought through the main entrance. If arriving late, our office staff will ask parents to complete a late slip with the reason for the late arrival. It is important for a child's wellbeing, education and future that they understand the importance of arriving on time. Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time. Arriving on time, ensures children's learning and morning routine is not disrupted.

**Prayer and Reflection**

***On Sunday we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.***

*Jesus was Baptised by John in the River Jordan. This was part of God's plan and reminds us of our own Baptism.*

*We are children of God and walk together in the light of Christ.*

Luke, Chapter 3: "And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'"

