



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

'Twas the week before Christmas and in every classroom,
The children were excited to be breaking up soon.
The school is so crammed full of tinsel and cheer,
A wonderful way to finish off the year.

Although we are tired, you won't hear us moan,
(Not even when we found out it's not coming home!)
Hymns and carols are ringing out for us all to hear,
We are all doing our bit to spread Christmas cheer.

Nursery and Reception have learnt through their play,
And had a magical time during their Disney themed day.
They wowed us and amazed us through their Advent video,
The cutest little actors - what a marvellous show!

In Year One and Year Two, they were put to the test,
Their acting and singing was simply the best.
Then making their cards and crafts, they really were a treat,
With glitter, glue, stained glass and Year One' stinky feet!

Year Three's sand art was amazing, their Egyptian facts sublime,
Their crafting was so intricate; they really took their time.
Our Year Four children made angels - a creative delight,
A splendid decoration for a 'Silent Night'.

Year Five are talented artists, worthy of acclaim,
Blending paints, making reindeer, work worthy of a frame.
Year Six spent some time cooking and making,
Mixing and kneading, delicious bread baking.

We shared our musical talents and sang with a smile,
Our voices raised the roof, we sing with such style.
What a busy term we've had and it's flown so quick,
And there's only a few more sleeps until we hope to see St. Nick.

'Twas the week before Christmas and time for a rest,
Here's hoping your holidays are peaceful and blessed.
We thank all families for your kindness and good cheer,
Here's to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you so much on behalf of all of the staff for your kindness, good wishes, cards and gifts. We wish you all a joyful and holy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023!

Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Award Winners

Our children have been trying so hard to obtain Dojo points this half term. They are distributed for children trying their best, not giving up, being ready to learn, taking pride in their work and more. We have counted them up for this half term and the following children have received the most points. They enjoyed a celebratory afternoon tea on Wednesday!

Emily, Roman, Dora, Adrianna, Joe, Lockelan, Ava, Lewis, Harrison, Lulu, George, Harley, Anthony and Faye - well done all!

Term Dates

Spring Term:

Inset day: Tuesday 3rd January

Term starts: Wednesday 4th January

Inset day: Friday 17th February

Half term holiday: 20th-24th February

Term ends: Friday 31st March

Summer Term

Term starts: Monday 17th April

Additional Bank Holiday: Monday 8th May
(King Charles III Coronation)

Half term holiday: 29th May-2nd June

Term ends: Friday 21st July

Inset days: 24th and 25th July

Our prayers this week are with the children and families of those involved in the tragic events in Babbs Mill Park at the weekend, where four young boys have lost their lives. Our hearts go out to their families at this devastating time.

Some guidance on winter water safety can be found below:

[Winter Water Safety - West Midlands Fire Service \(wmfs.net\)](http://www.wmfs.net)
[Royal Life Saving Society UK issues winter water safety advice | Royal Life Saving Society UK \(RLSS UK\)](http://www.rls.uk)



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Notices

- Letters have been sent to parents regarding attendance where your child's attendance rate has dropped below 92% this term, as per our policy. We understand some illnesses make absence unavoidable and thank you for keeping us updated on your child's health. This is a supportive mechanism to see if there is anything that we can help with in school.
- We are pleased to welcome David Chadwick, a former Prevent Education Officer, to school on Thursday 5th January who will be leading workshops with Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6. Prevent is part of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy. This activity will form part of the children's induction week to the new term and forms part of our RSHE curriculum. The workshop will include support for children in terms of self-esteem, self-worth, empowering them to make safe decisions online and offline, understanding the positive impact they can have on their community, stranger danger, trust circles, radicalisation and how to recognise if something isn't right and what to do about it. All of this will be taught through a light-hearted and fun way which will raise the children up. We do ask if KS2 parents could make a voluntary contribution of £2 through the school gateway towards the cost.
- We are continuing to keep up to date on any Government and local guidance regarding Scarlet Fever and the Strep A bacterial infection and promoting good hand and respiratory hygiene. We have had no known cases in school to date. This website provides some child friendly information, as well as advice to parents and has been recommended by our School Nursing Service:

[Health for Kids | A fun and interactive resource for learning about health](#)

Events and Diary Dates

A reminder that new term will start for children on Wednesday 4th January. Tuesday 3rd January is an inset day - school will be closed to pupils.

Our Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany will be at 1:30pm on Friday 6th January in school.

Tuesday 17th January - Y6 will be attending Mass with the Parish.

Wednesday 18th January - Y4 visit to Walsall Art Gallery - more details to follow.

Monday 23rd January 2:15pm - Fr Craig will be leading a teaching Mass in the Y3 classroom whereby the Y3 children will be talked through different parts of the Mass. Parents are welcome to attend.

Friday 27th January - Y6 visit to St Chad's Cathedral - more details to follow.

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

God our Father,

As we look forward to Christmas, the excitement is growing.

Just as the light from the Advent wreath grows brighter,

We pray that the light of Jesus will grow brighter in our lives, too.

Bless our preparations for the holy Season of Christmas, Lord.

Help us to put right what is wrong and to truly live as Jesus showed us.

Amen



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

Christmas Mass

There is a Family Mass at St. Mary of the Angels Church on Christmas Eve, 5pm.

Children are welcome to wear their Nativity costumes.

