



St John the Baptist's Weekly Newsletter

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Faithfulness, Courage and Respect



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Welcome families



On Tuesday morning we had our first outdoor Nursery Nativity performance and our children were superstars. Today we have had Late Foundation's performances and again they were amazing. They have certainly shared with us the true meaning of Christmas and filled our school community with Christmas spirit! We look forward to Year 1 and 2 Nativity performances next Wednesday. If possible, please bring a folding chair and please do bring a blanket.

PA Christmas Raffle

We have 50 wonderful prizes and the first is £100 cash (see adjacent photo)! Tickets are £1 each. Please contact the school office if you would like to purchase additional tickets. We hope you're a lucky winner! If you have any spare tickets that you do not wish to purchase please can you return them to school.

Year 5 led our Advent assembly this Monday, thinking about the second Sunday of Advent. Year 5 encouraged children to share God's love with each other and to spread peace. Children were asked to think about how they could be instruments of peace and they were reminded to keep their Advent promises.

With the very best wishes, Mrs Hartley

Virtue to live by: **Patience**

I can wait. I have self-control and act calmly even when things are difficult.



Attendance

Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week.
Congratulations to Year 5 who had the winning attendance for last week.



Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
83.33%	95.31%	91.91%	93.01%	95.60%	98.64%	85.71%

Diary Dates

Friday 10th December- Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14th December – Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 15th December – PA Christmas Raffle will be drawn.

Friday 17th December- Christmas Party Day

Friday 17th December –School closes

Wednesday 5th January – School re-opens

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the safeguarding team.

DSL: Mrs Hartley (Head of School)

Deputy DSLs: Mrs S Spittle, Mrs D Ferguson, Miss B Noone and Mr Flood (Executive Headteacher)



Father Mark brought these beautiful Nativity sets to school at the being of Advent and they are currently displayed in our school hall. They have been donated to school by a kind parishioner. Many thanks from the staff and children at St John's.

Celebration Assembly

We are really looking forward to celebrating virtually tomorrow!
This week our Gold Book superstars are:



Late Foundation – Junior & Daniel

Year 1 – Joshua & George

Year 2 – Stanley & William

Year 3 – Imogen & Alex C

Year 4 - Charlie & Hari

Year 5 - Gabriel & Olivia

Year 6 - Layla & Lucy

Christmas Jumper Day

Tomorrow is Christmas Jumper Day to raise funds for Save the Children. Children can wear non-uniform and any festive clothes - t-shirt, jumper, dress or tinsel in their hair etc. We are suggesting a £1 donation. Thank you from The School Council Team.

Nursery places available from January

We have 15 hours and 30 hours places available from January. Please contact the school office for further information.

Wednesday Word

Please see the link for this half term's *Wednesday Word* below. Due to extra weeks/pages contained in the Booklet, there is **a page turn facility on the link.**

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/christmas-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=47.2>

100 Club

The draw for the Hundred Club for last week took place in Year 6.

The winning number was number 62, Jamie Year 6.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner will take place on Tuesday 14th December for **all year groups**. If your child wishes to have a Christmas dinner on that day you will need to log on to your School Grid account to place your order.

Orders must be placed through your School Grid account by TODAY, 9TH DECEMBER.

Christmas shopping on Amazon

If you are buying Christmas presents or gifts on Amazon, you can help our school parents' association raise money at no cost to you. Go to **smile.amazon.co.uk** and sign in with your usual login details. You will be asked to nominate a charity. In the search box, type in '**St John the Baptist Normanton**' and select '**Parent Association of St John the Baptist Cp School**'. A percentage of each purchase will go to the Parents' Association. Thank you.

Admission to School September 2022

If your child is due to start school, Late Foundation (Reception Class), in September 2022 then please contact the school office for further information and to make an appointment if you wish to visit our wonderful school.

Christmas Party Day

All classes will celebrate their Christmas party on **Friday 17th December**. Children can wear their own clothes/party clothes (please ensure children have sensible footwear as we will play outside as usual). There will be party games, food and festive fun! We are asking children to bring a contribution of 50p. **Please can this be sent to school in an envelope with your child's name and class on it.** Many thanks in advance.

Eco Council

Our Eco Council are keen to share their eco-friendly tips with you. They have tried to look for simple things we can all do every day to save energy. See what you can do this week. Tweet a photograph of yourselves helping in our mission to look after our beautiful planet. The Eco Councillors would love to see what you are doing at home!



4) Replace your light bulbs for energy saving alternatives.
Even better...use natural light whenever possible!