



St John the Baptist's Weekly Newsletter

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Faithfulness, Courage and Respect



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Welcome families



What another amazing week we have had! It was great to have the whole school together, outside, to watch Year 1 and Year 2's fabulous Nativity, *The Sleepy Shepherd*. Huge thanks to our wonderful children and staff team for their incredible efforts to make these magical and memorable performances. Special thanks to our families for your Christmas spirit and continued support, all of our audiences have been brilliant and understanding of the current circumstances, working with us to keep our community safe. We have a fantastic staff team at St John's and I thank them for their hard work and dedication in a very challenging term.

On Tuesday we had a delicious Christmas lunch and tomorrow we will finish with festive fun as we host our party days across school!

Key Stage 2 classes have led our Monday Advent assemblies and along with our wonderful nativites we have shared the true meaning of Christmas, that behind the festivities, decorations and traditions lies something miraculous. Jesus brings light and love for all, and sharing God's love with others is central to our community at St John's.

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas, Mrs Hartley

Virtue to live by: **Patience**

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



Diary Dates

Friday 17th December- Christmas Party Day

Friday 17th December –School closes

Wednesday 5th January – School re-opens

DATES TO REMEMBER

Attendance

Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week.
Congratulations to Year 4 who had the winning attendance for last week.



Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
81.54%	93.79%	92.06%	97.87%	98.35%	88.44%	92.07%

A HUGE THANK YOU!

Huge thanks to our PA and to our families for supporting so generously the events that have been planned. The funds raised are extremely valuable and enhance the experiences of our children at St John's.



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)

CAFOD World Gifts

Tomorrow the children will be choosing the Cafod World Gifts they wish to buy from their class. If you would like to still contribute to this then please send your donation in tomorrow morning. Thank you to the Parent's who have already sent in a donation. We will let you know in January the gifts the children decide to buy.

100 Club

The draw for the Hundred Club for last week took place in Year 4.

The winning number was number 77 Emmett Year 2.

This weeks big Christmas draw for £50 took place today in Year 5 classroom.

The winning number is 72, Mr Chester.

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.

PA Christmas Raffle

Thank you to our families for the amazing donations for the Christmas raffle prizes. Where possible we will be sending prizes home today with children but if the prize is too large or contains alcohol then you will be asked to please collect it from the school office.

To all families, thank you for your incredible generosity this term. We have supported the Well Project at harvest, Save the Children, Children in Need, the British Legion Poppy Appeal, Catholic Care and CAFOD World Gifts.



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!

5) **Compost, compost, compost.** If you have let your food go that little bit too far past its 'best by' then you need to be sure to compost it rather than putting it in the bin. Not only will this help create a natural fertiliser and keep your garden green, it'll also reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.