

### All Saints Catholic Primary School

## News

#### Message for parents and guardians about keeping your family well this winter from the Director of Public Health Professor Matthew Ashton

Flu is spreading earlier than usual this year. More people are getting sick. There are easy ways to help stop it spreading. Please remind your child to wash their hands often - especially before eating, after using the toilet, and after coughing and sneezing. Encourage them to cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze, and to wash their hands afterwards.

If they don't have a tissue, they can cough or sneeze into their elbow or sleeve, not their hands.

The flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself from flu. If your child did not get their flu vaccine at school, you can bring them to a drop-in flu clinic this Saturday morning 13 December at Kensington Clinic, 9:30am–12:30pm for school-aged children. No booking is needed. The flu vaccine helps protect your child and family. It is safe and cannot give your child the flu

Children can still come to school if they have a slight cough or a common cold, (like a runny nose, sore throat or headache), as long as they are otherwise well and do not have a high temperature. But if they have a high temperature, keep them off school until the temperature has gone.

#### **Allergies**

I'd like to remind everyone of our commitment to keeping All Saints Catholic Primary School a safe and inclusive environment for all children. We have several pupils with severe nut allergies, and for their safety, we must ensure that no products containing nuts are brought into school.

Please be vigilant when preparing packed lunches and snacks, checking ingredient labels carefully to avoid items such as peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts, and other nut-based products. Even trace amounts can pose a serious risk.

Your support in this matter is deeply appreciated and helps us protect the health and wellbeing of every child in our care. Thank you for working with us to keep our school community safe.

#### Year 6 Visit to the New North West Ambulance Station

This week, Year 6 visited the new North West Ambulance station to plant an All Saints' tree in their yard. This continues the strong partnership we've built with the team over the past couple of years. We already have a time capsule and artwork displayed in their foyer, and it was great to add another contribution to mark our ongoing connection.

We're looking forward to continuing this partnership in the future, including welcoming the team into school for assemblies and providing CPR training opportunities for our children.













Headteacher's Award

Ahmed Zubair

Carla Ghinea

Harper Starkey













#### **Christmas Choir**

On Wednesday some of our Year 4 choir members had the opportunity to take part in a Carol Service at the Metropolitan Cathedral. They heard the nativity story, listened to the choir and even saw a real donkey! We had a lovely time and reflected on the true spirit and meaning of Christmas.



The choir have visited Rowan Garth Nursing Village twice this week to spread some Christmas cheer to the residents. They sang so beautifully and cheerfully and definitely brightened up a dull and drizzly Friday!















#### Firefly Stay and Play

On Wednesday children in Firefly were joined by their families for their Christmas Musical Stay and Play. After joining in with Jon for a percussion session, there was a group sing song and a fun stay and play.

Children were making cakes, smashing ice with hammers and crafting wonderful decorations. Feedback from parents included:

"It was a gorgeous morning being invited in. To see all the children taking part in the singalong and how well staff work along side the children and other staff members. Thank you all so much for the work you all do. It's honestly appreciated."





#### **Firefly Shopping Trip**

Every week children from Firefly visit supermarkets and cafes to build up social skills and develop routines. This week, Zak was pushing the trolley. We also had a tasty bite to eat in the cafe.





#### **Meeting Mighty Red**

Our Reception children met LFC mascot Mighty Red this week.

















#### Pre - Loved Books

We are currently updating our classroom libraries and would love to fill them with exciting new titles to read. If you have any of the following books in your home no longer being used, we would be very grateful if you could donate to school.

- · Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- · Dog Man
- Dork Diaries
- Investigators
- · Rainbow Magic
- · Captain Underpants
- · Bunny V Monkey
- · Cat Kid



#### A Gentle Reminder About Yard Time at Dismissal

We love seeing the children's excitement at the end of the school day, it's such a joyful time! To help keep that joy safe for everyone, we kindly ask parents and carers to stay close and supervise children during dismissal and collection.

Please encourage little ones to treat our yard equipment with care and respect. Sadly, a few resources have been damaged after school, and we'd never want anyone to get hurt while playing. With your support, we can make sure the yard remains a safe and happy space for all.

Thank you for helping us look after our school community, it really does make a difference!

#### In Harmony Sharing Sessions December 2025

Year 4 - 15th December, parents to arrive at 1:45 at the parish centre - 2:00pm start





#### Dogs in School

Reminder that dogs are <u>NOT</u> allowed on the premises unless they are service/guide dogs.
This includes dogs being carried.
Thank you.

















# Christmas Dates for your Diary 2025



Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Carol Service	Christmas Parties	Christmas Carol Service	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Lunch	In Harmony Sharing Sessions
2.00pm Year 2 - Year 6 - Church	More details to follow	11.00am - EYFS/Y1/Hive - Church	Children can wear a Christmas Jumper to school Christmas Lunch	Year 4 1.45pm – Parish Centre

















**Attendance and Punctuality** 

It is important that your child is on time for school each day, so that they can benefit from a full day's

education. A reminder that holidays during school time are not authorised whatever the circumstances and a local authority fine will be issued. If you do take your child on holiday, please inform us before you go as it could become a safeguarding issue if we cannot contact you. Please report any absences before 9.00am via

Seesaw or telephone call. If you have any difficulties getting your child to school and especially around lateness please contact Mrs Kelly. If you are taking your child out of school during the school day, you must show a letter/email/appointment card. Please do your best to make appointments outside of school hours.

Absence Reporting - Seesaw

When reporting an absence please make sure you select both the 'Absence Reporting' and 'School Office' options as well as your class teacher. This will ensure the right staff are receiving the information needed and you are not being contacted unnecessarily. If you are sharing information regarding collection of a child or appointments they may have, please make sure you select the 'School Office' option as well as your class teacher. Thank you!

**Supervision After School Hours** 

We would like to remind you of our after-school supervision policy to ensure the safety and well-being of all our students. Please be aware that there is no supervision available for children after the end of the school day. It is important that all children are picked up promptly at the end of their school day.

For safety reasons, any child who is not collected by 3:30pm will be placed in our Night Owls provision. This ensures that all children are supervised in a safe environment until they can be picked up. Please note that there is a £10 charge for this service, which will be billed to parents. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring that all children are picked up on time and that our school remains a safe and secure place for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.















## Prayer and Liturgy Third Sunday of Advent

This week, we listen to Jesus say that he came to heal people who are sick and bring good news to people who are poor. We are going to think about how we can be that good news and help to build a better world for all people to live in.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 11:2-11

John the Baptist heard in prison about the things that Christ was doing and he sent some of his disciples to him. "Tell us," they asked Jesus, "are you the one John said was going to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you are hearing and seeing: the blind can see, the lame can walk, those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases are made clean, the deaf hear, the dead are brought back to life, and the Good News is preached to the poor. How happy are those who have no doubts about me!"

While John's disciples were leaving, Jesus spoke about him to the crowds: "When you went out to John in the desert, what did you expect to see? A blade of grass bending in the wind? What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in fancy clothes? People who dress like that live in palaces! Tell me, what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes indeed, but you saw much more than a prophet. For John is the one of whom the scripture says: 'God said, I will send my messenger ahead of you to open the way for you.' I assure you that John the Baptist is greater than anyone who has ever lived. But the one who is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than John."

John the Baptist, who we heard about last week, wants to make sure that Jesus is really the special person that he has been waiting for, so he sends some friends to check.

Jesus answers them by telling them that he is the one who has come to heal those who are sick and bring good news to people who are poor. This answer tells John that Jesus really is the person for whom he has been waiting. We are all part of one family, God's family, and God asks us to love each other and care for each other. But what does it mean to bring good news to people who are poor? Do you have any ideas? What can we do to help people, either our friends, family or people in other countries whom we have never met? How can we help people who are sick or who have hurt themselves? People who are hungry or thirsty? People who are poor? CAFOD works alongside people who are poor all around the world. When there is an emergency, like an earthquake or a flood, this can mean giving people food or shelter, but more often it means helping them to help themselves. For example, giving people seeds, tools and training means that they can grow enough food for their families and enough to share with others. This is very good news!

At the beginning of the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis asked us to be signs of hope to one another, especially to people in any kind of need. Throughout the Jubilee Year so many people have been doing what they can to answer this call. They have been praying, walking, fundraising and campaigning to try to build a better world. This is also really good news! The Jubilee Year comes to an end soon, but the work of putting our faith into action and working together with all our sisters and brothers to create a fairer and more loving world will continue. We can all play our part in changing the world for the better. How will you try to be like Jesus, helping others, being a sign of hope, and sharing the good news that God loves us all in the next week?



Generous God, we thank you for all the good things that you have given us. Help us to follow the example of Jesus, to care for others and to share the good news through our actions.

Amen.

#### Stars of The Week

Everyone in R1- for all of their efforts and enthusiasm during our nativity performance, they made us all so proud Milana - R2 - for excellent listening and great work Benjamin - R2 - for being a superstar this week

Cezar - 15 - amazing listening in maths
Kleart - 15 - Great listening in maths groups
Hallie - 1F - for great work writing number sentences!
Martha - 1F - for writing an amazing story!

Leo - 2B - for showing resilience when adding two 2-digit numbers
Gisele - 2B - for showing so much enthusiasm in our nativity
James - 2J - for great cutting in DT
Ivy - 2J - for fantastic exchanging in Maths



Jacob - 3P - for amazing participation in our Sharing Session Nova - 3P - for outstanding work in Grammar and always following our Golden Rules

> Tula - 4S - for her Roman mosaics Joel - 4S - for his effort throughout the whole term

Connie - 5J - for a detailed research piece on the legacy of the Anglo-Saxons Nathan - 5J - for great work in Maths

Shae - 6ST - for brilliant work in History creating a timeline of events to explain the power struggle between the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons.

Jorgia S - 6ST - for always being a kind and helpful member of our class and a fantastic friend to everyone!

Heidi - 6S - for welcoming our Ukrainian visitors so warmly

Evie - 6S - for always setting a good example

Lilymae - Dragonfly Class - for engaging in intensive interactions

Lucca - Firefly Class - for showing resilience and joining in our Musical Stay and Play session

Zaine - Butterfly Class - for excellent behaviour on our class trip











