



# ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - Autumn 11 | 19th November 2021

This week we welcomed Miss Williams to our school. Miss Williams will be working with Mrs El Khoury until she goes on maternity leave at the end of January. I know she has had a wonderful week getting to know the children and parents in Circus Class. Thank you to Mrs El Khoury, Mrs Brun and the children for making her feel so welcome. I am also delighted to share with you that Mrs Farrell-Cotton is expecting a baby in April. It is lovely to be welcoming so many new arrivals to the Mary Mags family! This means we are currently recruiting for a class teacher to cover Mrs Farrell-Cotton's three days in Year 3. The advert can be found on Eteach. If you know any outstanding teachers who would like to join our very special school, please send them the following link: <https://www.eteach.com/job/class-teacher---maternity-cover-for-year-3-1190134>

## COVID-19 Update

Thank you to everyone for remaining vigilant and making sure that children isolate if they have symptoms until they receive a negative PCR result. I am particularly grateful to the children and staff for taking daily lateral flow tests to help stop the spread. Whilst it is not a pleasant experience, it has helped us identify asymptomatic cases and the number of active cases (people in isolation) are declining, which is a positive sign.

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 24th November – Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

Friday 26th November – Christmas Fair Mufti - Christmas Jumper Day - Chocolate (help required from Y3D and Y4)

Thursday 2nd December – Advent Liturgy

Friday 3rd December – Christmas Fair Mufti - Christmas Fancy Dress Day - Home produce (help required from Y5 and Y6)

Saturday 4th December – Christmas Fair

Wednesday 8th December – Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal – Led by Year 2 – 10am

Thursday 9th December – Nativity Play – Led by Year 2 – 10am

Thursday 9th December – Shop 'til You Drop Market

Thursday 16th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Service – Led by Year 4 – 7pm

Friday 17th December – Last Day of Term – 1pm Finish

Tuesday 4th January – Start of Spring Term

## End of Term

You will see that we will now be finishing school at 1pm on the last day of term (17th December). Going forward, we will have a half day at the end of every term in line with other local schools. (This does not  
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apply to half terms). The children will have lunch at school before they go home. If you require childcare on the last day of term, NS Sport will be on site and you can book a place for your child until 3.30, 4.30 or 6pm.

### **Term Dates 2022-2023**

Thursday 1 September: autumn term begins

Monday 31 October: Inset Day – school closed

Tuesday 1 November: Inset Day – school closed

Friday 16 December: school closes for Christmas holidays (1pm)

Half Term: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Tuesday 3 January: spring term begins

Friday 31 March: school closes for Easter holidays (1pm)

Half Term: Monday 13 February – Friday 17 February

Monday 17 April: summer term begins

Friday 28 April: Inset Day – school closed

Monday 1 May: May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 26 May: Inset Day – school closed

Monday 5 June: Inset Day – school closed

Friday 21 July: school closes for summer holidays (1pm)

Half Term: Monday 29 May – Friday 2 June

### **Christmas Fair**

Just a reminder of the upcoming “Mufti” (non-uniform) days every Friday before the Christmas Fair. Please don't worry, the theme is not mandatory! Dates and themes are as follows:

26<sup>th</sup> November: Christmas Jumper Day - Chocolate (help required from Y3D and Y4)

3rd December: Christmas Fancy Dress Day - Home produce (help required from Y5 and Y6)

Thank you in advance for your support and donations.

### **Christmas Fair Poster Competition**

Following on from the success of our Summer Fair Poster Competition, we are once again asking the children to help us by designing a poster to promote this year's Christmas Fair.

The festive design needs to be in portrait A4 format and include the following information:

- St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School Christmas Fair
- Saturday 4th December
- 11am - 3pm

Please submit all entries to the school office by **Monday 22nd November**.

## Christmas Candles

This year we are asking the children to decorate a Christmas candle, which they will be able to buy back at next month's Christmas Fair.

As part of this project, we ask that each child buy or make a candle and decorate it in a festive Christmas theme - for example with ribbons, stickers, pine cones, foliage or in a glass jar.

Each child will be assigned this fun project as homework two weeks before the fair.

Please ensure that the candles are handed into school during the week of **29th November** and remember to stick your child's name and class year on the bottom of the candle.

Children and parents will be able to buy their own Christmas candle on the day of the fair up until 2pm. After this time they will be sold on the open market!

## PTA Lottery

Don't forget our weekly School Lottery! Everyone can join and you can buy tickets from as little as £1 each at: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-mary-magdalens-roman-catholic-primary-school>

## Extraordinary Cake Sale

I had a lovely surprise this week when Charlie and John presented me with a very special donation. Charlie had come up with the idea of running their very own cake sale to raise money for our school. The cakes looked delicious and the boys made over £40! I am so impressed by their ingenuity and generosity. Thank you!



### **Pupils of the Week**

Reception – Paddling Class – Nina Weldon

Year 1 – Circus Class – Abby Black

Year 2 – Tribe Class – Abigail Sponsler

Year 3D – Leap Class – Chloe Te Brake

Year 3FC – Zeal Class – Eric Rodrigues

Year 4 – Journey Class – Angelica Perry Pecikoza

Year 5 – Aurora Class – Hugo Sharman Guerard

Year 6 – Parade Class – Kinga Grabda- Huzior

### **Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work**

Angus Aitchison for working with great focus to produce some very accurate maths work.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your children

Catherine Hughes  
Headteacher