



ST MARY MAGDALEN'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter - Autumn 13 | 2nd December 2022

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at St Mary Magdalen's. Thank you to Father Adrian and the children and teachers in Year 3 and Year 5 for leading our Advent Liturgies this week. These are always such special services in school where we talk about this time of preparation and reflect on the year and how we can work together to live out our faith. We have also been rehearsing for our Nativity and our Christmas Carol Service which we look forward to welcoming you to over the next two weeks. Last but not least, the PTA have been working incredibly hard with your support to prepare for the Christmas fair tomorrow. Thank you to everyone for all their hard work so far and thank you in advance for your time, energy and generosity at the event tomorrow it promises to be a wonderful day!

Dates for your diaries

Saturday 3rd December – Christmas Fair – 11am to 3pm

Tuesday 6th December – Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal at 10am

Thursday 8th December – Nativity Play at 10am

Wednesday 7th December - Shop til You Drop Christmas Market – during school

Friday 9th December – Tag Rugby League Tournament

Friday 9th and Tuesday 13th December - Christmas Movie nights

Friday 13th December – Girls' Football v Barnes School

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December - Class Christmas parties in school – party clothes – Change of date

Thursday 15th December – Carol Service Years 3-6, 7pm

Friday 16th December – Last day of term – School closes 1pm

Nativity (Reception – Year 2) and Carol Service (Years 3-6)

Next week we will be welcoming you to our Nativity performances. The Nativity will be led by Year 2 and will include the children in Reception and Year 1. It will be in the school hall on Thursday 8th December at 10am. If you wish to attend with younger siblings we ask you to come to the dress rehearsal on Tuesday 6th December at 10am.

Our carol service will be led by Year 4 and will include our Year 3, 5 and 6 children. The service takes place at the church at 7pm on Thursday 15th December. We ask that the Year 4 children come to school for 6pm and all the other children arrive by 6.30pm so that the service can start promptly. Both of these events are a wonderful way for us to celebrate this special season together as a community and I look forward to seeing you there.

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Bauble Competition Winners



The PTAs bauble competition was a welcome change to the usual Christmas candle stall. All of the entries are now brightening up our school Christmas tree - do take a look at the fair tomorrow. All of the designs were beautiful but the winners were:

Reception – Mason Doci

Year 1 – Daniel Farzin

Year 2 – Charlie Farrant

Year 3 – Cara Weldon

Year 4 – Rose Thistleton

Year 5 – Beatrice Heyland

Year 6 – Julie Blasckova

Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

On Thursday, eight of our Year 3 and 4 girls competed in a locality football tournament. The girls were fantastic competitors and made it all the way to the final winning against much larger schools in a number of their matches. They were runners up in the tournament and we are incredibly proud not only of their fantastic achievement but also their excellent attitude towards each game. Thank you to Hassan and the parents who supported on the day and congratulations to Elena, Emilia, Evelyn, Grace, Lucia, Rose, Rosa and Sofia!



Church Christmas Tree Sale – This Saturday!

Don't forget that you can buy your Christmas tree from the church on the day of the Christmas Fair 9am-1pm.

PTA Announcements

Thanks to all those who supported the PTA with home baking donation, bottle donation, prize donation and much more over the past few weeks. Without your ongoing support the Christmas Fair wouldn't be a success. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family at the fair tomorrow.

If you are unable to attend the Christmas Fair tomorrow but would like to contribute, please consider donating to the PTA Just Giving Page.

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Raise money, support your friends, give to a cause. Show you care.

Thanks to all those who took the opportunity to order books through Usborne Book, we have raised £140 worth of books for the school. You can still order books through Usborne books using the link below or contacting Gabbi on the PTA.

[Children's books for all ages | Usborne | Be Curious](#)

Looking forward past the Christmas Fair, there will be two movie nights for the kids to enjoy before the end of term on the 9th and 13th December. Tickets will be on sale next week at morning drop off.



Advent

This week we marked the start of the Advent season in school by making advent promises and learning about the Advent wreath. Each week we will be adding to our calendar of kindness in school and thinking about the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

This week we have thought about Hope – what we hope for and how we can give hope to others at home, at school and in the wider community. Next week, we will be launching our Christmas charity appeal and whilst I know that families have given so much already this year we would love it if you felt able to join in.

Pupils of the Week

Reception Antarctica – The Whole Class
Year 1 Australia – Majorie Man
Year 2 Africa – Oliver Cowley
Year 3 North America – Alexia, Nico, Grace and Celina
Year 4 South America – Julio Filardi
Year 5 Europe – Naya Assi
Year 6 Asia – Emilia Newbold

Headteacher's Award for Exceptional Work

Luke Wadie and James Malouf for fantastic phonics

Elena Ogura for excellent English

Mia Turner for thoughtful work in religion

I look forward to seeing you and your children at the Christmas Fair this weekend,

Catherine Hughes,
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