



6th December 2024

Our School Christian Vision: 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25: 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'



CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE



Message from the Headteacher

This week, our Year One pupils stole the show with their performance of 'Bethlehem Bake Off'! Their enthusiasm, confidence and hard work brought the timeless story of Christmas to life.

A huge thank you to the Year One team for their dedication, and to our families for your support and encouragement. Your smiles and applause made the occasion even more special. We are so proud of our talented young stars!

Yesterday we also had a visit from author Chris Wheeler and illustrator Steve Gunning who brought their book 'Santa's Secret Agents' to life with their retelling and interactive sessions across the school.

Don't forget next week we have Year Two's Carols by Candlelight at St. John's Church on Tuesday at 3:15pm and Reception's Nativity on Wednesday at 2pm in school. On Thursday we also have our Christingle service at St. John's Church at 3:30pm which the whole school community are invited to join us for. A lovely week full of Christmas magic!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs West-Gaul



Dates for Your Diary December

- 10th Year Two 'Carols by Candlelight', 3.15pm, St. John's Church
- 11th Reception Nativity, 2pm
- 12th Christingle Service, 3.30pm, St. John's Church. Please bring your collection candle to the service.
- 13th PTA Elfridges
- 18th Christmas Services at St. John's Church: 9am: Seedlings, Acorns, Ash, Chestnut, Hazel, Maple, Pine & Sycamore. 2pm: Birch, Elm, Holly, Oak, Rowan & Willow
- 20th PTA Non-uniform Day Last Day of Term

<u>January</u>

Please note, Monday 6th January is an INSET DAY. Children will return to school on Tuesday 7th.

Please note, there will be NO NURSERY AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB on WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER.



Christingle Service at St. John's Church on 12th December at 3.30pm.



Please bring your collection candle to the service.

Awards & Achievements

Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award.

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Alex Lo Phoebe	Woody Arthur
Ash	Albert Sammy	Elsie
Birch	Eva Stanley	Riley
Chestnut	Amelia	Harvey
Elm	Maeva	Remy
Hazel	Grace	Aoife
Holly	Betsy	Kara
Maple	Caiden	Xander
Oak	Aoife	Charlie
Pine	Nate	Eden
Rowan	Harper	Ellis
Sycamore	Albie	Frankie
Willow	Nola	Isabelle H



Citizenship and Character Award

This weekend is forecast to be rather stormy and many of us might find ourselves stuck inside for a while! Why not use this as an opportunity for doing some exciting research!

Children could work towards their 'Investigative Me' strand by researching the International Space Station. Alternatively, they could work towards their 'Physical Me' strand by investigating an inspirational sports personality.

All of the grown-ups at St. John's would be delighted to hear about what the children have discovered when we return to school on Monday!

Change of Email Address

Please be aware that as of Monday 9th December, our contact email address will be changing to:

office@stjohns.mnsp.org.uk

Our current email address will be redirected temporarily, but if you could change the address in your contacts lists where necessary, we would be grateful.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

We are a nut-free school. Please do not provide any nut products for snack or lunch.

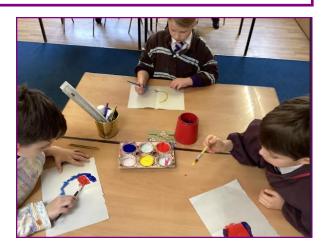
Learning in Year Two

This week in Year Two we have been really busy! In Maths we have been learning all about lines of symmetry (we made our own butterfly painting to help us understand) and sides, faces and vertices in 2 and 3 D shape.

In English we have been developing our use of vocabulary in our writing by learning how to use synonyms and onomatopoeic words to good effect. We have even had a visit from two local authors!

On top of all of this we have been practising hard for our Carol Concert at the Church next Thursday.





Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 18th December

This is available to book via ParentPay as usual:

- Roast Turkey Parcel (includes stuffing and is wrapped in bacon) or Roasted Vegetable Parcel (v)
- Chipolata
- Carrots
- Sprouts
- Roast potatoes
- Gravy
- Chocolate Christmas tree filled with strawberry ice cream











