Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week. Our theme this year is 'Make a noise' and we began our activities with 'Odd Socks Day,' which gave us an opportunity to celebrate kindness and our uniqueness. Every day classes focus on an aspect of how we can 'shout and stand up against' any form of bullying.

Y4 celebrated their first class Mass this week and it was a beautiful service. Our thanks to Fr. Gerard for all he does for us and also to Mrs. O'Connor for playing for us. Thank you to Y4 for all those who read so confidently and to all of you for your prayerful participation.

Year 1 celebrated their first class celebration service. They all spoke so clearly about 'remembrance', and different ways we can communicate with each other to show we are one family. Thank you to Mrs. Ashton and Mrs. Gunn for preparing the children. Year 1, I loved your song, you were all 'superstars'!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs. Cunningham

Stars of the Week
13th November 2023

R: Cleo & Darragh
Yr1: Jayden & Gabriel
Yr2: Natan & Hunter
Yr3: Sophie & Laura
Yr4: Liwia & Shalom
Yr5: Dawid & Emilia
Yr6: Sasha & Ethan



We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer: Mrs Cunningham or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with their line manager, Mrs Cunningham to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. David's who received the most house points last week.

The children in St. David's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. David's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for the first weeks' homework after half term.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	151
St Andrew	170
St George	238
St David	245
St John	164
Overall Winner	St David

Punctuality & Attendance

Position	Year	%	Late
1st	1	99.3	7
2nd	3	97.6	7
3rd	4	97.5	3
4th	5	97.3	1
5th	6	97.1	8
6th	2	96.2	4
7th	Nur	94.8	1
8th	Rec	91.3	6







Congratulations to Year 1 on their 99.3% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

Important Dates

Thursday 23rd November
8:30-9:30 & 2:00-3:00pm Nursery & Reception Stay & Play

Thursday 23rd November
8:50 Yr5 class mass

Friday 24th November
- **INSET DAY—no school**

Thursday 30th November
8:30-9:30 & 2:00-3:00pm Nursery & Reception Stay & Play
9:00 Yr5 Advent carol service @Westminster cathedral

Monday 4th December
- Yr3&4 Stone age workshop

Wednesday 6th December
9:00 Nursery & Reception Nativity

Thursday 7th December
- Reception weight & height check

Friday 8th December
9:00 Mrs O'Connor's piano assembly

Wednesday 13th December
9:00 Yr1&2 Christmas production

Monday 18th December
- Christmas parties & Toy day

Wednesday 20th December
9:00 Junior carol service in school

Thursday 21st December
9:00 End of term mass in church
12:30 Choir singing at nursing home

Friday 22nd December
1:30 End of term

Guess how many sweets are in the jar

Winners





Raffle prize winners



Unfortunately we did not have any guesses that were even close to guess the weight of the cakes. We therefore sold the cakes at the end of the day.

Guess the name of the teddy winner



The teddy is called Cuddles





We held a cake sale at break time and after school on Wednesday.
We managed to raise a further £124.63
Our final total for children in Need is

£1224.63!!

Anti-bullying Week

On Monday 13th November, Ms Grimshaw launched Anti-Bullying Week with an assembly on Odd Socks Day. In school, children wore their own pair of odd socks, which showed their uniqueness, as well as how they are all working together in our school community. Throughout the week, all classes completed a daily activity, including how we must speak out about injustices we see.













Remembrance day

On Tuesday 14th November, Ms Grimshaw led our Remembrance Day Service. It was a very moving occasion as we observed a minute's silence and listened to the bugle call of 'The Last Post'. Each class showed how they had remembered all those who gave their lives for us. **Reception** shared a poppy wreath, **Year 1** sang a song, **Year 2** shared their artwork, **Year 3** read their reflective prayers and **Years 4, 5 and 6** recited their emotive poems about war.



















Going for Gold…
Healthy school award



We were delighted to welcome Councillor Samia Chaudhary to our school today. She was here to present us with The Gold Healthy School award.

A big thank you to Mrs Ashton for all her hard work in making this possible.