Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear parents,

Our final week of a very busy term began with party and toy day on Monday.

We all enjoyed an amazing Christmas lunch on Tuesday. The hall was filled with song and laughter as the pupils enjoyed pulling crackers with each other and sharing the jokes. A special thank you to Bonnie, Shoba and staff, who not only provided us with such a tasty Christmas lunch, but for all their hard work this year. We also had a visit from Santa, who managed to fit us in to his busy schedule!

On Wednesday, we had two amazing carol concerts – years 5 and 6 followed by years 3 and 4. The pupils sang and read beautifully and both concerts truly captured the meaning of Christmas. My thanks to all staff involved, but particularly to Mrs. Poteratchi for her hard work in preparing the pupils and running both concerts.

We celebrated our Advent Mass on Thursday – a truly prayerful service. Thank you to Year 6 for reading, to Fr. Gerard for all he does for us and to Mrs. O'Connor for playing at the Mass.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to all parents for your support this term. I would also like to say a huge 'Thank you' to all of the staff and governors for their hard work on behalf of our children and the school community.

Our busy term has come to an end, and on behalf of all staff I wish you all a restful, holy and happy Christmas.
We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 8th January.**

Mrs. Cunningham

Important Dates January

Monday 8th January
8:30am Start of Spring term

Wednesday 10th January
- Yr1 cake sale
- Swimming for Y4

Thursday 11th January
9:00 Beginning of term mass
10:00 Nursery & Reception Open morning for prospective parents

Wednesday 17th January
- Reception hearing tests

Thursday 18th January
9:30am School Pantomine

Friday 19th January
9:00am Yr6 SATS meeting

Wednesday 24th January
- Yr5 cake sale

Admissions for Reception – September 2024
Please remember – the closing date for On-Line Applications to the London Borough of Hounslow for Reception Class September 2024 is **15th January 2024** and for the Supplementary Information Forms to the School Office by 15th January 2024. It is essential to complete **both** the London Borough of Hounslow and the Supplementary Information Form.

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	191
St Andrew	322
St George	248
St David	338
St John	194
Overall Winner	St David's

House point winners for this half term

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	1357
St Andrew	1604
St George	1489
St David	1729
St John	1356
Overall Winner	St David's

Congratulations to all of the children in St David's.

They were invited to come into school, wearing their own clothes wearing a symbol of yellow.

Punctuality & Attendance







Position	Year	%	Late
1st	2	99.6	8
2nd	Nur	99.4	2
3rd	5	99.3	7
4th	1	95	1
4th	3	95	7
5th	Rec	93	4
5th	6	93	7
6th	4	91	2

Congratulations to Year 2 on their 99.6% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play!

A merry Christmas to all our families.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas with your families.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 8th January

Achievement awards

	Achievement	Effort	R.E
Rec	Sofia P	Ava	Gloria
Yr1	Taylor	Naod	Antoni
Yr2	Alexa	Thomas	Leo
Yr3	Gabriella	Albert	Stella
Yr4	Leon	Saskia	Julia
Yr5	Simone	Maja	Max
Yr6	Kacper	Kaydene	Chryselle

Congratulations to the children who received their award on Tuesday.









Merry Christmas Everyone

We are enjoying our Christmas party day!











Christmas Carol Services



A huge thank you to Mrs Poteratchi for preparing the children in years 3&4 & 5&6 for the carol services this week. The children sang beautifully and shared our much loved Christmas story in such a professional way.





Christmas lunch













We had such a lovely Christmas lunch together on Wednesday. All the children enjoyed the music, crackers and food.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Christmas Grotto





Oh what a lovely time the children had visiting Santa's grotto on Tuesday.
They all got to meet the man himself and were so lucky to receive an early Christmas present.
Thank you to the 'Friends' for organising this special treat.



<u>Christmas card winners</u>

Congratulations to Maya, Wanda, Gabriel & Sophie who were the winners of the Diocesan Christmas Card Competition .

Christmas Jumper day





A huge thank you to all our families for their contributions to 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day'

We raised £115











Carols for The Nursing home

Our Lady and Saint John's choir wishes all the staff and residents at Torkington House residential home a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Unfortunately, our visit to the care home has been postponed but we recorded our Christmas carols and sent a video to the care home for the staff and residents to enjoy.
We look forward to visiting them and singing to them in the new year.

