



Love, learn and grow together

### Happy New Year

A year of peace and happiness is wished to all our children, families and parish community.



Pope Francis has told us to look up to the skies and reach for the stars this year - just like the three kings, who followed a bright star long ago to Bethlehem. Let us hope that this year brings us all much kindness and love as we work together to be the very best people we can be.

### First Aid Lessons

Year 6 will be taught basic first aid next Tuesday afternoon.



Children who are confident in an emergency situation are very good at calling for help and saving lives until specialist services arrive.

### Lost In Music

Our choir have started rehearsals for the authority-wide "Lost in Music" concert. They are sounding wonderful already!



### Education Bootcamp

Year 5 will be taking part in a special bootcamp on Wednesday 22nd January to develop their team building skills. On that day they may wear any clothes to school in which they can move around easily and comfortably.

### Bingo and Lottery

Our Christmas Bingo raised £350. Many thanks to everyone who donated, helped and attended. Lottery numbers have been drawn for last term and there are 12 lucky cash winners. Cheques are on the way! Parents may join our lottery anytime at the school office for only £2 per month.

### New Weekly Awards

Two new weekly awards will be included in our Friday celebration assemblies.



**Home reading:** one child from each class who has made a real effort to read at home and has recorded it in their reading record.

**Gospel values:** one child in the whole school showing patience, kindness, compassion and consideration, "following in the footsteps of St Peter and St Paul."

### Toy Afternoon

What a lovely afternoon we had sharing our Christmas gifts with



each other during our annual toy afternoon. Well done to all the children who played so well with their classmates.


### Football Fridays

Football clubs have started for infants and juniors on Friday lunchtimes. We have entered five competitions this term.



### Booster Classes

These will increase this term to two per week on Mondays and Fridays 8.15am start. Many thanks to Mr Quinn, Ms Rigby and Ms Flaherty who run these for Year 6.

	Star of the week	Good Manners
Reception	Austin	Oliver
Year 1	Lois	Lily-Mae
Year 2	Hashim	Lucy
Year 3	Amelia	Lilly
Year 4	Thomas	Ethan
Year 5	Cameron	Caden
Year 6	Jack	Charlotte

## Holy Communion Preparation



Children preparing for their First Holy Communion are invited to attend the next session with Father Kevan, Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Rigby, in the school hall on Thursday 16th January at 6pm.

## Unwanted Gifts & Donations

Please send any unwanted Christmas gifts in to school. These can be used for raffle prizes. Any books that children have grown out of would be very welcome for our school library. Also any gloves, hats or scarves would be great in our new Winter role-play area in Reception.



## Well Being Sessions

We run well-being sessions for individuals and groups on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. These sessions provide time for children to talk and think, build self-esteem and confidence, and learn strategies to deal with challenging situations. If a parent ever feels that their child would benefit from being included, they should let their class teacher or a member of our pastoral team know. Our pastoral team are Mr Finney, Ms Flaherty and Mrs Rigby.

## Volunteers Needed

We are hoping that some parents or grandparents would be willing to come into school to support our children with their reading on one afternoon per week. We would provide the training needed after completing a DBS check. Adults should let the office know which day they would be available.

## Snow and Ice Emergency Plan

If the weather turns snowy, please check the school website for school opening arrangements. We do all we can to keep our school open, but must have safe staffing levels to look after our children.

House points	previous total for this half-term	points this week	new half-term total
Matthew	0	131	131
Mark	0	160	160
Luke	0	126	126
John	0	166	166

## Dates for your Diary



### Thursday 16th January

Holy Communion Meeting 6pm

### Monday 20th January

Work starts on our new pedestrian entrance, forest school and early years outdoor play area

### Wednesday 22nd January

Year 5 Education bootcamp (comfortable clothes)

### Wednesday 29th January

Book Fair in the school hall 3pm - 4pm

### Thursday 30th January

Movie Night 5.30pm - 7.30pm

### Friday 31st January

Mass in the school hall at 9.15am. All welcome

### Wednesday 5th February

Lost In Music Concert - choir performing

### Thursday 13th February

Holy Communion Preparation meeting 6pm

### Tuesday 25th February

Year 5 Class Assembly 'Lent' 3pm. All welcome

### Wednesday 26th February

London Trip for 52 Juniors departs

### Thursday 5th March

Parents Evening 4 - 5.30pm

World Book Day - come dressed up!

### Friday 6th March

World Day of Prayer

### Thursday 19th March

Holy Communion Preparation meeting 6pm

### Friday 27th March

Non-uniform day for Easter Eggs

### Monday 30th March

Year 3 Class Assembly 'Easter' 3pm. All welcome

### Thursday 2nd April

Easter Bonnet Parade - prizes for all classes

Easter Bingo 6pm

### Friday 3rd April

9.15am Mass in church

11,00am Easter Egg Hunt

1.30pm School closes (no after school club)

## Design Technology Projects

A huge "well done" to the children who completed design technology projects over the holidays. We have some amazing Ancient Greek artefacts, shields, longships and pyramids displayed around school.