



Christmas Letter from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy time we have had this term. Many thanks to everyone for working together so well, especially since half term, when we have all had to be extremely flexible, dealing with the steep rise in school coronavirus cases. Thank you to all the teachers and teaching assistants who have provided such an exciting, rich, broad and balanced curriculum, despite the challenges.

Many congratulations to our children who have tried so hard to do their very best in every lesson. Thank you for sharing your smiles every day and for your helpfulness and kindness. You are all very special, and everyone who visits our school comments on your cheerfulness, enthusiasm and good manners. You should feel very proud of your many achievements this term.

A special thank you to our office and lunchtime staff, caretaker and cleaners, who work so hard to keep our school running smoothly. Thank you to our breakfast and after school club staff, visiting teachers and sports coaches, and to all who help to fundraise for school. Our school governors have supported our school very well this term. They have attended a number of meetings to discuss curriculum, finance and staffing. They have visited during the day to see us all at work and have spent much time reading school documentation. Many thanks to them for their commitment, support and challenge.

We appear to be entering uncertain times again, as the number of national coronavirus cases rise, but as always, we will support each other, and continue to provide the very best we can for everyone in our school community. We are preparing for all eventualities, but sincerely hope that we will all be together again at the beginning of the Spring term. We will keep in touch with families over the holidays, if there are any changes. Thank you to all the parents and carers who continue to help us keep school as safe as we possibly can. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

A new Executive Headteacher has now been appointed at St Mary's and I will be helping him to settle in during the month of January. I will be back at St Peter and St Paul's full time after that. Many thanks to all the staff who have taken on additional leadership roles, whilst I have been supporting St Mary's this term.

Father Kevan will visit school on Tuesday to say mass for all the whole St Peter and St Paul community. He will light our advent candles and pray for all our staff, children and their families. I hope that we are all able to have some Christmas joy and make some happy memories to cherish. Maybe we should all light a candle this Christmas for our whole school community.

Much love and Christmas wishes,

Mrs Debby Rigby x

Christmas Fair

What fun we had at the fair this week. There were tombolas, raffles, games, and a fizzy pop bar run by Mr Mackenzie and Mrs Unsworth.

Many thanks to all who made the event such fun for children by preparing stalls, sending in goodies and donating using [SchoolMoney](#).



Word of the Week

exponentially

meaning more and more rapidly

To improve our spoken and written English we highlight a word each week and use it as much as we can! Older children may be able to learn the spelling.

Greetings from the Saints

We were visited by Saints players with a Christmas card from the team.



Christmas Parties

Children will have parties in their classes on Monday 20th - party clothes may be worn to school that day.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children may wear Christmas jumpers to school with their formal uniform on Tuesday 21st. There is no PE in the last week of term. Donations for homeless charities can be made using [SchoolMoney](#).

	Star of the Week	Marvellous Manners	Reading	Gospel Values
Reception	Josephine	Lottie	Daisy	
Year 1	Jack D	George	Megan & Sophie	Courtney
Year 2	Theo	Sophie A	Jack P	
Year 3	Lois	Zach	Millie	
Year 4	Riley M	Gerrard	Analise	
Year 5	Harvey	Olivia W	Amelia H	
Year 6	Aaron	Grace	Sinead	Ethan

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th December 2021

- Christmas Breakfast 8am
- Reindeer Visiting
- Christmas Party day

Tuesday 21st December 2021

Morning Mass in school

- Christmas Dinner
- Christmas Film
- Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 22nd December 2021

- Christmas activities
- Finish at 1.30pm