



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

As we draw closer to the end of this year, there comes a time of reflection. Of considering how we can look at what we have done and how we can make the biggest, positive impact on others. The children have been studying the Trinity in RE and The Grace has really touched my heart. It makes me wonder about how we can show love to others and share in friendship with one another. What can you do to make a positive impact on others?

Click this link to watch a video on churches singing "The Blessing"  
<https://video.link/w/PUtI3mNj5U>.

This morning, our Key stage 2 children took an extravagant trip down the yellow brick road. The children had immense fun as they danced along with the bright pink fairy Godmother, enjoyed the antics of Dick, Tom and Harry, the local farmers and booed loudly at the evil green witch. The children rejoiced in jubilation for the Lion who found his courage, the Tin Man who could sing until his heart was content and the Scarecrow who found his brain. "Oh, what a show".



### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

- Dolce Christmas lunch and chocolate Tombola held after school please bring some cash
- Children to wear full school uniform
- KS2 Carol concert at the church at 6pm- All of Year 3,4,5 and 6 to attend they can wear own clothes
- Stay and Play session for pre-school children 2:00pm - 3:15pm

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas party day- come to school in your own clothes
- 19<sup>th</sup> December Parents of Worship Warriors invited into school 9:00am-9:30am for collective Worship

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (last day of term)

- Full school uniform to be worn
- Church service at 2pm start (last day of school) all welcome!



With best wishes,

*Diane Wright MA (Education)*  
Headteacher



## Staffing update



At the end of this term we will be very sorry to say farewell to two members of our school family.

Miss Low our teaching assistant for the past 12 years is leaving her role to start a new career working in a children's home. Whilst working at St Mary's, Miss Low has made a huge impact on our children, aiding them with their learning to maximise their potential, and throwing out endless amounts of love to all. Miss Low has gained a tremendous amount of knowledge and skills that she will take with her on her new adventure. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her on her new role, and wish her the very best of luck in the future.

We are also very sorry to see our teaching assistant Mrs Bailey leave us, to further her career as she goes on to train as a teacher. Mrs Bailey has been a key part of our school family for the past couple of years and has contributed hugely to our year 6 students in preparing them for the next steps of their learning journey. We know Mrs Bailey is going to be a wonderful teacher and also wish her the very best of luck in her career.

We are thrilled to share with you, that Mrs Hollingshurst (Bee class) is expecting her first baby. Mrs Hollingshurst will be leaving school around Easter time to start her maternity leave. We will keep you updated on staffing arrangements. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating her on this wonderful news.

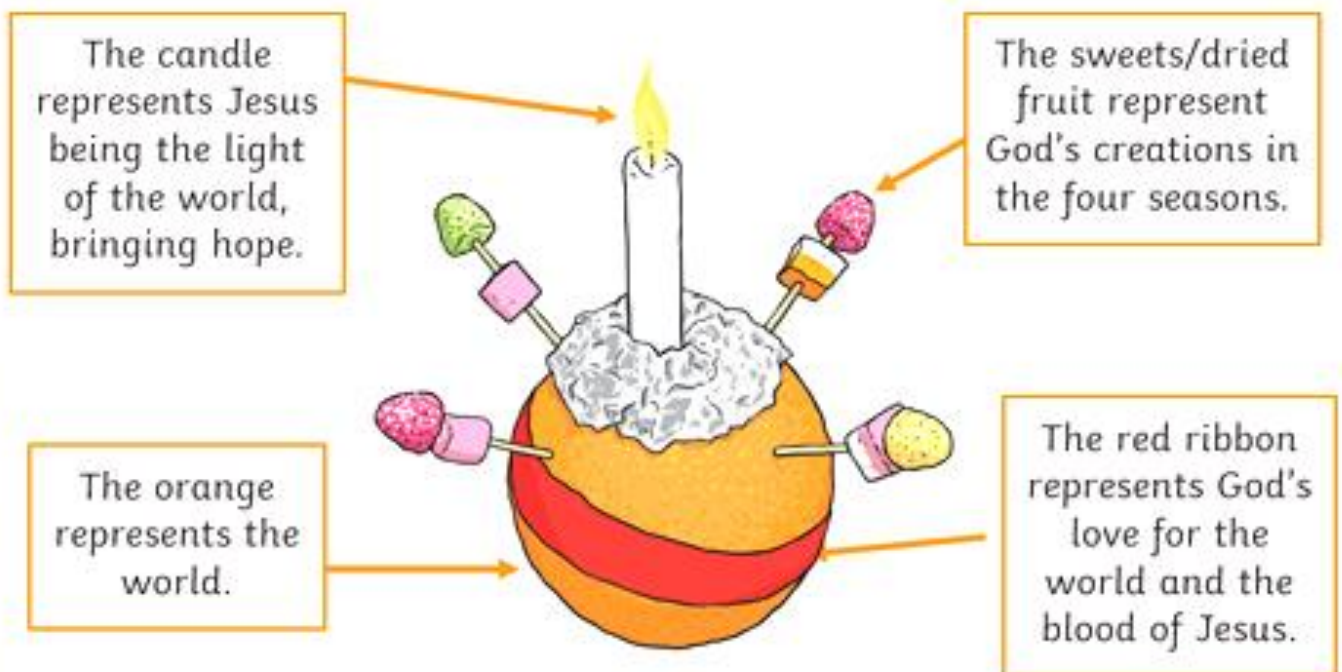


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## Christingle 2023

### What Does It All Mean?

What do you think is the meaning of each part of the Christingle?





We are delighted to invite you to a

# **ST MARY'S SCHOOL**

## **Key Stage 2**

### **Christmas Carol**

### **Performance**

**Monday 18th December 2023**

**6pm**

**ALL are welcome!**

**St Mary's Church Fuller Street, Kettering**





Central Methodist Church  
School Lane  
Christmas Services:

*Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am*  
*Nativity Service*

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am*  
*Christmas Eve Worship and*  
*Holy Communion*

*Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm*  
*Family Christingle Service*





## Christmas Services

**Saturday 9th December**

**Messy Christingle**  
4.00pm-6.00pm

Come and discover Jesus as the Light of the World through story, craft and food.

**Sunday 17th December**

**Carol Service**  
10.00am

Suitable for all ages with readings, stories and, of course, plenty of carols to join in with!

**Sunday 17th December**

**Carols in the Community**  
6.00pm

A special outdoor event on the grounds of Ctk. Wrap up warm for an evening of festive fun with live band, carols and readings. Mince pies and refreshments provided!

**Wednesday 20th December**

**Carols at the Woolcomber**  
7.00pm

We're once again bringing carols to the Woolcomber. Join us for what promises to be a fun and music-filled evening together.

**Sunday 24th December**

**Coffee, Carols & Croissants**  
10.00am

Our usual morning service with a festive twist!

**Family Nativity**  
4.00pm

Feel free to dress as your favourite Nativity characters!


**Midnight Holy Communion**  
11.00pm

Join us for this special reflective service as we welcome in Christmas Day together.

**Christmas Day, 10.00am**

Our celebration of the birth of Jesus, suitable for all ages.





## **St. Mary's Church, Kettering**

### **Christmas 2023**

*Come and join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus this year. Our worship caters for all the family and all are welcome. We would love to see you!!*

*This year our Christmas Services are as follows:*

**Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.15am Parish Mass**

**4pm – Children's Crib Service**

*Plenty of costumes for them all to dress up!!*

**8pm – Bethlehem Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.15am – Solemn Mass of the Nativity**

**1<sup>st</sup> January – Mary Mother of God**

**12noon Mass**

*In addition there will be a daily Mass during the Octave of Christmas at 11am. You would be welcome to join us at any of our celebrations*

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# *St Mary's Primary School*



## *Star of the Week*

*11th-15th December 2023*

### EYFS

**BRYAN, DIANE & ELAINA**



### YEAR 3

**LOLA**



### YEAR 1

**RENESMEE**



### YEAR 1/2

**DUA**



### YEAR 2

**MARY**



### YEAR 5/6

**MILES**



### YEAR 3/4

**CHARLENE**



### YEAR 4/5

**DANIEL F**



### YEAR 6

**LEAH**

