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"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Newsletter Update- Friday 12th December 2025

Advent Week Two – The Candle of Peace

This week we lit the second Advent candle, which reminds us of peace. We've been thinking about how we can bring peace into our own lives and share it with others. The Bible tells us many times about peace, and Jesus said, *"Blessed are the peacemakers."* What a wonderful message for us all!



The True Meaning of Christmas

Through our Nativity story, we've learned that Christmas is about more than presents and parties—it's about God's love shown through Jesus' birth. The story reminds us to be kind, caring, and thankful.

Nativity Performances

We were delighted to welcome Mayor Ben to our school this week! He joined us in celebrating the Nativity and sharing in the joy of the season. The children were wonderful, and it was heart-warming to see the pride on everyone's faces.

Our Christmas disco was a huge success!

It started with EYFS dancing with their grown-ups, and then the fun continued for everyone. In total, over 168 children came along! Thank you for supporting the PTFA with your generous gifts, raffle ticket purchases, and for bringing your children to join the fun.

Please see last page of this newsletter for all events happening next week.

Since our Nativity play was called *Knock, Knock*, here are two jokes to make you smile:

1. Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Jingle

Jingle who?

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the way

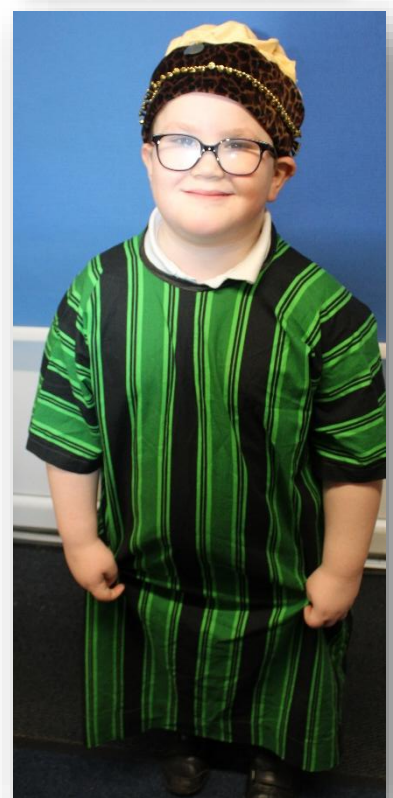
2. Knock, knock!

Who's there?

Shepherd.

Shepherd who?

Shepherd you hurry, the angels are singing!







St Mary's School
Invites you to our



Key Stage 2 Concert

Wednesday 17th December:
2pm until 3pm

Thursday 18th December:
9:15 am until 10:15 am

Held at St Mary's Church

All are warmly invited to attend!

Christmas Party Day!

Friday, 19th December
Come to school in your party
clothes!



We will be holding our end of term
service at St Mary's Church from
2:00pm to 3:00pm.

The whole school will be attending,
and we warmly invite families to join
us for this special occasion.



Our big festive celebration

We are hosting a magical Christmas Party for all children attending Wrap Around Care on Friday 19th December! This will be a fun-filled afternoon packed with creativity, festive cheer, and exciting activities designed to make the end of term truly special.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Face Painting (festive designs) • Christmas Tattoos • Sparkly Hair Glitter • Party Games & Prizes • Cakes, Biscuits & Yummy Treats • Christmas Music & Activities A joyful celebration to get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

SESSION TIMES

3:15pm - 4:30pm, 3:15pm - 5:30pm and 3:15pm - 6:00pm

IMPORTANT – ADVANCED BOOKING REQUIRED

This is a paid Wrap Around session and spaces are limited. Early booking is strongly advised to ensure your child can attend.

Please note: By signing up to this club you are consenting to your child participating in all activities.

Warm festive wishes, Mrs McCabe The Ark Wrap Around Care

What is The Ark?

The Ark is an after-school club run by two members of staff from 3:15 PM until 6:00 PM. Children enjoy a variety of activities, including:

Arts and crafts, Baking, Mindfulness activities, Playground games

One parent shared:

“My child loves The Ark and says it’s the best club you do. She wants to come even when I’m not working!”

Does my child have to go every day?

No! Your child can attend only on the days and sessions they need.

What if my child wants to attend a free club on the same day?

No problem! If your child is registered for a free club, you can book The Ark from 4:15 PM onwards, once the free club finishes.



**The Ark
Frequently asked questions**

Do they need to stay until 6 PM?

No, there are different session times:

Finish at 4:30 PM

Finish at 5:30 PM

Finish at 6:00 PM

Each session has a different price.



Do the children have any food?

Yes! The Ark provides a daily snack, such as: Crumpets, Yogurt, Fruit, Pitta bread and dips

How do I book?

Via Arbor app: Choose your desired day and session. Payment must be made before the booking is accepted.

Same-day bookings: Book up until 11:00 AM. After this time, call the office to book once payment is made to your Arbor Top-Up account for wraparound.

What are the prices?

Session Time Price

3:20 PM – 4:30 PM: £4.00

3:20 PM – 5:30 PM: £7.50

3:20 PM – 6:00 PM: £8.50

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: £4.00

4:15 PM – 6:00 PM: £5.50

Late collection: (up to 15 mins): £5.00

Late collection (over 15 mins): £15.00





St Mary's Stars this Week

EYFS

Milo

Year 1

Ralphie

Year 1/2

Esther

Year 2

Daniel

Year 3

Mia

Year 3/4

Jasmine

Year 4/5

Fernando

Year 5/6

Jahdiel

Year 6

Jai-Luke



Events Upcoming:

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| Worship Warriors to deliver Worship- parents of the Worship Warriors invited to attend | Monday 15 th December 9am in the school hall |
| Christmas Lunch | Tuesday 16 th December Order your child a festive lunch via School Grid |
| Years 3,4,5 and 6 performances at the Church | 17 th December: 2pm-3pm |
| Panto trip for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 at the Lighthouse Theatre | 18 th December: 12:45 - 15:55 |
| Years 3,4,5 and 6 performances at the Church | 18 th December: 9:15am - 10:15am |
| Party day- come dressed in party clothes | 19 th December (All Day) |
| Whole school end of term church service (all invited) | 19 th December: 2:00pm-3:00pm |

Music Lessons In Your School

Year 3 Only



Sign Up for January

We teach a variety of instruments - piano, guitar, drums, vocals and violin. Use the QR Code to see which instruments we offer at your school. If you are a current student - you will be invoiced accordingly.

Select Your School

Choose your school and enter your email address.

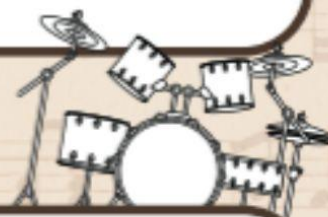


Sign Up Here



Choose Your Lesson

Select the instrument and lesson length and fill in your details. This will secure your lessons for the term! (If we are fully booked, you will be added to our waiting list)



Any Questions

Please get in touch if you have any questions at all. We are always happy to help.

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