

# St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools' Weekly Newsletter

15th December, 2023

**'Love one another; Always do our best; Take care of ourselves and the world around us'**



Dear parents and carers,

We started the week with a very important assembly using the resources from

NSPCC PANTS. Talk PANTS is used to help children understand that they have a right to say no and if they need to speak out about something, someone will listen. The resource also has a helpful page for parents which you can find by [clicking here](#).



We also held our first event in our temporary hall this week- our wonderful Christmas fair! Thank you to everyone who came and thank you to our amazing PSA for organising such a great fair for the children and our community. I will let you all know how much the PSA raised next week.

It was Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday and enjoyed our Christmas lunch together. If you would like to donate to our chosen charity 'Save the Children' please [click here](#).

Come along and get well and truly in the spirit of Christmas, as we hold our Christmas Nativities and carol concerts next week - each year group will be performing. Please check the calendar for the date and time of your child's performance. **Remember we close early on Thursday (1pm) and our After School Club is closed on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.**

Mrs Ronan wrote to you earlier in the week about our parent survey, and how important parent voice is within our school community. She set out some of the actions taken from last year's parent survey. We now want to collect your voice again, as we evaluate our plans for the year ahead and start to think about planning for 2024/2025. We are continually collecting informal pupil voice, but will get all children to once again complete a larger survey in the first week back after Christmas.

Please take time to complete the survey, as your voice is so important.



I am really pleased to share that we will running curriculum workshops for parents in the spring term. Each workshop will provide you with information on how we teach different subjects at St Mary's Priory. The subject leader for each subject will run the workshop. Please keep an eye on our website calendar page, as well as on your child's Google Classroom for dates and times.

**Message from Mrs Georgiou:**

**A very big thank you to all that helped to make the Christmas fair a wonderful event for all the children at St Mary's.**

**Thank you to all the committee members of the PSA; all parents that have donated gifts, vouchers and bought raffles; the school council; the school choir; sponsors for the raffle Aquinas , Moving waves, Mark from Soccerkidz and a very special thank you to Father Christmas!**

**Thanks**

**Mrs Georgiou**

Children and young people aged 5 to 16 who are eligible for free school meals and their families will be able to access free activities during the Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays. Click on the link below to find out more and book places:

[Haringey Holiday Activity and Food Programme link](#)

Attendance winners!	
Infant School:	Junior School:
Owl 99.22%	6B 99.46%
Punctuality winners!	
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# This week at SMP...



Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day was celebrated in style!

Reception made Gingerbread people. "Eat, eat, as fast as you can!"



Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their Science taster session at Our Lady's High School!



Robin class had a fantastic trip to Bruce Castle yesterday, where we explored new toys, old toys and very old toys. We even had the chance to create our very own cup and ball game!







**Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!**





The PSA's Christmas Fair



# School calendar:

When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
Wb 18th December	Christmas Performances: EYFS Performance: Tuesday 19th December @9am KS1 Performance: Monday 18th December @2.30pm Y3/4 Performance: Tuesday 19th December @2.30pm Y5/6 Performance 20th December @9am	All parents	Hall	
<b>20th December</b>	<b>After School Club closed</b>	<b>All pupils</b>		
<b>21st December</b>	<b>School closes at 1pm ASC closed</b>	<b>All pupils</b>		<b>1pm</b>
8th January	School reopens for all	All pupils		8.40am
18th January	Parent Curriculum Workshop for Online Safety and Computing	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
23rd January	2. Parent Curriculum Workshop for Maths and Multiplication times tables Year 4	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
30th January	Parent Curriculum Workshop for PE/Science/History geography	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
6th February	Parent Curriculum Workshop for Safeguarding and behaviour - safeguarding messages - what we do hear, how we teach it, including a behaviour curriculum,	All parents	Hall	2.40pm
12th-16th February	February Half Term			
19th February	School Closed for staff INSET day			
21st February	Parent Curriculum Workshop for Reading and Writing	All parents	Hall	2.40pm





Lord Jesus Christ, You are the  
true King of peace. In You  
alone is found freedom.  
Please free our world from  
conflict. Bring unity to  
troubled nations. Let Your  
glorious peace reign in every  
heart. Dispel all darkness and  
evil. Protect the dignity of  
every human life. Replace  
hatred with Your love. Give  
wisdom to world leaders. Free  
them from selfish ambition.  
Eliminate all violence and  
war.  
Amen