



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

## School Newsletter

'Where great lives begin!'

13th December 2024

Dear St Mary's Community,

We have had a very busy few weeks here at St Mary's!

The children have been on numerous trips into central London which has been very exciting!

Our Year 1, 2, 4 and 5 children went to the beautiful Westminster Cathedral to see a nativity performance. Some of our Year 4 pupils performed in the nativity! We are so incredibly proud of them!

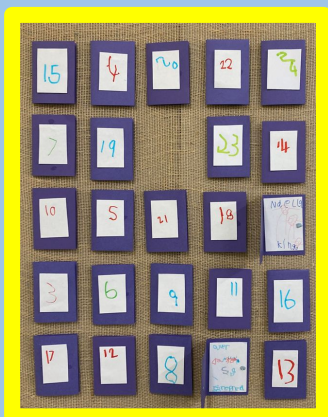
Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception went to the Unicorn Theatre to see Hubble this week. The children did so well to travel the distance on the Underground! Well done!

This evening we are holding our Christmas Fair so we look forward to reporting on how that went in next week's newsletter. It is shaping up to be the best one yet!

Warm regards,

Ms Reynolds  
Deputy Headteacher

**Our reception children have used their number and writing skills to create a class Advent calendar.**



Last Monday, Mrs Ronan spoke to the children about the start of Advent. We lit the candle of Hope and thought about how hope can help us to work through our day when sometimes there are challenges. We thought about opening our minds in Advent, and how we can invite Jesus to open our minds – welcoming Him into our lives and being like Jesus to those we meet. In Advent, we can learn how to respond to difficulties with strength and courage. On Monday, Mrs Neli lit the candle which represents 'Peace'. We include a prayer for peace in this newsletter.

### Attendance winners!

Infant School:	Junior School:
Robin 96.67%	4D 100%


### Punctuality winners!

Owl 5 late	3C 1 late
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# School calendar:


When:	What:	Who:	Where:	Time:
	<b>Christmas performances:</b> 16th December Years 3 and 4 at 9am 17th December Years 5 and 6 at 2.30pm 17th December Nursery and Reception at 9am 18th December Years 1 and 2 Nativity at 9am			
20th December	<b>School closes at 1pm for all pupils</b>			
6th January	<b>Staff INSET Day- school closed for pupils</b>			
7th January	<b>School reopens for all pupils!</b>			


# Next week's menu:



## [WEEKLY MENU] Week 3

Week Commencing: Mon 16th Sept - Mon 7th Oct - Mon 4th Nov - Mon 25th Nov - Mon 16th Dec

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Main Dish of the Day	Butchers Sausage + New Potatoes with Gravy (G, SO, SU)	BBQ Jerk Chicken	Roast Chicken + Gravy	Spaghetti Beef Bolognese (G)	Fish Fingers + Chips (F, G)
Vegetarian Dish of the Day	Veggie Sausage + New Potatoes with Gravy (G)	Roasted Vegetable Cottage Pie	Roasted Vegetable Filo Parcel + Homemade Tomato Sauce (CE, G)	Vegetable Bolognese with Spaghetti (CE, G)	Cheesy Calzone + Chips (G, MK)
Vegetable Choice	Peas + Broccoli	Rice + Peas + Seasonal Vegetables	Rustic Roast Potatoes + Seasonal Vegetables	Garlic Bread + Green Salad (G, MK*, SO*)	Beans or Peas
Dessert of the Day	Winter Berry Traybake (E*, G, MK, SO)	Fruit Jelly	Apple Crumble + Custard (G, MK)	Lemon Drizzle Cake (E, G, MK, SU)	White Chocolate Chip Cookie (E, G, MK, SO)
Jacket Potato Bar	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details	See Board for Details
Cold Selection	Daily Salad Bar, Homemade Bread (E*, G, MK, SO), Selection of Fresh Fruit, Jelly and Yoghurt				



**Allergens:**  
 CE = Celery, CR = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals Containing Gluten, L = Lupin, MK = Milk, MO = Molluscs, MU = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, SO = Soya, SU = Sulphur, SE = Sesame Seeds  
 \* = May Contain

St Mary's Priory  
Inf + Jnr School



# Stars of the Week



Robin Class	Micah	Miriam
Dove Class	Merveline	Mariachiara
3C	Jess-Andrea	Rakeb
3W	Briana	Oliwier
4D	Demi	Kevin
4G	Samuel	Mia
5B	Sophia M	Archie
6J	Jordan	Csaba

**Congratulations to our Stars of the week!**  
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard  
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Robin Class	Leon	Ibukun
Dove Class	Yasmin	Erica
3C	Gideon	Khiearna
3W	Jayden	Eldora
4D	Heavenly	Daniel
4G	Mariana	Samantha
5B	Sophia C	Heaven
6J	Dylan	Amen

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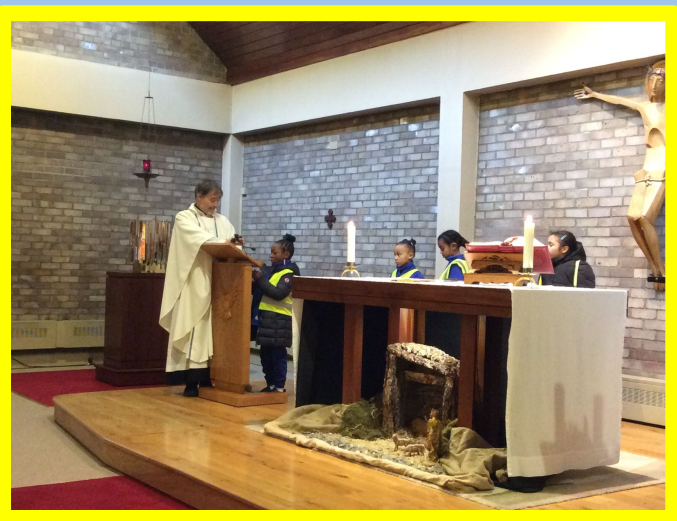


# Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch!





Year 1,2, 4 and 5 went to Westminster Cathedral to see a nativity performance. Some of our Year 4s were involved in the show! Well done Year 4!



Year 4 and Year 5 children celebrated Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in St Thomas Moore church.

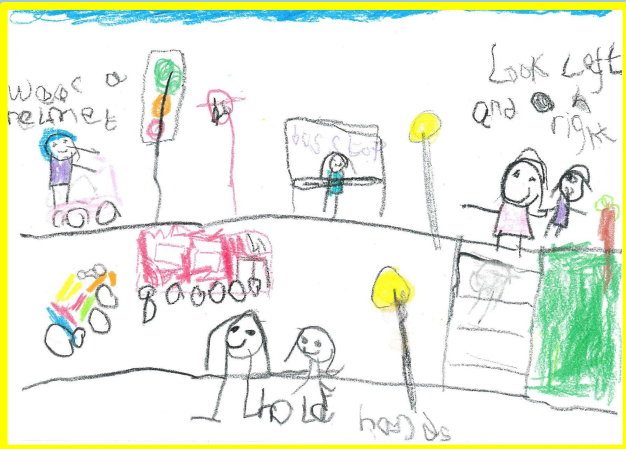
# Christmas Decorations

# Parent Workshop!



# Road Safety Posters

Eliza - Reception

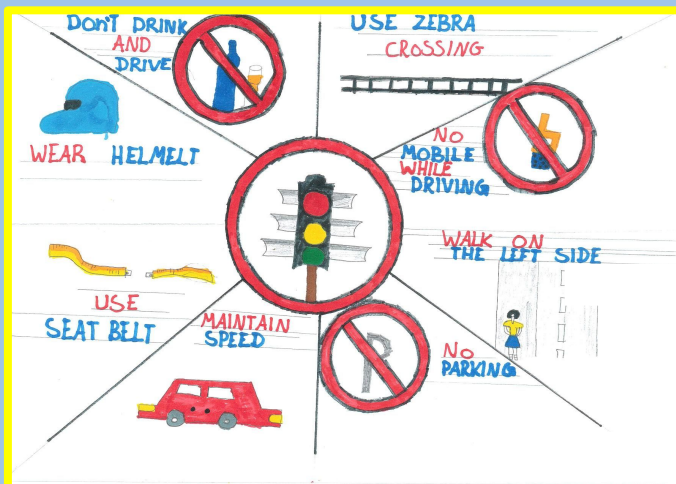


A huge thank you to everyone who entered the competition. Some of our school councillors chose our winners from the many entries! Congratulations to them!

Eliana - Year 1



Rakeb - Year 3



Kinga - Year 6





# Carol Service

Free entry  
Everybody  
welcome

English and  
international  
songs



Mulled wine  
and refreshments  
in the hall before  
the service

**St Thomas More Church**  
**9 Henry Road, Manor House, London N4 2LH**  
**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**2.30pm – 3.30pm**

# FLU CATCH-UP COMMUNITY CLINICS

The festive season is a time for travelling, visiting family, and gathering with loved ones – but it's also the perfect opportunity for the flu to spread. With packed trains, busy airports, and close contact at family gatherings, the risk is higher than ever.

Making sure your child has had their flu vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and those you care about.

## Stay Well:

Keep the festive spirit alive without the misery of flu.

## Protect Others:

Especially children, the elderly, and those more vulnerable.

## Stop the Spread:

Help prevent flu outbreaks this holiday season

If your child missed their flu vaccination at school, you can book an appointment at one of our community clinics.

For our clinic locations and contact details for the Vaccination UK team please follow the links below:



<https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-clinics>



## Managing Challenging Behaviours

### Parent group in school

The Trailblazers will be hosting a 5 week group, supporting parents to manage their child's behaviour as they grow and develop. Parents and carers will be supported to use positive parenting skills to reduce challenging behaviours, build self-esteem and enhance family relationships.

#### Sessions will include:

- Friday 15/11/24 : Understanding challenging behaviours
- Friday 29/11/24 : Helping children to follow instructions.
- Friday 06/11/24: The importance of play.
- Friday 13/12/24: Use of praise and rewards.
- Friday 20/12/24: Strategies to help with managing challenging behaviour
  
- space for Q&A and trouble-shooting.
- Parent peer support – sharing and understanding.
- Coffee, Tea & Biscuits provided



**Starting:08:50-09:45 @ St Marys Priory  
Catholic Infant & Junior School**

**Please go to the Nursery gate at 08:50am**



Remember to visit SEND Power, A forum for parents and carers of children/young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)

<https://www.sendpowerinharingey.org/>

**SEND POWER IN HARINGEY**

## Walk and Talk

December: Finsbury Park

Our monthly Walk and Talk - whatever the weather! After, we'll visit a café.

Meet fellow parents & carers of children & young people with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) in Haringey.

Please let us know if you have any access requirements: [hello@sendpowerinharingey.org](mailto:hello@sendpowerinharingey.org)

*Toilets are available in this park.*

Meet us  
Monday 2nd  
December 2024,  
11.30am  
at Park View Cafe  
(N4 1BZ)

Sabrina, an advice and guidance officer from the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS) will join us on our walk!

Walk leaders:  
Lizzy and Grace  
Grace's number: 07549 023657



**SEND POWER IN HARINGEY**

## Coffee morning for SEND parents and carers

Meet fellow parents and carers in Haringey at this informal get-together

Tuesday 3rd December 2024  
9.30am - 11am  
Chestnuts Community Centre, N15 5BN

Does your child or young person (aged 0 - 25) have Special Educational Needs and/or a Disability (SEND)?

Or is your child or young person neurodivergent?



Any queries, email us at [hello@sendpowerinharingey.org](mailto:hello@sendpowerinharingey.org)  
Or call Grace 07549 023 657 or Lizzy 07871 729 863



# Community news

Join parishioners from St Ann's church in their Advent liturgies.



## ST ANN'S CHURCH



**HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS!**

MAY GOD FILL YOUR  
CHRISTMAS WITH HOPE,  
JOY AND PEACE.

**STEP INTO THE LOVE  
OF CHRISTMAS THIS  
YEAR.**



Avenue Road,  
Tottenham  
N15 5JH  
[www.stannstottenham.org.uk](http://www.stannstottenham.org.uk)



**ALL  
WELCOME**

**SUNDAY 15 DEC 6.30PM**

CAROL SERVICE

**SATURDAY 21 DEC 1.00PM**

LIVE NATIVITY

ON THE TIVERTON ESTATE

**SUNDAY 22 DEC 10.30AM**

CHRISTINGLE

**SUNDAY 22 DEC 6.30PM**

QUIET CHRISTMAS

A REFLECTIVE SERVICE

**TUESDAY 24 DEC 4.30PM**

OUTDOOR CAROLS ON THE  
CHURCH GROUNDS

**TUESDAY 24 DEC 11.30PM**

MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

**WEDNESDAY 25 DEC 10.30AM**

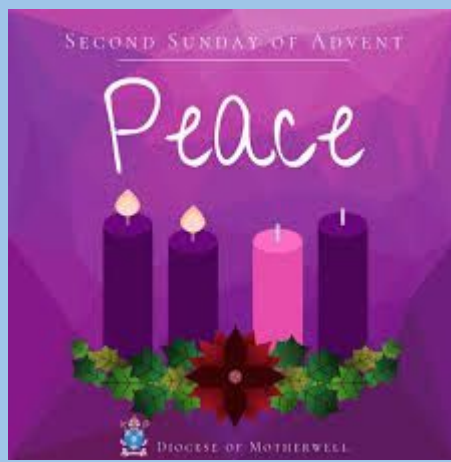
CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

**TUESDAY 31 DEC 11.00PM**

WATCHNIGHT COMMUNION



St Ann's Church  
Tottenham



## Prayer for the second Sunday of Advent

Heavenly Father,  
In this season of anticipation, we pause to seek Your peace—  
The peace that calms our restless hearts  
And transcends the turmoil of our world.

As we light the second candle of Advent,  
We remember the promise of the Prince of Peace,  
Who entered a broken world to bring reconciliation and  
hope.

May His light shine into every dark corner of our lives.

Lord, teach us to be peacemakers,  
Reflecting Your love in our actions and words.  
Help us to lay down our fears, anger, and divisions,  
So that we may be vessels of Your healing grace.

We pray for peace in our homes, in our communities,  
And in the nations of the earth.

Where there is conflict, sow seeds of unity.  
Where there is despair, bring comfort.

Prepare our hearts, O Lord,  
To receive Your Son with open arms,  
And to carry His peace into the world.  
Through Christ, the Prince of Peace, we pray.

Amen.