



St Mary's News



20th December 2022

Our final newsletter of 2022...! The year has certainly flown by. The cold weather has hit us over the last week and whilst it's turning milder now, a huge well done and thank you to all those who made it in through the snow children and staff!! A special thank you to Mr Smith our site manager who has done sterling work in ensuring that our school site is as safe as it can be.



Key Stage 1 Nativity

Year 1 and 2 delighted us on Tuesday with their very special Nativity performances. They sang and danced as they reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas – Jesus' Birth. The children brimmed with confidence as they delivered their lines and acted their part. A big thank you to the Key stage 1 team who helped prepare them so beautifully.



Community Choir Sing-A-Long

The choir, once again, were stars this week as they sang beautifully to entertain their special guests. We know the snow put off a lot of visitors, which we understand, but the show must go on! Year 1 certainly enjoyed the treat of watching the choir and there were some choristers in the making there too!



Year 5 Carol Concert

The year 5 Carol Concert is always a delightfully festive occasion – staff often say it makes them feel incredibly “Christmassy” and like Christmas has really begun. This year was no exception. Fr Anthony asked the children to sing their hearts out and they certainly did. A huge well done to them and the year 5 team.



Rock Steady Concert

We certainly “rocked out” on Wednesday listening to our Rock Steady musicians. The children did a great job of showcasing their learning and showing progression in music. The musicians showed skill, confidence, great rhythm and dedication throughout. If you would like your child to have music lessons you can sign up to Rock Steady here <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/>

Festive Friday

Festive Friday became a triple threat – Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch and the Christmas Disco! The children looked fabulous, ate a delicious Christmas lunch and then boogied the afternoon and night away! A big thank you to all involved for your help to make Festive Friday fantastic!

World Cup Wednesday

Due to the snow and ice our World Cup Wednesday looked a little different to our original plan of hosting our inter-house boys football competition! Along with Mrs Nixon, the house captains decided it would be best to postpone the competition, but to keep all of the other activities in place and the children had a great day!

Our World Cup winners Argentina were year 4 who have been celebrating and just a little bit smug!!



Uniform

Please may I remind you all that the children should be wearing winter uniform in school and that the uniform needs to fit the children – skirts need to be long enough to sit comfortably on the floor and move around the school without being asked to adjust their clothing for their modesty. Your child may, of course, choose to wear trousers if they wish.

Boots should be plain black with no additional trims, furs, studs etc. Thank you for your continued support.

Mass times

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses – all children are invited to come to the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day dressed as either a shepherd or an angel as we celebrate the Masses at Christmas.

Christmas Eve

5pm Carols

5.30pm Mass

Christmas Day

9am Mass

As our autumn term ends, may I take this opportunity, on behalf of the staff team, to say thank you for your continued support. It is a joy to work together as a community for the good of all our children. Please remember that school returns on Thursday 5th January at the usual time.

Wishing you all a truly joyous and peaceful Christmas.



Mrs V L McBrown
Headteacher



Loving God,

Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the
world.

Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every
greeting.

Amen