

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 5th December

- EYFS parents and carers meeting with Mrs Wyatt at 9am
- Nativity Dress Rehearsal to the school (children only)
- Y4 & 5 Westminster Cathedral Advent Concert
- Instrumental Concert (drum, flute & piano) at 2.15pm
- PTFA Christmas Social at Monica Vinader at 6pm

Thursday 6th December

- Nativity Performance 1 at 10am
- Y6 Advent Mass in St Mary's at 12pm
- Instrumental Concert (guitar) at 2.30pm

Friday 7th December

- Nativity Performance 2 at 10am
- Y4 Advent Mass at St Mary's at 12pm
- Y4 Carol Singing with Chelsea Pensioners
- Y5 & 6 Choir Carol Singing in Peter Jones at 1.30pm

It Begins...

This weekend is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of patience and preparation for the coming of Jesus and the children have displayed those skills wonderfully in the build up to the Nativity Play next week and the many concerts and performances planned for KS2.

Mrs Wiles, our Leader of the Arts, works incredibly hard particularly at this time of year, rehearsing with all the children and ensuring they are ready and feel confident for any performances they are involved in. Thank you, Mrs Wiles, for your dedication to the Christmas cause!

Next week, children who learn musical instruments will perform in the first instrumental concerts of the year – please see 'Dates for your Diary' to the left for dates and times.

On Friday 14th December 2018, the PTFA will host their annual Christmas Party in school. From 5-8pm, all year groups are welcome to join. There will be games, activities, prizes to be won and, of course, the much loved disco in the Main Hall! All money raised will go directly towards our fundraising project this year – Operation Wifi!

The weeks up to the Christmas holidays are extremely busy with many events and opportunities for both children and adults. Please pay close attention to any messages from the school in order to stay informed.

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

EYFS Christmas Fundraiser

On Tuesday, EYFS held their annual Christmas Fundraiser for resources for the classrooms and playground. This year they were raising money for a brand new home corner. The children made Christmas decorations to be sold and, as part of their Food and Festival topic, invited parents and carers to bring festive treats and their recipes to be sold as well. Thank you to all those that contributed and made purchases who helped the EYFS raise approximately £450!



Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum

On Monday, Year 5 went to The Science Museum as part of their Science topic 'Earth and Space'. The children enriched their learning by partaking in activities in the Wonderlab and really enjoyed an exhibition called "The Sun". Year 5 represented the school with role model behaviour. What a fantastic day out!



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Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is: **HOPE**

Children's Work

Year 4

In RE this week, the children have been discussing how God shows His love for us. One of the ways was how He sent His only son, Jesus, to guide and teach us. The children wrote letters to God thanking Him for sending Jesus and asking Him to continue showing His love for us all.

Dear God,

Thank you for sending Jesus. He showed the way and he took our sins away. Jesus gave us love to us for sharing with other people. Thank you for sacrificing him so he can live in our hearts. Please forgive and bless us as we still make many sins. Please give us more love from Jesus, let us adore each other. Please guide us all the time. Jesus let us be free from all the sins. Please teach us love always.

Love Royd

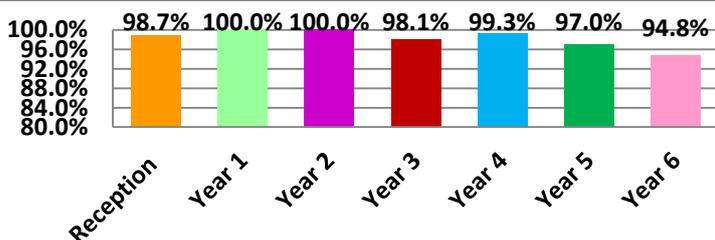
Bringing Jesus is helpful because he guides through love and care.

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Attendance

Well done, Year 1 & 2! You had the highest attendance this week with 100%.



Catholic Life

Mary Benton, our Chair of Governors, returned to school this week to talk to KS2 about Adoremus. She showed the children a monstrance which Fr Shaun kindly let us borrow from St Mary's. Thank you to both for your kind support.



Pupil Voice

The Environment Team are very pleased to announce their brand new initiative: #e-cleaningdays!

Did you know that if 100 people delete 50 emails from their inboxes, it would save enough power to light the Eiffel Tower for an entire day?

That's why, over the rest of the school year, the Environment Team will be announcing competitions to promote parents, carers and teachers to delete old emails and save electricity. More info to come!

On Wednesday, Parliament UK visited the school. They delivered an assembly for KS2 on how Parliament works. Charlotte from Parliament UK talked about the House of Lords, House of Commons and how MPs get elected. Children even had the opportunity to vote on issues like housing, education and health in the same way that MPs do by using interactive voting pods. Children also took part in a Question Time just like the MPs do!

