

Dates for your Diary

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

- Y5 Homework Sharing at 2.15pm

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- Y4 Homework Sharing at 9.05am

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

- Y1 Fundraiser in Bookworms at 8.45am
- Y3&4 Choir carol singing at Peter Jones
- Y1 Fundraiser at 3.40pm

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

- Y5 Advent Mass at St Mary's 12pm
- Instrumental Concert (violin & piano) at 1.30pm

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

- LAST DAY OF CLUBS
- RBKC Christmas Festival Concert at Kensington Town Hall
- Wrap Around closes at 5pm
- PTFA Christmas Party – 5-8.30pm

## *Better than the West End!*

Congratulations to all the children that gave fantastic performances in the Nativity Play, instrumental concerts and carol singing recitals this week! We are very lucky to have such talented performers here at St Joseph's.

On Wednesday night, the PTFA hosted a Christmas Social at Monica Vinader on Duke of York Square. It was a lovely evening for the grown-ups to get together to celebrate the Christmas season. Thank you to all those that helped organise the event and to the staff at Monica Vinader who generously offered a 10% discount on purchases, along with a further 10% of sales as a donation to the school.

Next Wednesday, Year 1 will be raising money for resources. Christmas decorations will be on sale during Bookworms and from 3:40-4:00pm in the afternoon.

Next Friday is the St. Joseph's Christmas Party from 5-8.30 pm! The PTFA have planned another incredible party with disco, entertainer courtesy of Playhouse Parties, activities, and of course a visit from Father Christmas! Please make sure you have purchased a ticket as adults and children will only be admitted with one. This is for safeguarding purposes. Contact your year rep to make a purchase.

Please note that next week is the last week of after school clubs. Wrap Around will run until Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December and Breakfast Club will run until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

Enjoy the weekend – whether you are decorating trees, wrapping gifts, or singing carols, I hope you take a moment to rest before the school Christmas festivities continue!

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

## The Nativity Play

Well done to all the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their wonderful Nativity Play on Thursday and Friday. Directed by Mrs Wiles and assisted by the EYFS and KS1 staff, the children retold the story of Jesus's birth. The set was incredible and all the children looked fantastic in their costumes, whether they were a shepherd, wise man or grumpy inn guest!



## Community Tree

Children from EYFS and Year 1 Wrap Around made an incredible Christmas tree for the Kings Road Community Centre by the fire station. The tree will be displayed by the fire station along with other primary schools' excellent designs. Wrap Around made the tree from an assortment of presents, bibles, and images of Father Christmas that they made themselves, with a St Joseph's logo as the star on top.



W E D N E S D A Y !

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

## Children's Work

### Year 3

In RE this week, Year 3 have been learning about the Story of the Annunciation – when the Angel Gabriel came to Mary to tell her she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. Year 3 imagined what it was like to be Mary and wrote diary entries to explore how she might have felt.

Dear diary,  
Today it was a wonderful day I went to get some water. Then I went to sit down on a bench. Suddenly when I turned around I felt surprised because I saw an angel. The Angel was called Angel Gabriel. He said to me, "You are the chosen one. You are going to have a baby. Your baby is going to be called Jesus." Then I said "Behold the hand made of the Lord. Thank you! I'm extremely happy. Thank you, thank you. I will call him Jesus." When I turned around I saw a shining light shining on me. It was so bright that I even couldn't see. I realised that it came from the Lord. That was all I saw. The Annunciation is like an Advent because Mary prepared and waited for his baby and he prepared for the birth of Jesus.

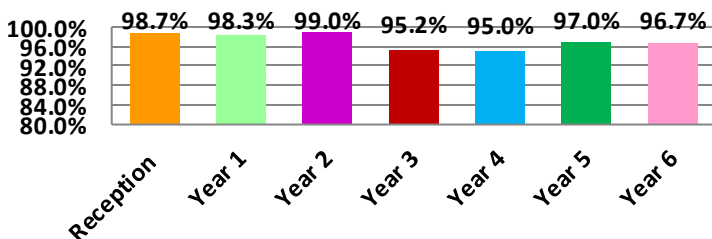
GPO: What demands do you think the visit of Gabriel placed on Mary?

I think it was hard for her because it was the first time she had a baby.

Henry

## Attendance

Well done, Year 2! You had the highest attendance this week with 99%.



## Catholic Life

The children have been spreading Christmas cheer this week with their carol singing. Year 4 & 5 went to Westminster Cathedral for their Advent Concert on Tuesday and Year 5 & 6 Choir went to Peter Jones to carol sing also. Both groups were excellent ambassadors of the school. Mr Stacey and Miss Reis took 10 children from Year 4 to sing with Royal Hospital Pensioners at an awards ceremony for the care home sector at the Marriott Hotel on Grosvenor Square. The children sang beautifully at an event which celebrated the hard work of selfless individuals.



## Pupil Voice

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! From January, the Environment Team will be selling their very own newspaper to raise money for a trip to the London Aquarium! The monthly newspaper will be printed on recycled paper and will contain lots of inspiring scientific information about the environment and what we can do to save the world. Within the newspaper will be a special raffle ticket – one lucky ticket will win a place on the trip to the London Aquarium! If you want a chance of winning this special prize, make sure you buy a newspaper. There will be a limited run so make sure you get yours when it's hot off the press!

