

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 8th January

- FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Thursday 10th January

- Y6 trip to Wallace Collection

Friday 11th January

- Tate photography workshop for Y3

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

It has been a lovely last week of celebrations and services to end our first term of the year.

On Wednesday, we had our final assembly together where we awarded certificates to children who have achieved 100% attendance this term; this is an outstanding achievement – well done, children!

Later that day, we were very lucky to have The Globe Players come to St Joseph's to perform 'The Tinder Box'. The play was about a soldier who returned from war and was granted lots of wishes. Thank you for coming again to our school.

Today we held our annual Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's. This is always one of my favourite moments of the year. Thank you to all who helped to organise the event. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

Thank you to the staff, families and children who have made this term such a wonderful few months. Once again, our work together and our support as a community for one another has enabled all of us to achieve great things this term. Long may it continue.

I wish you all a peaceful and joyous Christmas time with your families over the break.

Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher

PTFA Christmas Party

On Friday evening the PTFA celebrated the festive season by throwing an incredible Christmas party for our children. It was a very busy evening! Playhouse Parties entertained all the children with a Christmas-themed show, there were stalls in the Heart of the School with lots of prizes to be won, Flamenco Club gave an incredible performance and children had the opportunity to meet Father Christmas in his grotto. The PTFA raised an enormous £2050 from the event! An additional £138 was raised for the chemotherapy ward at Alexandra Hospital.

Thank you so much to Ryan and the members of the PTFA for organising such a fantastic occasion.



RBKC Christmas Festival

Last Friday, the Year 5 & 6 choir took part in the annual RBKC Christmas Festival. They sang four carols, including a world premiere, in English, Spanish, and with sign language. They were part of a massed choir drawn from schools across the borough and accompanied by students from the Royal College of Music.

Sophia and Natacha gave a beautiful reading of a Christmas poem – quite nerve wracking in front of an audience of children, parents, teachers, Headteachers, and even the Mayor!

The children sang beautifully and were a credit to the school. A huge well done to you all. Two of the carols will be repeated in our Carol Service when the choir will be joined by the Year 3&4 choir.

Photo of the event can be seen here:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmoMDUj5>

High resolution images can be ordered directly from sheila@sheilaburnett.com - please quote the JPG number.

Photos are £5 each.

W E D N E S D A Y !



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

CHRISTMAS

Children's Work

Year 1

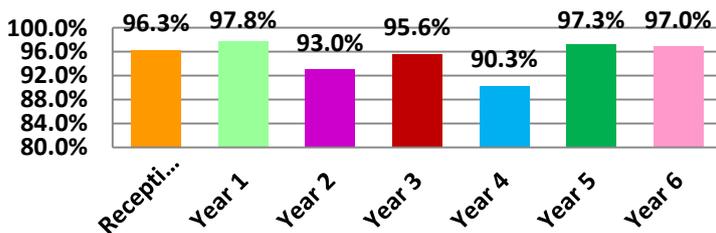
In the final countdown to Christmas, Year 1 have made some beautiful arts and crafts to be used as decorations and gifts for families and friends. The children made Christmas wreaths by using their hands as stencils to cut green card. They then used acrylic paint for green shading and red berries.



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Attendance

Well done, Year 1! You had the highest attendance this week with 97.8%.



Catholic Life

Children, staff and members of families performed in the St Joseph's Carol Service this morning to end the term and as a final celebration of Christmas together as a community. The wonderful service was attended by Governors, families and special friends and neighbours of the school with refreshments served back at school afterwards. Thank you all for coming.



Pupil Voice

The Pupil Voice Reps visited the Houses of Parliament this week. They had an hour long tour of the Royal Rooms, the House of Commons and the House of Lords before taking part in a workshop to create their own law. One child said "The trip was a great experience because I got to learn about politics. In the Houses of Parliament, our MPs have to consider new laws for the good of our country." The children enjoyed playing the part of the Speaker of the House during the debate that took place and had the opportunity to meet our local MP, Greg Hands, to ask him questions about his role in Westminster.



The Pupil Voice would like to wish our school community a very merry Christmas and New Year!