

St. Francis' School Newsletter

13th December 2024



Value of the month – Patience

Dear Parents and Carers

The children across the school have surpassed themselves in leading us in preparation for Christmas with so many wonderful services.

Westminster Cathedral

The choir were invited to Westminster Cathedral to be part of the Woldingham Girls Christmas Carol Service. The children sang beautifully. It was a very busy and long day with travelling, rehearsals and Carol Service. The children embraced this prestigious event and were exceptionally well behaved. It is a real privilege to be invited to join Woldingham School and we send our thanks for the invitation. Our children are to be highly commended for representing the school. Thank you to Mrs Hardy, Miss Morris and the parent helpers who supported all the children.



Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Performances

After all the preparations and rehearsals, the performances have been wonderful and very moving. The children learned their lines very well and spoke clearly and with confidence. The singing was truly superb! My thanks go to the Teachers and TAs who helped rehearse and prepare all the children and to all the parents who provided costumes. Scroll down to see photos.

Carol Service

The Junior Carol Service was a joyful celebration of Christ. The children and the Choir sang beautifully. Thank you to our readers for leading us in prayer and to Mrs Hardy & Miss Morris and all the staff involved.

Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

On **Wednesday 18th December**, show off your best Christmas sweater, decorate your everyday jumper, or even tinsel up Granny's homemade knitwear! Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day!



Primary school Admissions for 2025

Please remember the deadline for **Reception 2025 applications** to School Admissions is the **15th January**. Any applications received after this date are treated as late applications

PTA Christmas Fayre

Thank you to the whole PTA for managing a brilliant Christmas Fayre. Thank you to those who helped, donated and came to support the event. The Fayre was a big success and everyone had lots of fun.

Best wishes,
Mrs McGrath and Staff

Calendar Dates

18 th December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Details to Follow
19 th December	Sliver Cross Liturgy- please bring a coin to donate for CAFOD
20 th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
6 th January 2025	School Re-opens @9am
6 th February	Children's Mental Health Day
11 th February	Safer Internet Day International Day of Women in Science.
5 th March	Ash Wednesday
31 st March	Lenten Reflection Week







.Christmas Fayre

A big thank you to all those who helped at the Christmas Fayre on Sunday (8th Dec), from taking Tombola donations on the Friday morning to setting up the stalls, helping to run them and tidying up, it was a huge collaboration and every bit of help made the difference.

A special thank you to the chef, Chris, and his family for cooking the pork, which went down a treat!

The raffle prizes that weren't collected on the day will be left with the office and winners will be notified.

Year 6 – Film Night

The PTA have been approached by the Head Boy and Head Girl to run a film night for Yr 6 which we hope to start planning in the new year for Spring.

PTA Fundraising

The school have been able to purchase a state of the art sound system for the school hall from funds raised by the PTA over the past few years. The school are really pleased and are looking forward to having that. The next thing they really want funding for is the play area/ equipment for older years.

Dates For The Diary:

Friday January 24th- Quiz night 7pm

Details will be sent after Christmas – start getting your teams ready!

Thank you!

PTA

This week's riddle: What has to be broken before you can use it?

(Answer in the next newsletter)

Last weeks riddle answer A Cold!