

St. Francis' School Newsletter

20th December 2024



Value of the month – Patience

Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a very full Autumn term with many events to celebrate. I feel incredibly fortunate to lead the school and privileged to have your children in our care. A huge thanks for the incredibly generous gifts that you have given to all the staff. I wish the children and all your families a very restful Holy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all back on January 6th



Advent Silver Cross Liturgy

The Reflection Liturgy was thoughtful and prayerful, as we considered others at this special time of year. The children all took turns across the day to come into the hall and place their coins on the silver cross. Thank you for all your contributions which will be sent to Cafod to Purchase therapy through play, teach someone to read, wonderful worms, happy queen bee, vegetable garden and tree for life. Thank you



Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch and enjoyed wearing our Christmas jumpers. We had fun pulling crackers and sharing the jokes with each other and eating a tasty lunch, which was a credit to the excellent catering team we have in school. Our Cook Caroline, with help from Laura, Natalie, & Jeanette provided a lovely Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Lunch was served by the staff and Christmas crackers and juice were donated by the School Association. The Christmas songs added to the festive atmosphere.



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

Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the certificate winners this week and to **John Fisher** for winning the House points.



Have a wonderful and peaceful Christmas break

Best wishes,
Mrs McGrath and Staff





All the staff wish to thank parents and children for many gifts, cards and kind wishes received. We wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas.



Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day



Calendar Dates

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

Raffle prize winners from the Christmas Fayre have all now been notified (please check your emails/ voicemails) and prizes are waiting for collection in the office. Please collect your prize by mid-January.

The class who won extra 'break time' for the most Jolly Jars donated to the Christmas Fayre were..... Pine Class.

A Message from the PTA

Thank you to everyone for all of your support this year, you have been amazing!
We hope everyone has a very merry Christmas and a happy 2025!

Dates for the diary:

Friday January 24th- Quiz night 7pm
Details will be sent after Christmas – start getting your teams ready!

Thank you!

PTA

Last week's riddle: What has to be broken before you can use it?
Answer: An Egg