

# St. Francis' School Newsletter

6<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Value of the month – Patience

### Dear Parents and Carers

Our Christmas preparations are well underway and the corridors and doors are being decorated. Our value for December is Patience and we shall endeavour to be like Mary, Mother of God, and look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus with patience, joy and hope – all important values.

### Father Christmas Visit

The visit and presents from Father Christmas were a big hit! Thank you to the PTA and all who helped with this.



### Pantomime

Jack and the beanstalk was hilarious and enjoyed by all the children in school yesterday.



### Cedar Tree

Well done to all the children who sang so beautifully at the lighting of the Cedar Tree. The carols and singing was wonderful and it made for a beautiful and uplifting start to the Advent Season. Thank you to Mrs Hardy, who prepared the children, and thanks to the staff and our volunteer helpers who were there supporting and helping on the night.



### Star in The Making

Congratulations to Taylor in Year 3 who features in the new Netflix drama Black Doves. This has just launched and receiving rave reviews!

### PTA Christmas Fayre

With only two days to go until the Christmas Fayre, the PTA have been working hard putting the final plans in place to deliver what we hope will be an enjoyable event for all children and parents. We have a number of games for the adults and children, shopping stalls, festive food, and much more. We hope to see as many of you as possible. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/>



### Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day

On **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January**. Any applications received after this date are treated as late applications.

## Coats

The days are now much colder and very changeable. We still have some children arriving in school without coats. Please ensure your child remembers to bring a coat to school. We are never quite sure what the weather will be like, but it is important for children to get plenty of fresh air, so they will still go out in light rain conditions and will need their coats

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## Celebration Assembly

Well done to all those certificate winners This week and **Anne Line** for winning the House Points Cup.

Best wishes,  
Mrs McGrath and Staff



## Calendar Dates

8 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fayre -12.30-3pm
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Westminster Cathedral Carol Service- Details to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am Reception</b> Christmas Performance
11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am KS1</b> Christmas Performance <b>2.45pm Reception</b> Christmas Performance
12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9.30am KS1</b> Christmas Performance
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Service, 10am @ Sacred Heart Church
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 & KS2 Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day Details to Follow
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Sliver Cross Liturgy- please bring a coin to donate for CAFOD
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm
6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School Re-opens @9am
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day International Day of Women in Science.
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Lenten Reflection Week



Please find below useful information:

### **Christmas Trees**

We didn't reach minimum order on the Christmas trees, however next year we have a plan to make it more achievable. Thank you to those of you that placed an order. A refund will have been processed for your entire order.

### **Christmas Fayre**

The fayre is this Sunday and from the hive of activity in the run up to it, there will be lots going on. The fayre is this Sunday 12.30pm until 3pm.

You can preorder your children's stamp cards, adult entry and raffle tickets online. Some of the yr6 students are carol singing at 1.30pm so come and grab a refreshment while you watch.

For tickets to all the exciting events coming up, please visit

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/>

### **Dates for the diary:**

- ✧ Sunday 8th December- Christmas Fayre 12.30pm until 3pm ✧
- Friday January 24th- Quiz night 7pm

Thank you!

PTA

Last weeks riddle : what goes up, but never comes back down?

Answer: someone's age

This week's riddle- what can you catch, but not throw?

Answer next week!