



Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter

Friday 13th December

Class 1	97.7%	Class 7	93.4%
Class 2	91.3%	Class 8	94.3%
Class 3	94.7%	Class 9	99.3%
Class 4	90.7%	Class 10	100%
Class 5	92.4%	Class 11	97.7%
Class 6	84.1%	Class 12	93.3%

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance Our target for attendance is 96%.

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 10
Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 8

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 1



IMPORTANT MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

Our school is a **no smoking site**. This includes e-cigarettes and vaping. Thank you.

PARISH ADVENT SERVICE ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 3PM ALL WELCOME



Bambinelli Sunday

Children are invited to bring their baby Jesus' from their cribs at home to be blessed.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve : Mass at 5.30p.m.

Christmas Eve : Carols from 11.30p.m. followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day : Mass at 10.00a.m.



Last week, we were successful in achieving the 'Quality Lead' status with the charity 'Achievement for All.' This recognises our work in supporting all our children and families in achieving their very best and removing barriers to learning.

Thank you to all our staff in their hard work in achieving this award, especially our AFA champions, past and present; Mrs Maddocks, Mrs Hedley and Mrs Boardman.

Thank you to the parents and governors who came and spoke to our assessors last week and helped us to achieve this award. Our school will now become an advocate school and other schools may be signposted to us to find out about our practice.

Mrs Harris and our school council led a very informative and fun assembly about the work of the Claire House Charity. The children have chosen this year to not send Christmas cards but instead to make a donation to Claire House. Please support the children if you can.



DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 17th December	Year 2 Advent Service 2pm in church
Wednesday 18th December	Reception and Nursery Party Day
Thursday 19th December	Year 1 and Year 2 Party Day
Friday 20th December	Visit from Father Christmas with a special surprise for every child
Friday 20th December	END OF TERM FINISH AT 2PM
Monday 6th January	SPRING TERM BEGINS
Wednesday 8th January	Class 7 Stay and Read
Friday 10th January	Class 5 Assembly Parents/Carers Welcome



A very special thank you to Father Christmas for taking time out of his very busy schedule and visiting our school three times to see our children. Father Christmas, you were wonderful and the children loved meeting you. Thank you also to the Friends of St Margaret Mary's and to all the staff who made the evenings such a success.

Thank you to Mrs Barr and all the staff who also helped at the **Christmas Bingo** on Thursday evening. As usual, a great night was had by all.

In total, through all the Christmas events around £1600 was raised.



The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. **Gaudete** means 'Rejoice'. It is a day to be joyful about the coming of Jesus. It is marked by the lighting of the pink candle on the Advent Wreath.

Today we break from the Gospel of Mark to hear from the Gospel of John, who talks about John the Baptist from a slightly different perspective. John the Baptist here is 'a witness to tell the world about the light'. He is 'sent by God' – a man with a mission, just as we have a mission. The passage calls us to recognise the light here in our world, and to testify in whatever way we are able to that light to others.

We Pray

Loving Lord, as we look forward to Jesus' birthday, help us to remember that you will come into the world again. We want to be acting in a way that shows your love always to others. Amen.

Well done to our **nursery** children for three wonderful performances of their nativity play. We are all very proud of you. The children were all so confident and brave, remembering their songs, to play their instruments and when they needed to move or dance. Thank you to all the nursery staff and parents for supporting them so well.

Well done to our **Reception** children who led the Advent Service this afternoon. You all did a wonderful job. This was a truly prayerful and beautiful service. Thank you to all the reception staff and parents for supporting them so well.

