



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 14 – 15th December 2023

Our values: In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith , **Aspirational** in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

Taken from Luke 1: 26-38. The Fourth Sunday in Advent, Year B

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you,' the angel answered, 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your cousin Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the hand-maid of the Lord,' said Mary, 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her

Stars of the week 14 & 15/12/23



Reception - Nellie for always finding magic mess at tidy up time and being so helpful!



Year 1 - Connie for being such an energetic and enthusiastic camel in our nativity play! And with some amazing dance moves!



Year 2 - all of Year 2 for their outstanding performances in our nativity play—You made me very proud!



Year 3 - all of Year 3 for a fantastic Christmas advent service. We are all so proud of you!



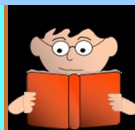
Year 4 - all of Year 4 for being a joy to teach. Thank you for all being such kind children, always eager to learn.



Year 5 - Abubakr for being a fantastic help in reception



Year 6 - all of Year 6 for their fabulous performance and behaviour at the KS2 Advent Service.



Bronze Reading Awards - 50 Books

Reception—Liam

Y1—Ayda

Y2—Miriam

Y3— Jayden, Lila

Y5—Sebastian, Nancy

Silver Reading Awards - 50 Books

Y1—Annie, Holly and Adam

Y3—Thomas, Daniel, Eden, Maya, Mati, Olive, Ross

Y4 —Rosie

Attendance Award

Year 1—96%

Well Done!

Proud Work 15/12/23



YR — all of Reception for their paper chain making and for decorating the school

Y1— Jacob A and Lewis for working really well together to create repeating shape patterns in Maths.

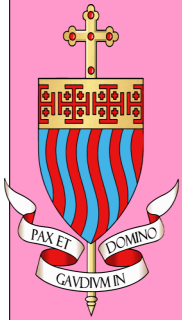
Y2 — Teo for his description and pictorial representation of the Annunciata of our Lady.

Y3— Cailyn for a lovely Christmas poem.

Y4— Maisie for an amazing animation.

Y5 — all of Year 5 for their Design and Technology

Y6— Dominic for his detailed drawing of Mary as part of our iconography lesson.



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2024 FIRST CONFESSION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

The Catholic Parish of Horsham is announcing the First Holy Communion Programme for 2024. Application Forms for are now available from the back of the Church, the Parish Office and via their website. The Programme is open to children in Year 3 and above. Please return your completed Application Form, together with the required payment and a passport-sized photo of your child, by the closing date of Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Details of the Programme timetable will be finalised and made available to parents/carers after the closing date. **They are unable to accept late applications, so please get your paperwork into the Parish Office as soon as possible.**



Christmas Wishes...

The Governor Body would like to wish all the St John's community a very Happy Christmas and hope you all enjoy some quality time with family and friends.

May the peace and joy of the season be with you all.

Christmas Closing Info...

- The first day back is Tuesday 2 January. As this is the day after the Bank Holiday, the school meal option will be a baked potato with additions. If you wish for this option, please order by Thursday 21st If you do not wish for this, please cancel the order to minimise wastage.
- Please also see below link Chartwells' Census Day menu, for 18th January. Orders will need to be placed on ParentPay by 4th January 2024. https://stjohnshorsham.schoolzineplus.co.uk/_file/media/10800/census_day_18th_jan_2024.pdf
- The cut-off date to order Chartwells meals is Thursday 4 January for the week commencing 15th January (Week 1 menu). Please see below deadlines.

Christmas Holiday		
28th December 2023	8th January 2024	Week 3
4th January 2024	15th January 2024	Week 1
11th January 2024	22nd January 2024	Week 2
18th January 2024	29th January 2024	Week 3
25th January 204	5th February 2024	Week 1

- The school office will close today at 4pm and re-open on Tuesday 2 January, so please bear with us as we respond to any emails as quickly as possible. Please continue to report any absences via Szapp, as this will help us to record them quickly on our return.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at St John's we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

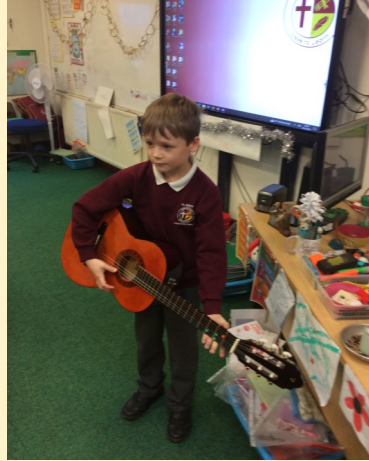


Christmas Music in Years 4 and 6!

In our Year 4 and Year 6 Music lessons this week, we were treated to brilliant solo and group performances of Christmas songs with these instruments: voice, piano, guitar, clarinet, ukulele, recorder and flute. Thank you to all those children, we are so impressed with your talents! Some children had even memorised the music!

Thank you!

Mrs Curtis



The Christmas Challenge Trail



If you are looking for Christmas-themed activities to keep the children amused

now the schools have broken up, check out Horsham District Councils festive AI trail.

Following the success of the Halloween trails that took place in the town, Horsham District Council are excited to bring you a festive hunt for illustrated characters on your local high street.

Find out more here:

https://dc.thyngs.net/20988/Experience?code=CUU047517&time=12%2f14%2f2023+12%3a26%3a16.204402&appUserID=04764c02-d5da-490a-bbe3-5e0514f7e253&thyngDetailID=4456748&valid=Vd%2b6OkBBBE8zFyN5sZrXUrxzLf3TZGx3JR20iW166EgopoX-T1kU289tSWIKQDg1wFwj5dNbLWHYqXfRkehzuNGU%2fTA0GK8XemaBcjMoE3m0%3d&goalType=ITEM_COLLECTION&meta

Spanish and French Clubs at Arunside school

If any children are interested in joining Spanish Club, there are spaces available with Kids Lingo at Arunside school and can be booked on the following link: https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=ohXLDiJo1tKwICX8uGpBRg%3D%3D&u=L3qDI8J7MABeE59obquzZQ%3D%3D&p_id=1&c=194

There is also a French club on Thursdays at the same time - Here is the link to book: https://www.thinksmartsoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=ohXLDiJo1tKwICX8uGpBRg%3D%3D&u=L3qDI8J7MABeE59obquzZQ%3D%3D

Keeping Active over the Christmas Break!

Looking for fun activities to keep the kids active this Christmas?!

Check out the 10 Minute Shake Up games with information about active hobbies and sports, here's everything you need to get your family moving!

[Activities for kids - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/active-living/activities-for-kids)

Looking for singers for
performances of:
Oliver and Annie

*A tale of
2
Orphans*

Open to all in school years 3-6 who would like to participate. The performances will be on March 23rd 2024 and rehearsals will be on Wednesday nights from 5:30 - 6:30, starting on January 3rd at St Mary's Church Horsham.

Contact St Mary's Music director for further information at:
jweaver@horshamstmarys.org.uk

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We've launched at our lowest rates. You can **save up to £89** a week if you book now with our Early Booking offer and your exclusive code!

On top of that, you can also secure your booking with our reduced deposit rates. Perfect to ease your finances in the run up to Christmas. You can confirm your booking for just £10 a day or £25 a week (standard deposit rates are £15 a day and £50 a week).

LOW DEPOSIT OFFER ENDS 31ST DECEMBER, 2023
EARLY BIRD RATES END 31ST JANUARY, 2024