

St John's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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I would like to take this opportunity on my final day at St. John's to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. It has truly been a great honour and a privilege to work with you all - pupils, staff, parents and governors.

I am so proud of our school and I will greatly miss everyone here at St John's.

The school is in such a strong position and I am confident it will continue to go from strength to strength.

My sincere and best wishes to you all. Miss Maudsley

A very special visitor



The children were very excited to welcome a very special visitor into school this week.

All of the children received a gift.

Also, a many thanks to Santa's Helper!



Alder Hey Fundraising Update



A group of our Year 6 pupils organised a Pyjama Day to raise money for Alder Hey. They asked the children to come to school in their pyjamas or own clothes for a donation. They bought prizes for a raffle which they sold tickets for. This was drew today at a whole school assembly. **They managed to raise an incredible £710 for Alder Hey.** Congratulations, we are so proud of you! Thank you to all of our generous parents and carers who donated to this cause.

Pyjama Day in Autumn Term 1

As detailed in our last Newsletter a group of our **Year 6 pupils** organised a Pyjama Day to raise money for Alder Hey. Donations have continued to come in after the event and the new

GRAND TOTAL raised is **£912.20**

The children who organised the fundraising event went to Alder Hey this Half-Term and were presented with a cheque.

Congratulations,

we are so proud of you!

Thank you to all of our generous parents and carers who donated to this cause.



Lest we forget

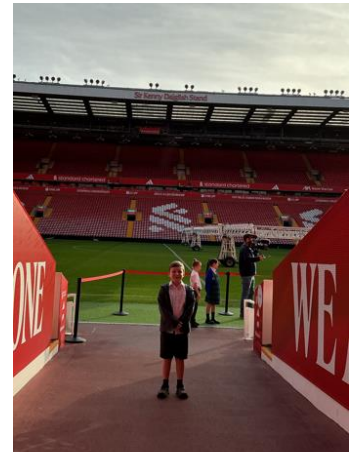


Our year 2 children presented a Remembrance Day Assembly in November for their parents and carers to commemorate our heroes of wars current and past.





Foundation



Show Racism the Red Card Workshop



The LFC Foundation recently hosted young people at Anfield to take part in a full-day educational event delivered by **Show Racism the Red Card**, some of our year 5 children took part in the event. The children participated in impactful workshops exploring anti-racism, challenging harmful narratives, and addressing online hate, alongside a guided tour of the stadium.



Christmas Mass Times

St John The Evangelist

21 st December	5pm	Carols for Children
Christmas Eve 24 th December	5pm	Children's Mass
	7.30pm	Midnight Mass (Preceded by Carols)
Christmas Day 25 th December	10.30am	Christmas Morning Mass
26 th December		No Mass
27 th December	6.15pm	Mass: Vigil: The Feast of the Holy Family
28 th December	11.15am	Mass: The Feast of the Holy Family
29 th December		No Mass
30 th December	9.30am	Mass
31 st December	9.30am	Mass
New Years Day 1 st January	10.30am	Mass The Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Fr Peter Adul/ Fr Jude Nwachukwu would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and every blessing in the New Year.

Carol Service



Our KS2 children, parents and staff celebrated our annual **Carol Service in Church**. The children read amazingly and sang beautifully. Thank you to our Faith Friends group who played a huge part in this service. Also, a special thank you to **Father Peter** who said mass.

Reverse Advent Calendar



A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who donated items which will be distributed to those in need this Christmas.



Santa Dash

In this years CAFODS Santa Dash we raised £712.66
These CAFOD charity's donations allow them to carry out vital work with communities living in poverty around the world, wherever the need is greatest. As always, a huge thank you to all of our School Community.



SANTA DASH



**A better world
needs all of us**

CAFOD

“It’s behind you!”



St John's was filled with excitement as M&M Productions delivered a spectacular performance of **Cinderella** for our annual pantomime. The show was packed with all the traditional pantomime fun, including singing, dancing, and plenty of audience participation.

Reception Nativity



Our Reception Parents filled the hall with much excitement to see their children perform their first nativity at St John's ... and they were not left disappointed! The children performed their roles with great enthusiasm! Well Done Everybody.

Shakespeare Workshops



Year 5 were lucky enough to invite The Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation into St Johns this week.

As we are working on Macbeth in our English lessons, the children were immersed in a different Shakespeare story!

We began by warming up our voices and bodies, exploring emotions, moving in slow motion, working on facial expressions and tone of voice. In the afternoon we rehearsed our parts and performed the play for an audience! 5C Performed The Tempest and 5R performed Hamlet.



Faith Friends



Our Faith Friends lead the school in worship on jubilee celebration day. They encouraged us to continue to follow the path of 'pilgrims of hope' bringing joy and hope to others by following our pledge to be a light in the darkness for each other and to follow the example Jesus set when he asked us to 'love one another'.

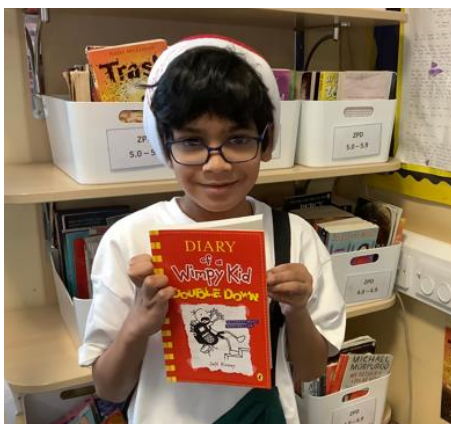
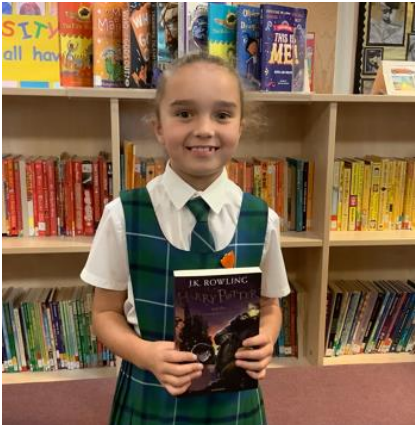
Chester Dewa



Year 4 enjoyed their trip to Roman Chester this term. We had great fun exploring the real amphitheatre, learning all about gladiators and training to become our own Roman army! The people of Chester were quivering as we stormed through their town. SIN! SIN! SIN! DAX! SIN!



Reading Ambassadors



We are so proud of our wonderful reading ambassadors.

They have an important role of promoting the love of reading across our school. They are also reading buddies, library monitors and assist in our weekly book swap.

Keep up the good work reading ambassadors

Its beginning to look a lot like christmas



The children enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas on Party Day !



New Age Curling



Year 5 took part in a new age curling competition. The children had lots of fun and learned about a new sport. LSSP celebration events encourage participation, effort, engagement, and skill development.

Christmas Dinner Day



Thank you to our kitchen staff who served the children a wonderful Christmas Dinner

Messy Play



This term **Faith Friends** planned and delivered an Advent themed **Messy play** for the **year 1** children and their families. Activities were based around the story of the birth of Jesus with children making Advent wreaths, paper angels, shepherd silhouettes and tree decorations to name a few.



Our Reception children helped to decorate their Class Christmas Tree.

Attendance Assembly



What a fantastic first term we have had for super attendance at St. John's! We had 238 pupils achieving excellent or most improved attendance in our termly attendance assembly. Keep up the amazing work and keep attending every day!



Reporting your child's absence

On your child's first day of absence please inform school before 9am. You can do this by calling the office on 0151 922 1924/ 3106

Attendance

Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school. It is important that Parents/Guardians support school to encourage children to attend school regularly and on time. Any time missed from school can have an impact on your child's education.

- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 85% attendance means 29 school days
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed

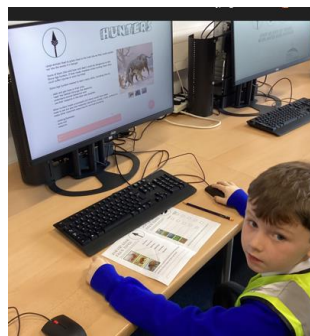
Schools have a statutory duty to monitor your child's attendance. If your child has poor attendance we will:

- Complete a home visit if you fail to provide a reason for your child's absence.
- Send you a letter so you have the opportunity to support your child to improve their attendance.
- Unauthorise all absences unless medical evidence is provided.
- Hold attendance meetings in school
- Issue penalty notices or start court proceeding

To encourage good attendance pupils will be celebrated/rewarded for excellent attendance whether this is weekly, monthly, termly or for the whole year.

For minor illness children can still be brought into school, all staff are first aid trained and we can call you to collect your child if they are unwell during the school day. Any medication prescribed by your doctor can be given to children throughout the day. A medication form can be completed in the school office.

Southport Eco Centre



Our Year 3 children had an exciting trip to the Southport Eco Centre, where they took part in two engaging workshops: *Natural Disasters* and *The Stone Age*. These sessions linked perfectly with our Geography and History topics, giving pupils the chance to explore through hands-on activities. The highlight of the day was the incredible immersive room experience, where we witnessed the power of volcanoes up close! It was a fantastic day of learning and discovery.



Nursery Singalong



Our **Nursery children** had a wonderful time learning a lot of new Christmas songs in the run up to Christmas. The children's families came to Nursery to watch the children's merry singalong. The children sang loudly and with lots of enthusiasm... it was an absolute joy for all to hear!

Nativity



KS1 Children performed a wonderful nativity performance for their families. Well Done!



Bikeability



Our year 5/6 pupils have been taking part in Bike ability this term. Completing the Learn to ride and level 1 and two.

Did you know Peloton Liverpool have a bike library where families can access bikes from 2-10 years old?

<https://peloton.coop/project/bike-library/>

Poet Visit

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We welcomed Liverpool poet, Joseph Roberts into St John's. He delivered a very inspiring assembly all about writing poems and being yourself.

Then he worked with us to create our own poem about ourselves, our freedom, our dreams, our resilience. We loved writing free verse and performing spoken word poetry.

Thank you Joe!

Year 4 Advent Assembly

Year 4 were delighted to perform their Advent Assembly with their parents and carers watching. The children explained the meaning of Advent and how this is the period before Christmas which celebrates the birth of Jesus.



Christmas Party Day



There was plenty of eating, singing, playing games and dancing on Christmas Party Day!



Western Approaches



Year 6 had a fabulous day at Western Approaches War Museum in Liverpool. We explored the bunkers and the operation room.



Retirement Mass



The children, staff, parents and governors congregated in St John's Church for a beautiful retirement Mass for Miss Maudsley.

Retirement Assembly



The whole school gathered in the hall to share their thanks to Miss Maudsley. The children shared some of their wonderful memories and had the opportunity to say goodbye.

School finishes on

Friday the 19th of December at normal time

Children return to school on

Monday the 5th of January