

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



**Maiden Castle learning about key events in Roman British history**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Well, what an end to our Autumn term, the children have been amazing and we hope you and they have enjoyed our Christmas events and activities. The children were super in the Nativity Plays, they thoroughly enjoyed them. Thank you for all our families that supported the children. A big thank you to all the staff that helped to make the shows happen, especially Mrs Gannon and Mrs Williams.



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Kingston and Maurward children performed their Christmas production for their families on Wednesday. They all looked great in their crowns and sang beautifully. We hope families enjoyed this.

Yesterday the children had their St Mary's Christmas party day, they danced, played catching the Elf under the play parachute, decorated some of the children as snowmen and all looked great in their party crowns.





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Each class was visited by one of Santa's Elves who spread lots of Christmas cheer and gave each child a little gift. Thank you to our amazing PTFA for helping Santa in getting these gifts wrapped.



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St Mary's had some special visitors from Culliford House Residential Home. They delivered lovely Christmas cards for the school that the residents had made. It is lovely to have a special relationship with the residents at this home.

Today we finished our term off with a lovely Advent Service for the children.



Our last Golden Padlock winners of 2023 are Oliver and Poppy R. Well done for being great Bike it Bears.



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The new bike shelter is starting to look really good, we look forward to the grand opening in January.



## Upcoming events

Date	Event
October to January 2024	Tesco community project open for St Mary's
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Children return to school

## Kingston

This week Kingston collaborated with Maurward class and had their Christmas performance in front of parents and carers. They read 'Room for a little one' and sang lots of Christmas songs. They were all wonderful! On Thursday the children had party day, and played lots of party games - draw the nose on the snowman, musical statues, and musical chairs. They had a special Christmas lunch together, with Christmas crackers and placemats that they had decorated.



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**This week's kids Corner comes from our Anning class, telling us what they have enjoyed and learnt this week.**

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I liked making a snowman in our party game

Marlie

I enjoyed evaluating our castles in DT

Naomi

I enjoyed learning Maths through a Christmas murder mystery

Darcy

Many thanks to all our families for the support you give your children and St Mary's. Thank you for your kind Christmas messages, thoughts and gifts.

We hope you have a peaceful and happy Christmas and a healthy New Year.

We look forward to seeing the children back at St Mary's on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

*P. Fearn*

Paula Fearn  
**Headteacher**

I liked using all the skills we learnt in PE when we used the parachute

Poppy R