

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



8th December 2023



Shire Class making Christmas decorations for their tree



Dear Parents/Carers,

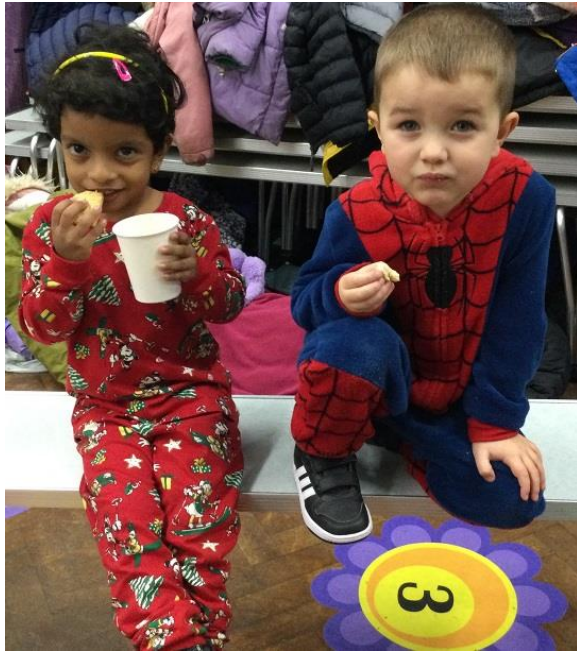
We have had a lovely week at St Mary's and the children have been great learners.

The children have been rehearsing for the Nativity Plays next week and are very excited for their families to see them performing. You should have received an email to inform you which day your child is performing and what they need to wear. All clothing/costumes should now be in school for next week.

We had a lovely Christmas Stories evening on Monday, the school looked magical with fairy lights and Christmas decorations. The children enjoyed listening to Christmas stories, drinking hot chocolate and eating biscuits in their comfy clothes and PJs.



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Maiden Castle and Icenic classes visited Culliford House Residential Home and sang Christmas Carols with the residents. Thank you to our parent/carer helpers, the residents and children loved it.



Iceni class had a lovely visit to the United Church in Dorchester and took part in their 'Journey to the Stable' event. They moved through the various stages of the birth of Jesus, talking about the journey, the star, the wise men and thinking about what they would like for the World.

It was also lovely to be joined by families for our Advent Carol Service, it was a special evening.



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The hard standing base for our new bike shelter has been finished and the bike shelter will be installed soon. We will have a grand opening in January.



Reminder - Sleep a night on the floor - raising money for the Children's Society

We would like to raise money for the Children's Society by our pupils sleeping on the floor at home for one night between now and the 11th December.

If children can gain donations from family and friends for sleeping on the floor this would be great. Please bring in any donations by Friday 15th December and we will pass these onto the Children's Society. Please see the flier attached to the newsletter email - many thanks.

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Please do email in a photo of your child sleeping on the floor and we will share this with the other children at St Mary's.

School Photos/Christmas Cards

If you ordered a school photo, these arrived yesterday so should have now come home with your child.

Printed Christmas Cards, again if you ordered these, should have come home this week with your child.



Upcoming events

Date	Event
October to January 2024	Tesco community project open for St Mary's
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th Dec (changed from 12 th & 13 th)	Nativity Plays – 2.15pm & 6.00pm
Wed 13 th Dec	Kingston & Maurward Christmas production – Kingston & Maurward parents/carers invited – 10.00am
Thursday 14 th Dec	Christmas Party Day – children to wear party or festive clothes. If children want to bring in a special treat to eat with their hot lunches or add a treat to their normal packed lunches, they are welcome to.
Friday 15 th Dec	End of Term Service – children only (morning)
Friday 15 th Dec	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 2 nd Jan	Children return to school

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Kingston

This week Kingston have been Creative Chameleons and have made lots of Christmas crafts to take home. They have made a tea light holder, a salt dough tree decoration, a wreath, an Angel, a Father Christmas mask and a bird feeder.



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

I liked walking with my friends to Maumbury Rings, it was really cold and frosty
Violet

I liked sticking my donkey on the lollipop stick for D&T for my Nativity scene
Elara

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I enjoyed learning
how to make 11, 12
& 13 in Maths using
a 10 frame and
extra counters

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Have a good weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

I am enjoying being in
St Mary's and love all
the new books I can
read.

Bea B

I enjoyed counting
down from 10 in
Maths

Archie