



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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*“With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine.”*

## A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the half-term holiday! We hope you all had a wonderful and restful break.

This first week back has been a busy one. On Monday some of our KS2 children took part in the Young Leaders Sports training. They learnt lots of new skills and tried them out with younger children setting up games and activities for them. On Wednesday a group of our children attended the Northamptonshire Cross Country event—well done to everyone who represented our school so brilliantly!

On Thursday Fr Jithu celebrated Mass for the whole school. The children sang beautifully, and it was a lovely opportunity for our school community to come together in prayer and reflection.

A big well done to all those who entered the Space Competition. The results will be announced next week—we can't wait to see who our winners are!

Today the photographer was here taking individual photographs. Shortly we will receive the proofs, and we will share these with you.

This term is particularly busy, with lots of exciting events planned, including cinema visits, a pantomime, Advent reflections, and Christmas Nativities and a PTA Disco! Please make sure to keep an eye on the upcoming dates so you don't miss any of these special occasions.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another exciting half term ahead.

**Best Wishes**  
**Mrs Yuen**

**Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion**



## Play Leader training



This week, some of our children have also taken part in Play Leader training. They have been learning how to organise and lead games and activities for younger pupils during break times. We're so proud of how enthusiastic and responsible they have been, and we're looking forward to seeing them put their new skills into action on the playground!

## Key Dates

### Advent term

**11<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 4 to Nazareth House – Wartime Songs for Remembrance.

**14<sup>th</sup> November**- Y2/3/+4 Cinema Visit 'Sloth lane'

**19<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception/ Year 1 Cinema Visit 'Tiddler and Tabby McTat'

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** – **School closed -INSET DAY**

**26<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 5+6 Cinema Visit 'Kensuke's Kingdom'

**1<sup>st</sup> December** – 'Carols for Hope' – Year 4 at the Cathedral

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** – 'A Christmas Carol' Pantomime

**5<sup>th</sup> December**- 3.30-5.30pm – Christmas Fair

**9<sup>th</sup> December**- Y 4 Carol Singing at Nazareth House

**9<sup>th</sup> December** – PTA School Disco

**10<sup>th</sup> December**- Reception/ KS1 Nativity Production

**2 performances: 9.45am and 2pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas performance 'A Silent Night'

**2 performances: 9.45am and 2pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term

**Christmas Holidays 19<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January**

## Whole School Mass to start the



Thank you to Fr Jithu for celebrating Mass. The whole school came together for a special votive Mass for Mary.

## The story of David continues...



On Wednesday, in our celebration of the Word, Reverend Roger continued to tell the story of David. He focussed on how important music was to him. David wrote many of the Psalms and Reverend Roger discussed "The Lord is my Shepherd" and how just like a shepherd, Jesus guides and protects us in all that we do.

## Year 5 Working Scientifically – exploring friction



Working scientifically, Year 5 have been learning to identify the effects of friction, acting between moving surfaces. They set up fair testing and collated the findings.

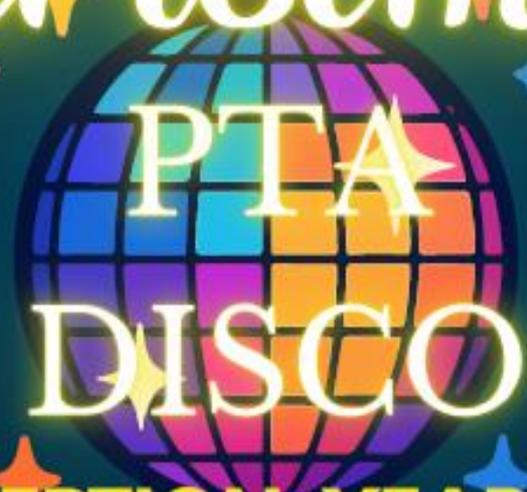
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TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

# Christmas



PTA  
DISCO

RECEPTION, YEAR 1+2

3.30-4.30PM

YEARS 3-6

4.45 - 6PM



£4 a ticket!



**TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**RECEPTION, YEAR 1+2 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND  
FROM  
3.30-4.30PM**

School staff will supervise from 3.15pm and children will need to be collected from their classes at 4.30pm

**YEARS 3-6 ARE INVITED TO  
ATTEND FROM 4.45 - 6PM**

Children must arrive with and be collected by a responsible adult from their usual classroom at 6pm. Please leave coats and mobile phones with the adult that drops off.

**Tickets are available through  
MCAS all proceeds will go to PTA  
funds for some more exciting  
events.**

*£4 a ticket!*





# DONATIONS

## OF TOYS + BOOKS

If you are having a half term clear out we are collecting donations of teddies, jigsaws, books and other toys for our Christmas Fair



External Stall holders welcome please share this information and contact the school for further information.

We are looking for helpers with our Christmas Fair Please contact Mrs Yuen for more details.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP