



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2025 Newsletter 11



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

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another *wonderfully productive* week in school, filled with enriching experiences and moments that have made us all very proud. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic visit to the cinema to watch *Kensuke's Kingdom*. The children were fully engaged and returned eager to discuss the story, themes, and characters—an excellent springboard for their upcoming learning.

Meanwhile, a group of our Year 3 and 4 pupils attended the Athletics Festival, where they represented our school brilliantly. They demonstrated determination, teamwork, and respect throughout the event and were superb ambassadors. Well done to all who took part!

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your generosity during our non-uniform day in support of Age UK Northamptonshire, the charity we are supporting this Christmas as part of the Diocesan Love Christmas campaign. Your contributions will help make a meaningful difference to older people in our community.

As we move into the Advent season, the coming weeks promise to be *exceptionally busy* with many special events and celebrations. Our virtue focus for this period is *Patience*—a timely reminder to pause, reflect, and find calm amid the excitement and preparation. We will be encouraging the children to think about how they can show patience at school, at home, and with one another.

Please note a time change on the **17th December** – KS2 Christmas performance 'A Silent Night' - the first performance will now be at **10.45am**

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to sharing this joyful season with you and the children.

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

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Parish Art Competition



Congratulations to our parish Art Competition winners. We were all impressed by the pupils representation of an angel. They were so varied and creative- well done and thank you to Mrs Gribble and the Parishioners of St Patrick's Church, Duston.

Term Dates

Advent Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 3rd November 2025
INSET Day: Friday 21st November 2025
Term ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Lent Term 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026
Term ends: Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term:

Monday 16th February 2026-Friday 20th February 2026

Caritas – Love Christmas Campaign



Thank you for supporting our Love Christmas Campaign 2025. This year we are filling bags of kindness for AgeUK Northamptonshire. Today our community raised over £115 in addition to the generous donations of items for the bags themselves. Our Mission team will be helping to organise the bags to hand over to the charity -We will keep you updated on this over the coming weeks.

Key Dates this term

- 26th November** – Year 5+6 Cinema Visit 'Kensuke's Kingdom'
- 27th November** – Year 3 Mass at Nazareth House
- 28th November 2025** – Non-Uniform Day for 'Love Christmas Campaign'
- 3rd December** – 'A Christmas Carol' Pantomime- **Please book your child's place on MCAS**
- 3rd December** – Advent Reflection at the Cathedral 5pm
- 5th December**- 3.30-5.00pm – Christmas Fair
- 9th December**- Y 4 Carol Singing at Nazareth House
- 9th December** – PTA School Disco **Please book your child's place on MCAS by 4th December**
- 10th December**- Reception/ KS1 Nativity Production
2 performances: 9.45am and 2pm- No admission after start times
- 12th December**- Carols on the Square **3.45pm**
- 16th December** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper 'day
- 17th December** – KS2 Christmas performance 'A Silent Night'
2 performances: 10.45am and 2pm- No admission after start times
- 19th December** – Last Day of Term

Sporting achievements



Some of our Year 3/ 4 pupils attended Sports hall athletics this week. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and skill.



Congratulations to one of our pupils to has been selected to run for the County in a Cross-Country event. Out of 800 pupils he came an impressive 4th and now will represent the County in a National event. Good Luck and many congratulations!

Year 3 – Nazareth House



Year 3 led the readings at Mass at Nazareth House. They attended alongside the residents.

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PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 5th December 2025
3.30-5pm in the school Hall

Teddy
Tombola

Raffle

Refreshments

Book and toy stall

festive sweets

chocolate treats

and so much more....





TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Christmas



PTA
DISCO

RECEPTION, YEAR 1+2

3.30-4.30PM

YEARS 3-6

4.45 - 6PM



£4 a ticket!





TUESDAY 9TH 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!