



## ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 24

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Mrs Bennett End of Term Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another very busy 7 weeks at St Mary's CE School. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the topics that they have been learning and this is reflected in this newsletter.

In addition to teaching and learning, our KS1 children performed the brilliant 'Bethlehem Bakeoff', giving two fantastic performances to their school community and parents and carers. The singing, dancing and acting was incredible. The EYFS gave two wonderful festive performances and Upper Key Stage 2's Nine Lessons and Carols was truly breathtaking. It was difficult to remember that these children are still in primary school when we watch such mature performances.



In addition to recent Christmas performances, we have enjoyed welcoming you into school for our Year Group Collective Worship, parents' evenings and workshops and Stay and Play sessions. We look forward to seeing you in the Spring term.

**Wishing you a very Happy Christmas!**

Mrs Bennett

### Dates for the Diary

- 06/01/25** - INSET Day
- 10/01/25** – Winton House Mufti Day
- 14/01/25** – Year 5 knife crime workshop
- 16/01/25** – Bedtime Stories
- 21/01/25** – Young Voices
- 23/01/25** – Year 6 knife crime workshop
- 25/01/25** – Year 5 Oxford Science Museum
- 05/02/25** – Year 2 Assembly
- 11/02/25** – CNY Dance workshop Y R & 3
- 11/02/25** - Parents Evening on site
- 12/02/25** - Parents Evening remote
- 12/02/25** – Year 6 Assembly
- 17/02/25 - 21/02/25** - Half Term
- 05/03/25** – Year 4 Assembly
- 06/03/25** – World Book Day
- 12/03/25** – Year 1 Assembly
- 19/03/25** – Year 3 Assembly
- 21/03/25** – Red Nose Day
- 25/03/25** – Ark Farm Visit Yr N & R
- 26/03/25** – Year 5 Assembly
- 02/04/25** - **ONLY Nursery Last Day of term**
- 03/04/25** - School Closes 1:30pm Last Day of term

### Attendance Autumn Term 95.3%

- Reception - 94.6%
- Year 1 - 95.3%
- Year 2 – 94.8%
- Year 3 – 95.4%
- **Year 4 – 95.5%**
- Year 5 – 95.4%
- Year 6 – 95%

*'Shine as Lights in the World!'*

### House Winner

Congratulations to Winton who have earned the most house points this half term. They will have a multi-day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### MyChildAtSchool (MCAS)

Please take the time over the school holidays to ensure yours and your child's details are up to date. This is particularly important for those families of children that are applying for school places.

We would also like to remind you to complete the parental consents on MCAS.

### Staffing

. I am writing to let you know that, sadly, Domonique Bazeley will be leaving St Mary's after Christmas.

Mrs Bazeley has tirelessly championed for our most vulnerable children during her time at St Mary's and has significantly impacted the lives of many. She has supported so many children and their families during her time with us and we will all be incredibly sad to see her go.

I am sure that you will join me in wishing her all the very best for the future, she will be missed.

. Miss Stott is also departing to begin her Maternity leave; we wish her all the best during this exciting time and look forward to meeting her little one.



. Mrs Down our Office Administrator is also retiring after 19 years dedication to St Mary's. We would like to thank her for her service to the school over the year and wish her a happy retirement.

. Mrs Owens will be joining us in January along with Mr Litson to cover Miss Stotts year 6 class.

. We also have Mrs Ludlow joining us as a HLTA and Miss Griffith as an LSA-Key Worker in January.

### Parking

As will now be aware the parish council have implemented double yellow lines, not only around the school, but across Fairford Leys as a whole. We would like to remind those dropping and collecting children from school to continue to be courteous to our neighbours and if parking in the Co-op carpark to use the allocated spaces.

### Clubs – Years 1 to 6

We have run a number of very successful clubs over the Autumn Term and are now looking forward to the clubs for the Spring term. Please take the time over the Christmas break to discuss with your child the club they may wish to attend.

Please complete the below form no later than 5<sup>th</sup> January, if there is a club your child would like to attend. Clubs will be allocated on the return to school in the new year, with the plan to start them on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

<https://forms.office.com/e/kDE7LJ3i3D>

The term in pictures

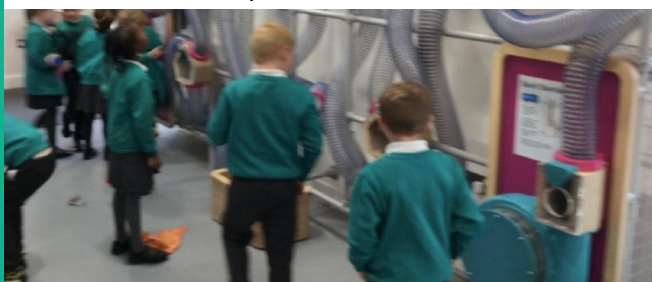
The Wombles visit Year 5



Westcott Space Cluster visits Year 5



Year 2 Trip to Science Museum



Remembrance Day



Operation Christmas Child



Year 1 Assembly



The Bethlehem Bake Off



Year 4 Roman Day



St Mary's Reindeer Dash



Santa Lucia



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