

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2023



Good morning,




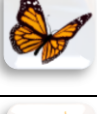




What a busy week it's been in school! We've completed assessments, rehearsed for our Christmas performances and also enjoyed a wonderful Advent retreat day with Dan and Emily – one of our favourite days in the year. If this wasn't enough, each of the classes have been busy creating wonderful Christmas DT projects. Next week, we'll begin our Art projects so expect some beautiful pieces to be sent home next week.

The final week of the half term is even busier (if that's possible) with EYFS & Y1 kicking off the Christmas performances on Monday and Tuesday and then Y2 and KS2 performing in the church on Thursday. Please check the timings in the events section of the bulletin below.

The PTFA disco takes place on Tuesday so, if you haven't got your tickets, please go and see the PTFA in the main playground before Monday.

We would like to thank you all for your generosity over the past few weeks. It has been wonderful to see your donations flooding in and we know these will benefit many people, both locally and globally. Today, the money raised will go towards the PTFA. We are very blessed to have such a committed group of people working alongside the school and we thank them for their generosity of both time and spirit.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHERS

| CLASS | | TEACHERS | THEIR MESSAGE TO YOU |
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| NURSERY |  | MISS MURPHY & MRS LARQUE | Nursery have been working so hard this week on their final nativity rehearsals and completing their 1:1 assessments- well done to you all! We have now collected in the children's reading books and they will receive a new one after the Christmas Holidays. Our trip to see Little Red Riding Hood at The Birmingham Rep is also on Wednesday 20 th December- what a busy week! Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend- we are nearly there Nursery! |
| RECEPTION |  | MRS HICKMAN & MRS JONES | Well done for another fabulous week. We have been busy practising our Nativity and we are so looking forward to you all seeing it next week. A reminder that the performances are next week - Monday 18 th at 2.00pm and Tuesday 19 th at 9.30am. The EYFS and Year 1 trip to the REP takes place on Wednesday 20 th . We hope you have a wonderful Christmas! 😊 |
| YEAR 1 |  | MR ABNETT, MISS CASHMORE & MR FALLOWS | What an amazing week we have had in Year 1! We are all feeling very festive! The children have been amazing role models this week and trying to show what our Catholic Virtues really mean! I also loved the Christmas jumpers too how spectacular. Make sure your child has brought in a Christmas jumper ready for our performance on Monday and Tuesday. Please ask your child about our naughty elf in the classroom and what he has been getting up to! |
| YEAR 2 |  | MISS ELLIOT & MRS BARNETT | The children have worked really hard this week in their assessments and we couldn't be more proud. Well done, Year 2! They have also enjoyed practising for the Nativity, creating Christmas puppets in DT and some of them listened to a story from Santa with a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie on Wednesday evening. What a lovely week it has been 😊 |
| YEAR 3 |  | MR MCNAMARA & MRS DEOCADES | Year 3 have been amazing this week. Our foundation topic this week has been DT - Christmas cushions and although this is a difficult task the children persevered and have created some fantastic work. Well done all of you!!! |
| YEAR 4 |  | MR CLEWER & MRS HAWKINS | Well done to Year 4 for their assessment this week, the children have tried very hard, and we are very proud of them. Please make sure you are practicing your lines and songs for the Nativity next week! |
| YEAR 5 |  | MISS NEVILLE, MRS EDGINGTON & MR LAHERT | What a week we've had! It's been frantic in Year 5 but we've achieved an incredible amount. From completing 6 assessments to producing a wonderful Christmas book, coupled with the odd rehearsal here and there... I think we need the weekend to recover! Well done Year 5! |
| YEAR 6 |  | MISS MAPOTHER, MS ELSBY-ARNOLD & MISS PLANT | Well done for all of your amazing work this week Year 6, we have been blown away by your attitude to learning, your concentration and hard work during assessment week! Miss Plant, Mrs Carroll and I are SO proud of you all! Well done! Keep up the great work and well done for all your hard work in our Christmas performance rehearsals too, please keep practising the songs but what a fantastic week we have had! 😊 |
| DAILY ACTIVE & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS | | MR READ | I just wanted to thank everyone at the school for their positive attitude during the active 15 seasons this week. It's been a Christmas whirlwind, but they have managed to keep a positive attitude throughout. Well done, all! |

Please click on the class icon to be taken directly to your child's class page.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WEEK 7

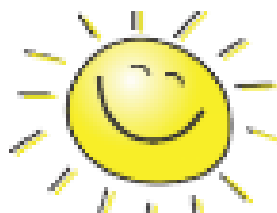
| DATE | CLASSES | EVENT |
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| Monday 18 th December | EYFS & Y1 | EYFS Nativity afternoon performance (School Hall) at 2pm PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS |
| Tuesday 19 th December | EYFS & Y1 | EYFS Nativity morning performance (School Hall) at 9am PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR TICKETS |
| | PTFA EVENT | PTFA Christmas Disco (3.45 – 4.45pm) TICKETS ONLY. ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT! |
| Wednesday 20 th December | EYFS & Y1 | EYFS & Y1 Theatre trip – Red Riding Hood @ Birmingham Rep |
| | YEARS 2- 6 | Whole school mass in church @ 10am – Year 5 will be leading the readings and prayers* (*may be subject to change by Father Gary) |
| | CHOIR | An evening of Carols @ St Thomas Aquinas – 5.00PM – 6.30pm |
| Thursday 21 st December | YEARS 2- 6 | Year 2 – 6 Christmas Performance in the Church @ 3.30pm |
| Friday 22 nd December | WHOLE SCHOOL | Advent charitable giving – Anawim Women's Charity – please bring in £1 for this amazing charity and wear your own clothes as a thank you for your kindness. |
| | | Break up for the Christmas Holidays @ 1.00pm |

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



| WEEK | DATE | | EVENT |
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| Spring 1 | | | |
| 1 | Monday 8 th January 2024 | | Teacher training day |
| | Tuesday 9 th January | | Children return to school @ 8.30am |
| | Thursday 11 th January | | Years 2 – 6 Theatre trip – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe @ Birmingham Rep |
| 3 | Friday 26 th January | | Gymnastic festival for Year 1 timings TBC (Your child will be given a letter if they are involved in the festival) |
| 4 | All week | | National Storytelling Week |
| 5 | All Week | | Safer Internet Week |
| | Friday 9 th February | | Break up for the half term holidays at 1.00pm |

HAVE A FABULOUS WEEKEND!
MR CARROLL AND MISS NEVILLE





Our librarian's book recommendations



We have a fantastic team of librarians in school who work tirelessly in the library. Of course, one of the most important roles for them is to read – something we are all passionate about. They have all chosen a book from the library and produced a review, to help inspire other children to read their book.

Each week, we'll highlight two of their book recommendations for you so you can talk about them with your child. Simply scan the QR code below to read and listen to what they have to say about their chosen books.



Why read for 20 minutes every day?

| Child A | Child B | Child C |
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| Reads 20 minutes per day | Reads 5 minutes per day | Reads 1 minute per day |
| Hears 1,800,000 words per year | Hears 282,000 words per year | Hears 8,000 words per year |