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## The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

20th December 2024

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



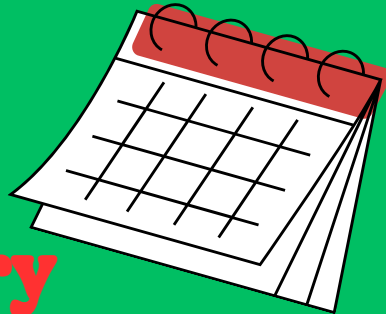
Dear Parents  
and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had in school. We enjoyed an amazing Christingle service on Monday. We have been amazed by KS2 singing and the FS1 nativity singing was totally fabulous too. KS1 nativity was amazing too. All the children throughout have been superb team players, brilliant singers and dancers. They have performed with such confidence and have clearly enjoyed what they have been doing. Thank you to those of you that joined us - it really does make a difference to the children.

We had a visit from Santa who put on an amazing disco for us all - a big thank you to Mr Webb for organising this special event!!!

Happy Christmas

## Dates for your Diary



**Monday 6th January** - Back to School

**Thursday 9th January** - Young Voices Concert

**Wednesday 29th January** -  
Emergency Museum Trip for Y1

**Monday 10th February** Anti-Bullying Week

**Monday 10th February** - Y4 Trip to  
The Methodist Church

**Tuesday 11th February** -  
Internet Safety Day

**Friday 14th February** - Half Term

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Reception

## THEATRE TRIP

The children in Reception thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the theatre where they watched 'Underneath a Magical Moon'.

They enjoyed watching the characters sing and dance and they represented our school so well. **Well done Reception!**



Year 6

## SPREADING FESTIVE CHEER!

Last Friday, Y6 went to spread Christmas joy in our local community.

They did a fantastic job of entertaining the staff and customers at Tesco and raised an incredible £300.14.

**Well done, Y6.**



Just a  
thought!

What does Christmas mean to you? How do you celebrate Christmas? Do you have any Christmas Traditions? What do you value most about Christmas?

How will you share love in school, at home and in your communities this Christmas?



# A JOYFUL CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

## AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

This week, the whole school community gathered for a joyful Christingle Service at St. Mary's Church.

Students sang carols, shared heartfelt poetry, and read Bible passages, creating a festive atmosphere filled with love and togetherness.

**A beautiful reminder of the season's spirit!**





# A QUICK CHRISTMAS ROUND-UP FROM MADAME ROUX

Eco-club decorated the tree at St Mary's Church in time for the Walkley Christmas Fair. Many thanks to Laila for her beautiful paper decorations.



Congratulations to the Y5/6 Diamond team who won the merit team football tournament last Friday. It was an exciting end to the tournament as Diamond took the lead in the final match. The Ruby team played remarkably well and scored the most goals in the tournament. Sapphire vs Emerald was also a thrilling match which ended 6-4 to Sapphire. Well done to all the players and supporters, and many thanks to lunch-time supervisors for accommodating the matches. There will be a Y3/4 football tournament to follow next term.

Congratulations to the small but determined St Mary's orienteering team who have not been put off by the winter weather and are now 20th in the South Yorkshire school team league! A great achievement! The next event is at Whirlowbrook Hall on Saturday 4th January from 12.30-3.30 p.m.



The Walkley Wombles will be doing a litter pick at Ruskin Park at 11 a.m. on Sunday 5th January.

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Just a few photos of this year's Christmas lunch.

Delicious!



Year 4

# VERY JAZZY!

The Y4 class composed and performed 4 beat swinging rhythms as part of their jazz unit.





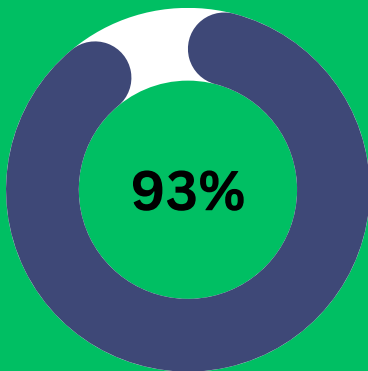
# A LONG TIME AGO IN BETHLEHEM!

We were delighted to have an Open Book assembly which reminded the children all about the journey that was taken to Bethlehem 2000 years ago.

Thank you to Tej and Aiven for being willing volunteers.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



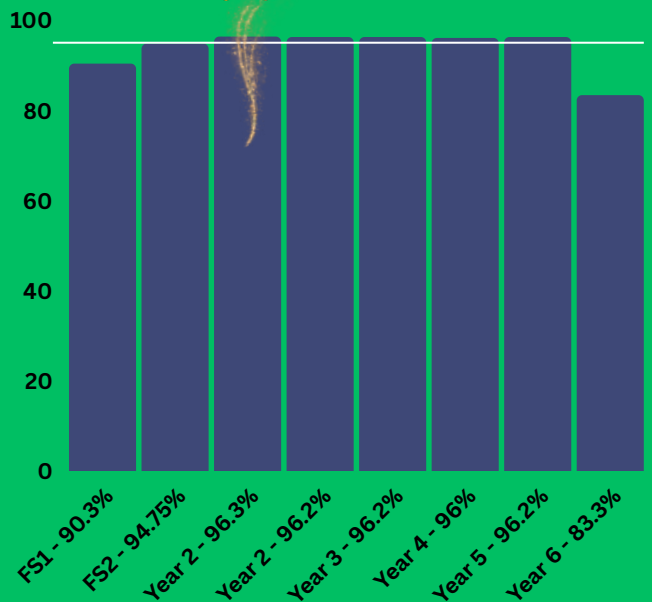
Our whole school attendance for the week (12th - 19th Dec) is 93.5%

All classes that have achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Year 2 are class winners with 96.3%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat...

**WELL DONE!**

### WELL DONE Year 2



Year 5

# DRAMA TO RAVE ABOUT

Year 5 had the most amazing time when they took part in a drama workshop ran by Jules Gibbins and some fantastic university students. In the first week, the students performed a very entertaining rendition of the Tortoise and the Hare and the children played the role of newspaper reporters interviewing them. In the second week, the children got to take part in some acting themselves.

They were given a moral, such as "winning isn't anything" or "there is strength in unity", and asked to perform their own short story based on that moral.

The children were absolutely raving about what a great time they had and can't wait to take part in more drama activities in the future.

Thanks so much to Jules and the team for organising this fabulous event.



# AUTUMN FAB FINISH

Thanks to everybody who attended our Autumn Fab Finish!

The children thoroughly enjoyed designing and making their Christmas themed smorebrod and sharing their Merry Mezze with you.



Year 2

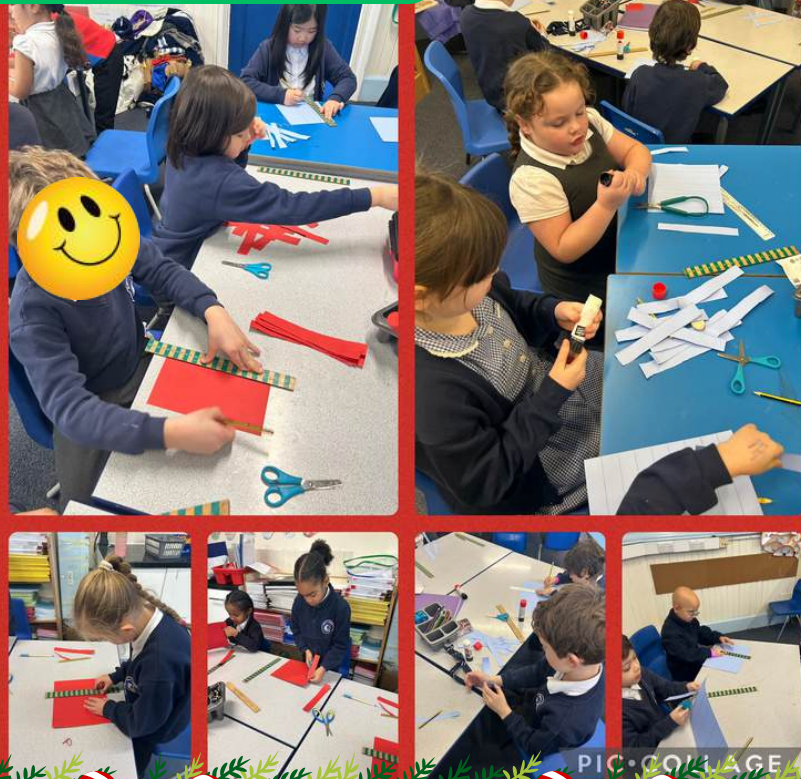
# MISSION 'CHRISTMAS CHAIN' ACCOMPLISHED!

Year 2 had lots of fun this week creating a festive paper chain.

They worked in small groups to craft separate chains before joining them all together.

Their challenge was to make it from the Year 2 classroom all the way down to Mrs Burgess' office and upstairs to Year 6!

The mission was successfully completed thanks to their amazing teamwork.



Merry  
Christmas

from  
everyone at  
St Mary's

See you all  
back in  
school on  
Monday 6th  
January

