

St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Our Mission Statement

As God's family we are STARS within a loving and thriving community, celebrating our diversity. We ignite lifelong learning where everyone becomes a positive influence on our

Our Gospel Values

Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of **love**, **hope** and **forgiveness**. We **respect** and support each other to live in **peace**. We embrace challenges and develop the **courage** to create a better world for us all.

Advent

On Monday we celebrated the start of advent - a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. Jesus asks us all to keep watch for him so that we will be ready when he comes. This week we are going to think about how we can make sure we are ready for Jesus when he comes again. We will be sharing the Gospel Value of 'Hope' by helping others, being kind, sharing our love and peace. We are going to be showing our kindness to all.



Mass Dates for Autumn 2

14/12/23

Advent Mass – whole school – with Fr Padraig – in school at 9am

Sleeping Beauty

On the 6th December, the children enjoyed a fabulous production of Sleeping Beauty. There was a real panto spirit with opportunities for children to join in with the witty repartee and sing-a-long with some classic tunes. We look forward to welcoming them back again next year with a performance of Dick Whittington.

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Crafting Day

The children have been busy honing their art and DT skills in order to complete a range of enterprise projects ready for the craft fair on the 14th December. Year 6 have been designing and making printing cubes in order to create their own wrapping paper. Year 3 are about to add some colour to their decorative wall hangings and Year 5 will be putting the finishing floral touches to their festive candles.



Christmas Movie Night

We really got into the Christmas spirit on Thursday with our selection of Christmas screenings. Children enjoyed a taste of festive classics including *The Grinch Animated*, *The Santa Claus 1* and *Saving Santa*.



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Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Christmas Fayre - Saturday 2nd December

Thank you to those of you who sent in bottles of wine for the Christmas Fayre at Our Lady Star of the Sea. It was lovely to see so many of the people from the community out in support.



A Christmas Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who took a tag and donated to the Christmas Giving Tree. We have been overwhelmed by people's generosity and kindness.

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Christmas Carols - The Choir and Mini Vinnies

Our choir and the mini vinnies will be singing at the parish Carol Concert at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church on Sunday the 17th December. Everyone in school is welcome to come along and join in and afterwards you are all invited to go into the church hall for nibbles and drinks.



New Parent Governor

We begin the New Year by welcoming Mrs MacKender to the governing body as a parent governor. Thank you for offering your time to work as part of the governance team.

Online gaming warning

On the run-up to Christmas, we would like to remind children and families about the risks and legalities of on-line gaming. Useful information can be found via the NSPCC link below:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/o nline-games/>

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**CALENDAR DATES for 2023 - 2024
ACADEMIC YEAR**

The following dates and events are subject to change if necessary. Please refer to the most up to date newsletters for termly dates.

Month	Activity Information
11th and 12th	Y1/Y2 Nativity 2 tickets for each performance for each child have been sent home
12th	EYFS Panto At Seagull Theatre
13th	Christmas Dinner Available to order now
13th and 14th	Reception Class Christmas Performance 2 tickets for each performance for each child have been sent home .
14th	Carols around the Christmas Tree Year 5 will be performing a few carols around the Christmas tree on the school playground after school.
14th	Christmas Craft Fair The children will be selling their Christmas Crafts after school from 3:15pm.
14th	Whole School Advent Mass Starts at 9am- All welcome

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15th	Christmas Bauble Judging Members of the SLT team will judge the baubles
18th and 19th	Y3/Y4 Nativity 2 tickets for each performance for each child have been sent home
20th	Christmas Chocolate Raffle Children will help draw the Christmas chocolate raffle Drawn
20th	Merit Assembly for parents and children By invitation only

20th CHRISTMAS

INSET Day 3rd January Pupils

HOLIDAYS finishes at 1:30pm

return 4th January

January 2023	
21st	World Religion Day Celebrating all our brothers and sisters faiths
February 2023	
7th	Internet Safety Week Activities in school
14th	Start of Lent

Monday 19th FEBRUARY HALF Pupils return 26th February



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