



# St. Joseph's Newsletter

Each one of us has been created by God for a special purpose and is therefore uniquely special. Together, we pray, grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus.



Darren	George	Michael	Moses
Diya	Tiffany	Bella	Emily
Micah			

## Diary Dates

Date	Event
10/12/2024	EYFS Christmas Presentation—10am
11/12/2024	KS1 Christmas Presentation—10am & 2.15pm
12/12/2024	Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day
17/12/2024	KS2 Carol Service—2pm at Holy Family
19/12/2024	Class Christmas Parties—non-uniform day.
20/12/2024	End of Term Mass—9.30am at Holy Family

## HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - St. Joseph's
- 2nd - St. Angela's
- 3rd - St. Mary's
- 4th - St. Ursula's

## HEAD'S AWARD

This week the Head's Award goes to Mrs Hinton and all the TAs for organising and setting up the Christmas Bazaar! Thank you so much for your hard work!

# Luke 3: 1-6

Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea, and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina;

Under the high priests Annas and Caiphas; the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zechariah, in the desert.

And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

*A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the*

*Lord, make straight his paths.*

*Every valley shall be filled; and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight; and the rough ways plain;*

*And all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*



# Attendance

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Scarlet
KS2	Sage

# Punctuality

Our winning classes this week

EYFS & KS1	Amber
KS2	Cobalt

## Reception Applications

If your child is due to start school in September 2025 and wish for them to attend our school, you will need to apply for a place at by logging onto the eAdmissions website and completing the online application. The closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

## Diary Dates

### **December Events**

10th December—Nursery & Reception Christmas Presentation 10.00am

11th December—Year 1 & 2 Christmas Presentations 10.00am & 2.15pm

12th December—Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day—**Christmas Jumpers can be worn**

17th December—Carol Service led by Y3 & Y4 2.00pm

19th December—Christmas Class Parties—**Home clothes day**

20th December—End of Term Mass 9.30am

20th December—End of Term **1.15pm finish**

## Outdoor Classroom

You may have noticed a large garden house on the grass at the end of the playground. This is our new outdoor classroom. When the weather is warmer teachers will be able to teach classes outside. Our Year 6 children are very excited about it as it will also be their special area for breaktimes and lunchtimes.

## Rock Steady Concert

Well done to all the children that took part in the Rock Steady Concert yesterday. Your musical talents are amazing! If you are interested in your child having music lessons by Rock Steady, look out for the leaflet that your child has been given.



## Reading Raffle

Congratulations to Chukwuebuka, Katie, Inaaya, Zaid, Mary & Viaan who were our winners of the reading raffle for November. Each child has been given a new book.



Scarlet	Barima	Ruby	Lilah
Sunflower	Awesome	Amber	Helena
Pumpkin	Riyanne		
Sage	Jessica	Emerald	Ella
Cobalt	Tyree	Sapphire	Anais
Lavender	Tiffany	Amethyst	James
Fuchsia	Zina	Magenta	Emily

This week, we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent as we joyously wait for Jesus' coming at Christmas. The green Advent wreath is a never-ending circle - just like God's love for you and me! The four candles (three purple and one rose) represent Jesus' light in the world. This week, we light the first purple candle and begin to count the days until the birth of Baby Jesus on our **Advent Calendar**. During this season of Advent, let's shine our light for all to see as we grow in love for Jesus and one another! Advent is a time of preparation; a time of waiting. Below is an Advent calendar to help you through each day of waiting and preparing for Jesus to come.

<p><b>Dec. 1<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p>Read Luke 1:5-24</p>	<p><b>Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p>Find out what "nativity" means</p>	<p><b>Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>Do a secret good deed for someone</p>	<p><b>Dec. 4<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Pick one Joyful Mystery and find it in the Gospels</p>	<p><b>Dec. 5<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Who is Jesus? What did he teach us?</p>	<p><b>Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Smile at everyone you meet today</p>	<p><b>Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Talk to Mary the mother of Jesus. Say thank you to your own mum/carer</p>
<p><b>Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Read Luke 1:26-56</p>	<p><b>Dec. 9<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Make a Christmas card for someone</p>	<p><b>Dec. 10<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Colour a picture of Baby Jesus</p>	<p><b>Dec. 11<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Say to your mum or dad "thank you"</p>	<p><b>Dec. 12<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Talk to Jesus; thank Him for coming to us as a baby</p>	<p><b>Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Pray for children who won't get any presents this Christmas</p>	<p><b>Dec. 14<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Sing some Christmas songs today. Which is your favourite?</p>
<p><b>Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Read Luke 1:57-80</p>	<p><b>Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Think of a way to help the poor</p>	<p><b>Dec. 17<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Tell someone the real story of Christmas</p>	<p><b>Dec. 18<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Make a gift for Jesus (A good deed, a card, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Dec. 19<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Kneel in front of a nativity scene and talk to Jesus</p>	<p><b>Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Say a Glory Be before you play, today</p>	<p><b>Dec. 21<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p>Make a small gift for someone and give it with love.</p>
<p><b>Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p>Read Luke 2:1-20</p>	<p><b>Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p>Think of 3 gifts you would take to Jesus in the stable and why.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 24<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p>Pray a decade of the Rosary while you think about Jesus' birth</p>	<p><b>Dec. 25<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p><b>Christmas Day!</b> Thank God for all of your wonderful blessings!</p>			