



Holy Family News

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Hello everyone!

This week has been an exciting week across school as we celebrated Parliament week with a range of activities to help the children learn about democracy and having their voices heard. The children enjoyed the panto (eventually) which brought plenty of laughter and festive fun and to top it off, we were thrilled to welcome Olympic gymnast, Beth Tweddle into school who inspired everyone with her incredible achievements and motivating message.

What a wonderful week it has been!

Advent

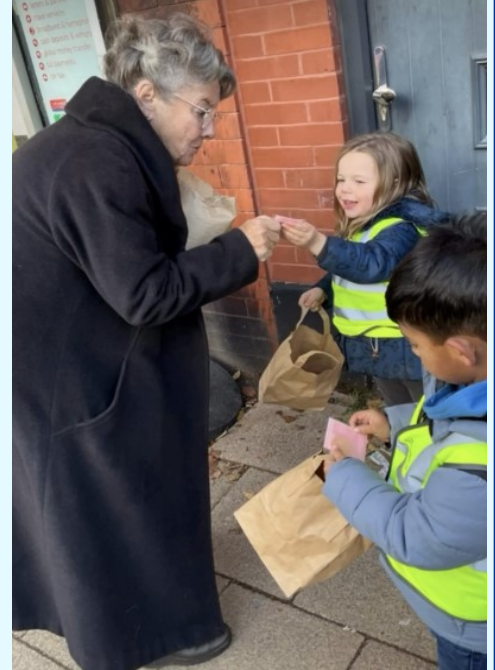
This weekend we enter the first Sunday of Advent, a season that invites us into quiet expectation and waiting. 'Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know what day your Lord is coming' (Matthew 24:41)

Advent calls us to pause, to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and to anticipate when he will come again. As Pilgrims of Hope, we are reminded that our hope is rooted in Christ himself—guiding us and prompting us to share that hope gently and generously with others.



Holy Family Kindness Disciples

Our Kindness Disciples have been busy this week - delivering special snacks to Year 1, visiting Holy Family Church for Mass and then heading out into Sale Moor to spread a little joy in our community. Their thoughtful actions made many people smile including Fr Keith who telephoned school to say so! And of course, we couldn't let Beth Tweddle leave without sharing a little kindness with her too!



Parliament Week

This week we marked Parliament week in school, giving our pupils the chance to explore how democracy works and why their voices matter. Our children took part in a variety of activities— from learning about the role of Parliament and how laws are made to engaging in debates of their own. It was a fantastic opportunity to take part in democratic decision making.



Jack and the Beanstalk

We were delighted to welcome a visiting theatre company this week! The children enjoyed the festive performance, joining in with the familiar songs and classic panto call-outs. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience live theatre in a fun, engaging way and the excitement of being part of the show. A fantastic treat for all of our children at Holy Family!



Beth Twedde

We were thrilled to welcome Olympic gymnast, Beth Twedde into school this week. She spoke to the children about her incredible journey in sport and Gymnastics in particular, sharing the challenges she faced and the determination it took to reach her goal of achieving an Olympic Medal! Her inspiring message to 'never give up' really resonated with our pupils and reminded that perseverance and hard work can lead to amazing things.

#growingourheartsandminds



Have you paid your building fund?

For the Building Fund, we ask for a donation of **£15 per child at school**.

Funding for repairs to our school building comes via 90% from public funds and 10% from the Diocese. We have benefited from this fund in recent years including a whole replacement roof project over 4 phases and a toilet refurbishment in lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2. We are currently waiting to hear if we will receive funding for our refurbishment project.

We rely on your voluntary contribution towards this fund. Any arrears must be paid for from our school budget. Our budget, like everything is tighter than ever, but we use this money to ensure children have resources to support their learning. If you can donate, please do. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Dates to Remember for the Autumn term

DECEMBER

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| 1st | Jubilee Icon Assembly |
| 2nd | Early Years dress rehearsal |
| 3rd | 9.15am Early Years Nativity—parents and families are welcome to join us |
| 4th | 9.30am Year 6 at mass |
| 5th | Christmas Fair (further information to follow, please see poster at the end of newsletter) |
| 8th | 9am Advent assembly |
| 10th | 9.15am Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert |
| 11th | Christmas Dinner Day—Children to wear own clothes with Christmas jumpers |
| 12th | 9.10am Parents in Values Assembly |
| 18th | 9.30am Whole School Mass |
| 19th | Break The Rules Day |
- 1.30pm - Children finish for Christmas Break**



OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE MEANS

Being in school 97% of the time

REMEMBER...

Your attendance matters - days off cost good grades



ATTENDANCE

	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
RECEPTION	94.4%	98.8%
YEAR 1	100%	90.9%
YEAR 2	100%	96.4%
YEAR 3	95.9%	95.9%
YEAR 4	99.4%	96.5%
YEAR 5	97.6%	96.4%
YEAR 6	98.4%	95.0%
WHOLE SCHOOL	98%	95.9%

Only one year group managed to get into the green zone this week after an amazing week last week. Well done to Reception!!!

Let's try to get back to our green zone in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming Events

