

St Mary & St Michael **Catholic Primary School**

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NEWSLETTER 15

12th January 2024

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back!

It has been so lovely to welcome the children back this week, ready for the new term! A huge thank you, on behalf of all the staff, for your generous words, cards and gifts at the end of last term. Your kindness is always very much appreciated.

In the Sunday Gospel, John the Baptist told everyone that someone greater than him was coming. This person was so great that He would baptise them not just with water, but with the Holy Spirit. When we are baptised, we become part of God's family, a family that loves and cares for each other and one where our sisters and brothers in Christ are all over the world! Each day children are reminded that God loves us, and He cares for us just like our families do. The children learned that they too are invited to become a special part of His family.



Attendance & Punctuality

You will have seen in the news that attendance is in the spotlight. At St Mary and St Michael, we know that good punctuality and attendance makes a huge difference to your child's learning, which is why we focus on it every single day, not just when it's in the national headlines. Thanks to you, our parents, for ensuring your child is sat at their desk in their classroom by 9am at the latest each day, ready to learn. This really makes a huge difference to their education.

Last term children who had 100% attendance received a pencil and a certificate and children who had achieved at least 96% attendance received a certificate. The class who had the best overall attendance for Autumn term received a treat. Well done to 2W.

Parents of children whose attendance is less than 90% (persistent absence) will receive a letter and be invited to a meeting to discuss how we can work together to improve your child's attendance. We are committed to working alongside you on this important matter.

Uniform

The children are looking very smart in their school uniforms. At the start of term, there are just a few reminders – that shoes/trainers must be black (no ankle boots) and ties must be worn. Thank you for ensuring coats are worn and all school uniform items are labelled clearly.

Spring Term Dates for 2024

You will have received a hard copy of the dates of events this term that parents are welcome to attend, earlier in the week. Please check the weekly newsletter or website for any additional dates.

I'd like to wish you all a very happy 2024!

Blessings Sue-Helen Steyn

Upcoming events:

Bust Bee Clubs starting this week

Wednesday 17th January – Y5 and Y6 Gymnastics at John Orwell Centre Wednesday 17th January - Y6 Maths Boosters starting today form 15.30 -16.30

Thursday 18th January – SEND Sports event at school

Handwriting Award Winners

| Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | |
|----------|--------|----------|--|
| Sophie | Taylor | Layla | |
| Freddie | Tommy | Sienna S | |
| Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | |
| Alicia | Tola | Lucia | |
| Benai'ah | Andrea | Dolly | |



House Points

This week winning houses is St Josephine with 195 points. Congratulations









St Cyril (yellow)

St Elizabeth (green) St Lawrence (red) St Josephine (blue)

GOLD AWARDS WINNERS

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 |
|------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| Josh | Arman | Chi Sam | Naadir |
| Olivia | Matilda | Nela | Ahyane |
| | Talha | Harper | Laurie |
| | Mason | Callum | Temitope |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Naeto | Victoria | Christopher | Leanne |
| Harrison | Faith | Harper | Skye |
| Adeline | Max | Chris | Guilherme |
| Abu Faiyed | Gabriel | Elliot & Malaika | Ruby S |



Our Attendance H.E.R.O this week: 6D 100%



Bronze Awards

| Charlie | Dre' Mari | Wasi | James | Tate | Naziah |
|---------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|--------|
| Zayan | Carlyle | Adeline | Mason W | Andrew | |





Attendance Autum Term 18/12/23-21/12/23

| СР | 88.2% |
|----|-------|
| BF | 88.0% |
| LB | 91.4% |
| 1A | 87.0% |
| 1P | 90.5% |
| 2F | 97.0% |
| 2W | 90.9% |
| 3A | 91.4% |
| 3F | 90.4% |
| 4A | 87.1% |
| 4G | 93.1% |
| 5A | 96.1% |
| 5B | 89.7% |
| 6D | 100% |
| 6K | 94.0% |