



"Starting children off through God's love and Jesus' teachings"

Christian Value: Trust

British Value: Tolerance (Anti-Bullying)

Living out the School Vision this Week: (Y6)

Curiosity: "I wanted to know how to measure in metric measurements," shared Kitty.

Compassion: "I helped my friends when they were feeling down," reported Iris.

Resilience: "I tried hard to learn my lines for the Christingle," shared Agnes.

Worship quote: "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people...." *Matthew 1:21*

Remember in our prayers: all those who find Christmas a challenging time.

Gifts and Cards for Staff

We have received lots of lovely cards and gifts. On behalf of the whole staff team, we thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. It is never expected but always very much appreciated.

Christmas Events in the Last Week

We have had a lovely, festive week, beginning with the Christmas tree trails and Y3, 4, 5 Carols/Christmas songs. Thank you for supporting these events. The children always love to show off their work, and afterwards we hoped you enjoyed the varied musical programme. It was lovely to see signing and hear the children singing in French and Spanish. The strings, ukulele and guitar players also performed very well. Thank you to all involved.

The children have enjoyed their parties. Thank you for your contributions to the party food and party drinks. Santa visited on Tuesday, leaving sacks of gifts for all classes.

Santa sends special thanks to his PTA elves for the children's Christmas gifts!

The Christingle service went very well, at St Paul's Church. The Y6 children led us through the meaning and significance of the Christingle itself. Rev'd Lisa gave the opening welcome and final blessing and it is always lovely to see the church decked out for Christmas.

Thank you for the chocolate donations which will be gratefully received by John Storer House food bank.

The older strings players also performed so confidently. Thank you Ms Wain.

Brass tuition

Mr Vincent came into school last Friday morning to demonstrate various brass instruments including the trombone, trumpet and French horn.

The children were very excited to find out all about these instruments and loved the demonstrations!

Mr Vincent will be able to offer some lessons before school. Please send any expressions of interest to the office, via email. There will be a cost but this is normally affordable, especially with group, rather than individual tuition.

Choir at St Paul's Church Carol Service

Our school choir will be performing on Sunday 22nd, at 6pm, within the Parish Carol Service. All families are very welcome to attend. There will be cake afterwards!

Rev'd Lisa has also asked me to mention the Crib Service at 2pm and Midnight Mass at 10pm. Both on Christmas Eve. All are most welcome.

Challenges Over Christmas

The children are understandably very excited at this time of year. However, Christmas can also bring its challenges, especially around managing household budgets and expectations. Below is a useful link with tips and advice:

[How to manage expectations of children at Christmas - Family Action](#)

After-school Sports Clubs

Football and Fitness clubs will return on January 6th.

Sports News

Fixtures will return in the new year.

School Diary

- Mon 6th Jan 2025: return to school after Christmas
- Fri 14th Feb: INSET Day, staff only
- Mon 17th – Fri 21st Feb: half term
- Mon 14th- Fri 25th April: Easter holidays
- Mon 26th-Fri 30th May: half term holiday
- Thurs 10th July: break up for summer holidays
- Tues 22nd Aug: new academic year starts.

Have a very
happy
Christmas,
Mrs Gilchrist

