

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

1st December 2023

Message from Ms Pantelli

Dear families of St. Peter's and St. Gildas',

As I write, I can see frost decorating nature outside my window and children wrapped up in colourful scarves and hats - winter has arrived!

As we enter the season of Advent, there is much to look forward to, not least the celebration of the birth of our Lord at Christmas. On Wednesday, Y6 attended the Advent Service at Westminster Cathedral alongside many other schools. It was a truly special occasion which was enjoyed by all.

We will be celebrating mass at church on 11th December at 9:30 (Y4, Y5 & Y6); you are very welcome to join us.

The children are all very busy practising for their Christmas theatrical offerings - the sound of Christmas music has been filling both schools which has been a joy! We look forward to sharing this season of Advent with you over the coming weeks.



Wishing you a cosy weekend - wrap up warm!
Ms. Pantelli

Reminder: Coffee Morning for Parents and Carers



We are in the process of reviewing our Behaviour Policy and we would like to invite all parents and carers of children in our school to share their views. Please come along and talk to us on:

Monday 4th December 9.15 -10.30 at St Gildas'

Message from Chair of Governors

I look forward to seeing you at the coffee morning on Monday 4th December. This event has been arranged to share with you the work staff are doing on the Behaviour Policy and to gain your thoughts. Ms Pantelli and the staff will welcome your views as they strive to create a policy that is fair, transparent and consistent.

During the absence of Mr O' Shannessy, Ms Pantelli and all of the staff have worked together to ensure that our school community continues to reflect our values and commitment to high standards.

Ms Pantelli has had the professional support of a former headteacher as well as colleagues from Harin-gey Education Partnership. As Governors we would like to thank Ms Pantelli and the staff for all that has been achieved this term.

We look forward to the celebrations to come over the remaining weeks of term and thank the Friends' for their wonderful support.

On behalf of The Chaplains, I thank you for your kind donations - please keep them coming. We will start our hospital deliveries next week!

As we enter the Season of Advent may we look forward with Hope ,Peace, Joy and Love in our hearts and in our lives .

Frances Booker

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Calling all librarians!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with making some improvements to our school library. If you can spare some time, please see Ms. Pantelli.



Advent Giving Calendar

Once again we are collecting for our local food bank this Advent. Please use the calendar for ideas, but do feel free to send in what you can, all donations gratefully received.



Christmas Angels

Please remember to hand in your Christmas Angel by
Monday 4th December.

We can't wait to see your wonderful angels!



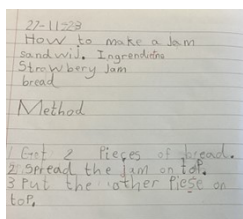
Save the Children
**CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY**

Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 7th December**, we will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own festive clothes including, if they have one, a Christmas themed jumper in exchange for a £1 donation to go to support the work of Save the Children.

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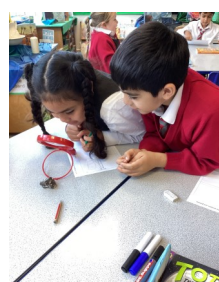
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Year 1 have been writing instructions and using them to make their jam, cheese, and banana sandwiches.



Year 2 have been learning that Advent is the time to prepare for the birth of Jesus.



As part of our topic on rocks in Year 3, we have been using our observation skills to look in detail at a range of different rocks. We talked about their properties and what they might be used for.



This week was filled with all sorts of learning. From writing our own prayers in our English lessons, to learning about Julius Caesar, the children have had an eventful week. This culminated with Friday's trip to Hornsey Library to meet Alison Grunwald, a children's author. Year 4 had the opportunity to listen to a reading of Cinderella Grandma and then ask lots of questions after a book-signing. The children loved it and were able to answer a lot of the author's questions too!

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Year 5 looked carefully at what was involved in the process of dissolving during science this week. We learned how a liquid becomes a solution when a solid dissolves in it and that a solution can become saturated if too much solid is added.



This week Year 6 were invited to Westminster Cathedral for the annual Advent Carol Service organised by The Catholic Children's Society, which supports disadvantaged children and families across London, Hertfordshire and the South East. They work with individuals of all faiths and none; Their sole aim is to help those in greatest need. We sang Carols to celebrate Advent and met Bishop Nicholas Hudson. As part of the Christmas story we were fortunate to have Clover, a donkey from Hackney City Farm join us. There was also Lily the goat but she wasn't around at the end!

Thank you for your donations!



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Mon 4th Dec: Coffee Morning 9.15 - 10.30am. St Gildas' Hall

Mon 4th Dec: Christmas Angel Deadline

Wed 6th Dec: School Tours for Prospective Parents 10am

Thurs 7th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 8th Dec: School Discos. More details to follow.

Mon 11th Dec: Advent Mass Y4, Y5 & Y6 at St Peter's Church 9.30am.

Wed 13th Dec: Christmas Panto & Christmas Lunch

Fri 15th Dec: STP Nativity 2pm (Rec, Y1, Y2 & Y3) - Parents Welcome

Sat 16th Dec: Friends Event - Carol Service at St Peter's Church 4.30pm

Mon 18th Dec: STG Carol Concert 2pm (Y4, Y5 & Y6) - Parents Welcome

Wed 20th Dec: Whole School Assembly 2.45pm

Wed 20th Dec: Friends Event - Non-uniform Day, Mince Pies & Mulled Wine Sale with Carols

Thurs 21st Dec: End of Term. Early dismissal 2pm



Gold Awards

EYFS- Salome & Sebastian

Year 1- Anika & Austin

Year 2 - Alannah & Kamarli

Year 3 - Archie, Ethan & Jacob

Year 4 - Enzo & Liam

Year 5 - Ava & Cillian

Year 6M - Rosie & Shay

Year 6O - Federico & Kayla

93.3%	Whole School Attendance
98.8%	Congratulations to Year 6O for achieving first place with their attendance
95.1%	Well done to Year 1 who came second



This week's Birthdays

Austin (Y1), Ruby (Y2), Kieran (Y6), Amyrah'Lee (Y5), Alberto (Y3), Noah (Y6) & Georgia (Y3)

Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!