

St Peter's & St Gildas' Weekly Newsletter

20th December 2023



Message from Ms Pantelli



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the autumn term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the past few months and celebrate the successes we have achieved together at St Peter's and St Gildas'. It has been a challenging, yet successful term, filled with memorable moments.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christmas productions. The performances were wonderful, and it was heart-warming to see the joy and pride on the faces of our young stars. Their enthusiasm truly shone on stage, and they brought the spirit of Christmas to life.

Furthermore, the Christmas concert at the church organised by the Friends was a resounding success! The happy sound of children filled the church, spreading festive cheer throughout the community. I'm sure it brought joy to all who attended.

I would also like to express my gratitude for the overwhelming generosity of our families in contributing to the Advent Giving Calendar. Your kindness and compassion have made a significant difference in the lives of those in need. Your support truly embodies the spirit of giving during this special time of year.

In conclusion, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your unwavering support throughout this term.

Your dedication to our school community is truly appreciated, and I am grateful for the opportunity to work alongside such wonderful families.

Wishing you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas.

Message from the Chair of Governors

As a Headteacher, I always loved the Autumn Term; new beginnings, new teachers, new ideas and expectations, all culminating in the joy of the Christmas Season.

This term has been challenging, demanding extra resilience from all members of our school community. I thank you for the support that you have given by your presence at Open Evenings/ Mornings, AGM of the Friends and the events organised by the Friends and other groups within the school. The response to the Chaplains appeal, for stationery for children in hospital over the Christmas period, was wonderful, bringing joy to others.

We have been very touched by the many letters of support and encouragement during the difficulties of this term.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We express our thanks to all of the staff, with special thanks to Ms. Pantelli, who as Acting Headteacher has worked so hard to ensure that our schools were happy places of learning and friendship.

May 2024 bring us all a new beginning.

Every blessing.

Onwards and Upwards
Frances Booker



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Angel Competition



Thank you to all the children who took part in the Angel competition. The church has been beautifully decorated with the angels. The winners and runners up are as follows:



Winners & Runners Up

EYFS - Cassie-Rose & Sebastian

Year 1 - Elizabeth & Bobby

Year 2 - Maise & Edith

Year 3 - Laura & Rionagh

Year 4 - Abigail & Ava

Year 5 - Oli & Isleah

Year 6 - Aoife & Laura



Fr David also pick his 3 favourites

Cillian Y5, Alana Y3 & Roisin Y2



First Round success!

Well done to the following children who have made it through to the next stage of **BBC 500 Words**. We will post an update in January once the shortlisted stories are released.

Scarlett (Y6), Aoife (Y6), Christopher (Y6) and Alex C. (Y2)

We are very proud of you all!

Winners of School 500 Words Competition

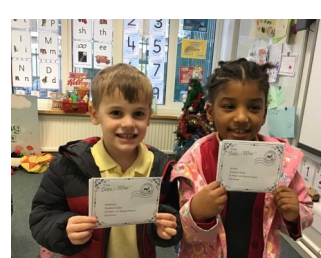
Once again the competition was tough, with a high standard of writing across school. It was a tough decision and we are pleased to announce our winners of the school competition:

Year 1 **Elizabeth**: The Monkey Story
Year 2 **Roisin**: The Girl and the Crocodile
Year 3 **Katie**: The Magical Adventure
Year 4 **Tailor**: The Time Traveller
Year 5 **Eli**: Unnamed Mystery Story
Year 6O **Kayla**: The Weasels!
Year 6M **Noah**: The Clam Band

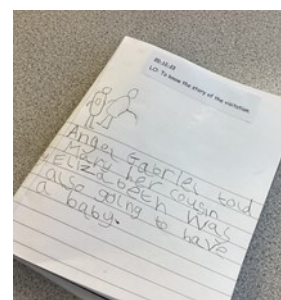
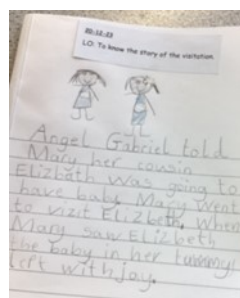


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Reception class wrote letters to Father Christmas this week. We gave them to Mrs Lawless and asked her to give them to the postman. Then, to our amazement, we received letters back from him! .



Year 1 have been enjoying the Christmas advent festivities. They decorated the class Christmas tree, designed their own Christmas cards and learned about the 'Visitation Story', when Mary finds out her cousin Elizabeth is also having a special baby.



Year 2 were very creative and made some Christmas cards, so please remind them to check in their book bags if they don't give it to you.



Year 3 have been very creative and enjoying lots of fun activities. They have made some beautiful Christmas cards using different techniques and lots of glitter.

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For Year 4, the last week has been filled with lots of work, but also lots of fun! We had our assessment week, our pantomime, our carol concert, and we'll finish the year with our Christmas party tomorrow. The children have worked so hard this term, so it's now time for a well-deserved rest. I'm incredibly proud of what they have achieved and I'm eager to find out what next term will bring. I truly wish all of you and your children a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Year 5 have been busy glittering baubles and generally having a lovely, Christmassy time!



In 6M we are celebrating the end of the Autumn term with an impressive display of all the donations made for the Advent Giving Calendar organised by Caritas Westminster. This is the social outreach charity of the Diocese of Westminster. One of their areas of work is to support parishes and schools that provide food to communities. There are over 300 food projects in the diocese, including food banks and pantries, food collections, food sharing and giving, and community meal initiatives. Almost all are run by volunteers, working tirelessly to end poverty and create connection and community through food.



Thank you for your generosity and kindness to help support those in our community who need some extra support.

Merry Christmas to one and all!



In 6O, we have been getting arty! We are focussing on the works of Chris Ofili. A British contemporary artist known for his vibrant and intricate works. He often incorporates diverse materials, lots of colour and explores themes of identity and cultural history in his art. For this piece, we are using a mix of oil pastels, crayons and felt-tips topped off with a watercolour wash. They're looking amazing and we cannot wait to see them complete.



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Mon 8th Jan: Start of Spring Term 1.

Mon 8th Jan: After school activities resume

Wed 10th Jan: School Tours - Prospective Parents 10am

Thurs 11th Jan: National Height & Weight Programme Rec & Y6

Fri 12th Jan: Y5 Swimming

Mon 15th Jan: Deadline for Admissions to Reception & Y3

Tues 16th Jan: Themed Lunch - Science Day

Mon 22nd Jan: Inset Day - school closed to pupils

Fri 9th Feb: End of Spring Term 1.

w/c 12th Feb: Half Term

Mon 19th Feb: Start Spring Term 2



Gold Awards

EYFS - Cassie-Rose & Jesiah

Year 1 - Rudy & Zack

Year 2 - Alex S. & Evie

Year 3 - Laura & Theodore

Year 4 - Whole Class

Year 5 - Whole Class

Year 6M - Noah & Oliver

Year 6O - Darcie, Lamek & Tomas



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

This week's Birthdays



**Anthony (Y1), Anthony (Y2), Kayla (Y2), Laura (Y6), Abigail (Y4),
Maci (Y6) & Shay (Y6)**



Wishing our birthday children a very Happy Birthday!