

St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Part of the Holy Cross Catholic MAC of schools

Newsletter 14

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Virtue & Value Focus:

Attentive to their experience and to their vocation; and **Discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

This weeks school attendance: 95.6% School target attendance 97%

This weeks winning class is: Y2 97.4%

Rec: 91.1% Year 1: 95.3% Year 2: 97.4% Year 3: 97% Year 4: 92.3% Year 5: 97% Year 6: 91.6%

School breaks up for Christmas next Friday 22nd December



Third Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's Gospel, the humble witness of John the Baptist gave people a sense that something exciting was about to happen. John delivered the joyful news of God's arrival into our world in the person of Jesus—he recognised Jesus as the Christ.

We often don't recognise Jesus when he comes, when he is standing among us.

But be assured: Jesus is always with us, waiting to fill us with joy, so let us all watch and wait for the Lord.



Advent Craft Club

We held our first 'Advent Craft Club' after school last night for Years 1-3.

It proved to be a great evening with our children and families listening to prayers and a Christmas story as well as making some lovely Christmas decorations.

Vouchers for Free School Meals

As shared on Class Dojo, Coventry Local Authority have withdrawn funding for Free School Meal vouchers due to budget constraints. Knowing this would put a number of our children and families in a disadvantaged position this Christmas holiday, we have been working as a school to provide vouchers for our FSM children.

From Tuesday next week, FSM families will be able to pick up vouchers for the Christmas holiday period. Unfortunately, we will not be able to support our FSM families like this in future holidays but hope that this support is a valuable help at this financially challenging time of year.

Holiday and Food Programme (HAF)

A reminder to our FSM families that have received their Christmas holiday HAF codes; there are many opportunities to access places for the holiday and food programme—don't miss out!

Please visit Coventry.gov.uk/haf for more information.

Cake & Biscuit Sale

Next Friday, on our last day of term, we will be holding a cake and biscuit sale as part of our advent fundraising for CAFOD. Please continue to bring in any contributions of cakes/biscuits for this sale—no homemade cakes or biscuits please due to allergy concerns, 20p contributions on the day. Thank you.





Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to experience the **joy** that you bring, and to share your **joy** with all those that we meet. Amen.

Attendance Winning House - 11th –15th December:

Each week we will looking at the attendance for each of our Saint group houses. The winning Saint house group at the end of each term will receive a special attendance prize.

1st Place - St. John the Baptist 96.5%	2nd Place - St. Therese 96.25%
3rd Place - St. Bernadette 96.09%	4th Place - St. Francis 91.48%

Panto Afternoon

Our junior classes enjoyed a fabulous pantomime theatre visit on Wednesday as part of our advent festivities. All the children enjoyed the performance of Cinderella.... Oh yes they did!!



School Christmas Dates December 2023



Nursery/Reception Nativity—Tuesday 19th December 10.30am
Christmas Carol Concert—Tuesday 19th December 2.00pm in church
Christmas Dinner Day—Wednesday 20th December
Christmas Jumper Day—Thursday 21st December (no monies required)
Christmas Party Day—Thursday 21st December
Christmas end of term mass—Thursday 21st December
Advent Craft Club—Y4—6 Thursday 21st December 3.20—4.20pm
Christmas Cake Sale—Friday 22nd December



Additional INSET Day for 2024

We have an additional Holy Cross MAC INSET Day—Monday 19th February 2024—school closed to children.

Christmas Holiday dates—School breaks up next Friday 22nd December and returns on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.40am.

Afterschool Clubs

There are no afterschool clubs next week and the first week back. Clubs will restart week beginning 15th January 2024.

Golden Certificates for this week

Nursery: Aadam & Vihana	Reception: Bethel & Grace O
Year 1: Gabriel & Ezekiel S	Year 2: Mimi N & Jenuska
Year 3: Kendra & Inaaya	Year 4: Evans & Jeremie
Year 5: Princess & Israel	Year 6: Nadish & Jessica
Mr Doyle: Alishba Y1 & Kamdi Y6	Mrs Miles: Nathaniel Y1

