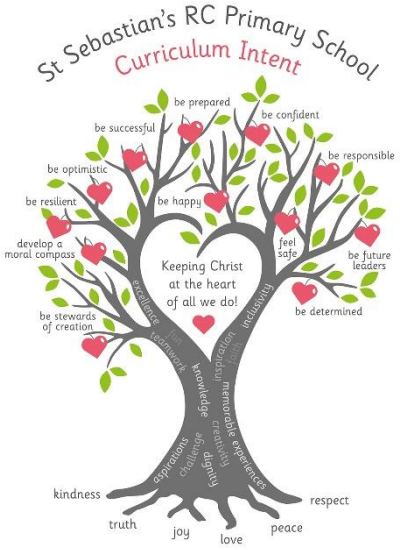


Christmas Newsletter

Dear parents/carers

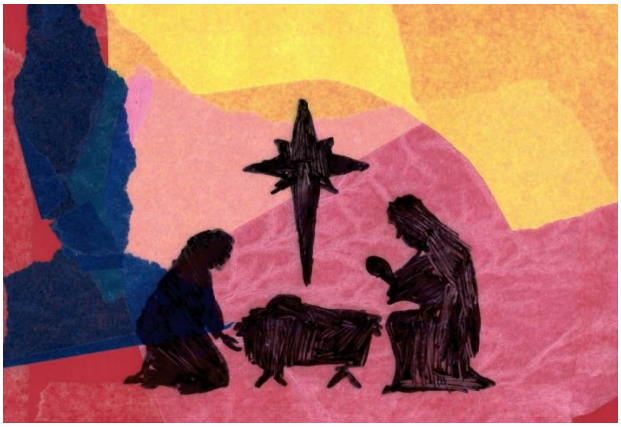
The season of Advent has been a busy and joyful time in school as we prepared for Christmas. This important period in the liturgical calendar gave us the chance to reflect on our attitudes and behaviours, and to prepare our hearts to meet Christ.

Our staff and children worked tirelessly to create a memorable Nativity performance. Pupils in Years 2–6 shared the true meaning of Christmas with our school community through thoughtful readings, heartfelt prayers, and beautiful singing in the Carol Service. Our Year 3/4 choir sang beautifully at the Diocese School Carol Service at Holy Cross church. The Mission team attended a joint Advent reflection at All Hallows RC High School.

We are deeply grateful to the staff who organised our Christmas Fair and to the parents for their generous donations and support. Together, we raised over £500, which will go towards enhancing our playground resources for all children to enjoy.

We would like to thank Kyle Walker, Sky Sports presenter, for his generous donation of selection boxes for all children.

We wish all our children and families a happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.



The Nativity by Harer, Year 3

'Glory to God in the highest, and on Earth peace among those with whom the Lord is pleased.' Luke 2:14

Parent Engagement

As a catholic school, we believe that parents are the first educators of their children and we value the partnership of working alongside our parents.

We would like to thank all parents who attended the following events this term:

- Meet the teacher
- Coffee mornings
- EYFS stay and plays
- Parents' Evening
- DT Showcase
- Advent reflections
- Christmas Fair
- Nativity
- Carol Service

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our parents who volunteer on school trips, to read with pupils in school and to provide other support in classrooms.

Catholic Social Teaching

Our children have put Catholic Social teaching into action this term in a variety of ways.

- Year 6 hosted a MacMillan Coffee morning in September raising £125.80;
- Year 2 organised our Harvest collection to support Loaves and Fishes;
- the Mission Team sold poppies and other remembrance items to raise £208.08 for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal; Year 3 led a Remembrance service in church on Remembrance Day;
- the whole school celebrated World Mental Health Day and raised £99.50 for Place2Be

Achievements

We are proud to have achieved the Emotionally Friendly Schools Bronze Award in recognition of the pastoral care and relational approach we have in school.

We have also been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark this term in recognition of our Science curriculum offer and impact on pupil learning.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Pickavance who will be working across EYFS and KS1.

Attendance Bulletin for Autumn

Whole School Attendance Autumn term (Sep – Dec) **93.8%**			
Nursery 92.11%	Year 1 92.05%	Year 3 94.19%	Year 5 95.44%
Reception 94.59%	Year 2 94.17%	Year 4 94.99%	Year 6 92.45%

Clubs in Spring Term

Below is a list of after-school sport clubs taking place in the Spring Term. All bookings must be made in advance via School Spider.

Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Multi-sports	Year 3, 4, 5
Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	Darts	Year 4, 5, 6
Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Martial Arts	Year 3, 4, 5, 6
Thursday 3.15pm-4.15pm	Gymnastics	Year 3, 4, 5, 6

PE Days in Spring term

Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday & Friday
Year 3	Monday & Friday
Year 4	Friday (swimming on Wednesday)
Year 5	Monday & Wednesday
Year 6	Monday & Wednesday

Library days in Spring Term

Nursery	Monday
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday

Dates for Spring 1 term:

Monday 5th January – Year 2 & Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo
Tues 13th Jan – Nursery maths stay and play
Thursday 15th Jan – Reception maths stay & play
Tuesday 20 January – St Sebastian's Feast Day
Mon 26th Jan – Year 6 height and weight (NHS)
Weds 28th January – EYFS Come Dine with Me
Thurs 29 Jan – Parent coffee morning
Fri 30th Jan – Mission team visiting the relics of St Carlo Acutis
Friday 30th Jan – Y3 trip to Manchester Museum
Tues 10th – International day and mass
Thurs 12th Feb – Goalball day
Thurs 12 Feb – School disco (Y1-6)

With love and prayers,

Mrs Doyle

'Do everything in love.' 1 Corinthians 16:14