



**One Family in Christ**

# St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

## Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

There are lots of upcoming events for parent and carers:

Every Monday: EYFS drop ins

10/12/25 Y4 PE showcase 2.45pm

11/12/25 Y2 Music performance 9.15am

11/12/25 Y6 Music performance 1.30pm

15/12/25 Christmas Mass 10am

15/12/25 Christmas Fair 3.15pm

18/12/25 EYFS Nativity

Please see the FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENTS page in this newsletter for carol concerts and the dates for each class.

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Head-teacher awards	Qualities of the class 'woman of the Bible'	Celebration of Talent spotting
Nursery (Jochabed)	Azan	Eghosa JayJay
Reception (Miriam)	Christabel	Emmanuel Bella
Y1 (Elizabeth)	Blessing	Efrata Arianna
Y2 (Prisca)	Mia	Zarmeen Zayyan
Y3 (Sheba)	Peniel	Hafsa Jason
Y4 (Deborah)	Nivan	Ava Rose Milene
Y5 (Esther)	Naomi	Lexi Ambrose
Y6 (Lydia)	Zainab	Linola Haram

Class	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance: week beg 1.12.25	90.8	94.2	90.8	92.1	95.8	97.1	96.1

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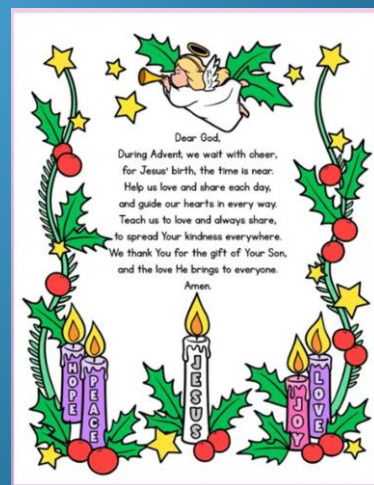
## Catholic Life

**Gospel:** Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: "The coming of the Son of Man will be like what happened in the time of Noah. In the days before the flood people ate and drank, men and women married, up to the very day Noah went into the boat; yet they did not realise what was happening until the flood came and swept them all away. That is how it will be when the Son of Man comes. At that time two men will be working in a field: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Two women will be at a mill grinding meal: one will be taken away, the other will be left behind. Watch out, then, because you do not know what day your Lord will come. If the owner of a house knew the time a thief would come, you can be sure that he would stay awake and not let the thief break into his house. So then, you also must always be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you are not expecting him.

The gospel story is telling us that we must be ready when Jesus comes again, not just as a baby born at Christmas, but at the end of time. We cannot be exactly sure when that will be, so we must try to be ready all the time. Jesus tells us that we may be very surprised when he comes. Sometimes people surprise us by coming to visit us at home when we are not expecting them. Or we might go to visit members of our family or friends. Jesus asks us to be ready when he comes again. We can make sure we are ready and waiting for Jesus when he comes by living as he asks us to. By loving our neighbour, sharing what we have with others, being kind, helping one another etc.

What will you do this week to make sure you are ready when Jesus comes?



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## Catholic Life: Choir

A big well done to our choir who attended the St John's church Christmas fair on Saturday! They sang beautifully for the parishioners and all who attended the fair.  
A big thank you to Mrs Hickman for accompanying them!



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## The Importance of Attendance

Our attendance this week is 94.5% - **back on the up!** Thank you for ensuring your children are in school everyday.



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## Dates for families: Family Christmas Events

Instead of having one big carol concert, we are going to try having several smaller ones so that parents and carers can see their child properly and get more involved! The dates are below and the format will be the same for each session: scripture, singing and crafts. We hope you can attend 😊

Year 1: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Year 2: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Year 3: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Year 4: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Year 5: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Year 6: Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Reception and Nursery Nativity: Thursday  
18<sup>th</sup> December 9am



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## KS2 PE

Class 6 were challenged with creating their own target activity in PE this week. There were lots of imaginative ideas that they all got to try out before critiquing to say where they could improve.



## Fitness Studio



Year 5 were working hard this week in the gym. They were tasked with teaming up with a partner to push themselves further when performing a variety of exercises.

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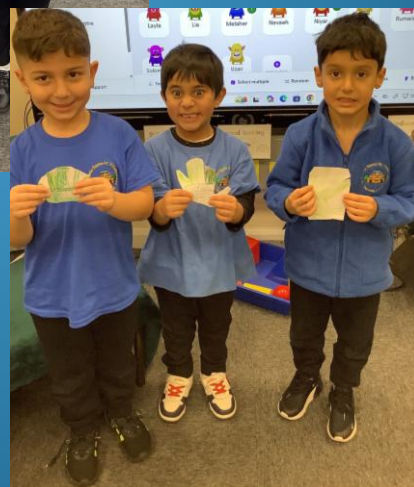
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## Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



This week in Forest school, Year One created their own advent wreath by drawing around their hands and adding special Advent vocabulary.



Reception have been busy this week: painting a 'firefighter' rescue painting, as part of their 'people who help us' theme and working in the maths area using numicon to independently show the composition of number 5.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

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## LKS2



What a wonderful way to begin the Advent season. Year 3's Stay and Pray session offered a peaceful moment to pause, reflect and come together in the spirit of hope and preparation. It was a meaningful start to this special season. Thank you parents, for attending .

## UKS2

This week in RE, Year 5 have been learning all about the joyful mysteries. We have chosen their favourite mystery, explaining why and what qualities Mary is showing. Then we have created a piece of art to represent the mystery.



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