



# St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

## Newsletter

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025



What a wonderful 2025! Lots of happy memories, success and achievements. We pray that you have a restful break and we will see you in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
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 ☺ Mrs Campbell

Head-teacher awards	Qualities of the class 'woman of the Bible'	Celebration of Talent spotting
Nursery (Jochabed)	Hana	Ella Eghosa
Reception (Miriam)	All of Reception	
Y1 (Elizabeth)	Rumaisa	Anaya Omari
Y2 (Prisca)	Asim	Power Livelystone
Y3 (Sheba)	Jannat	Rabia Hafsa
Y4 (Deborah)	Ava Rose	Fatima Mohammed Yusuf
Y5 (Esther)	Ambrose and Zak	Aisha D Joshua
Y6 (Lydia)	Emelia	Umar Kose

Class	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance: week beg 15.12.25	92	95.5	96	95.6	98.9	96.6	97.8

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## Catholic Life

Thank you to Father Michael for two wonderful Christmas Masses in December. The children love attending Mass and leading the readings and prayers. Well done to all involved!



### A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.  
Amen.



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This week we travelled to St Gabriel's RC High School in Bury for the St Teresa of Calcutta Carol Concert. We had a lovely time singing carols and listening to the story of the first Christmas.



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## The Importance of Attendance

Our attendance this week is 95.7% - **brilliant!!** Thank you for ensuring your children are in school everyday.



A reminder that we finish on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15pm and return on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am.**



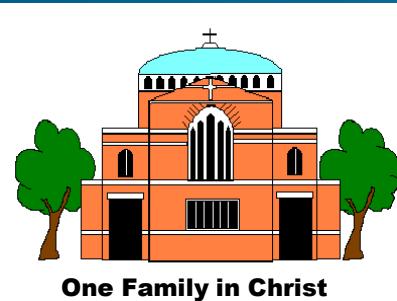
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## Christmas festivities!

We have had a wonderful, festive few weeks!

The choir sang at the Mews nursing home to perform some Christmas Carols for the residents. The children had a fabulous time and the performance was loved by all!



EYFS performed a fantastic Nativity for their parents and carers!



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## Santa Dash

On Friday morning, we took a group of children to Queens Park in Heywood to take part in the RBSGP Santa Dash.

The rain didn't stop everyone from having a fun, but exhausting time!!



## Juggling



This week in PE, KS1 and Lower KS2 were tasked with the challenge of juggling with two beanbags. Everyone enjoyed trying to improve their hand/eye coordination and were determined to succeed.

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## Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



Children in Reception enjoyed role playing being at the hospital as part of our topic 'people who help us'. The paramedics had a busy time at the emergency ward caring for the patients. They also enjoyed painting by mark making with different types of emergency vehicles. The wheels created some interesting patterns and the colours mixed beautifully. The paintings we created looked amazing! Parents joined the children in Reception class to help make Christmas cards. We made cards inspired by the artist Paul Klee; we created a Bethlehem scene using different shapes.

This week, Year One hosted their Christmas family afternoon. They performed lots of carols for their adults and spent the afternoon making Christmas cards for family and friends. Well done Year One and thank you to everyone that attended!



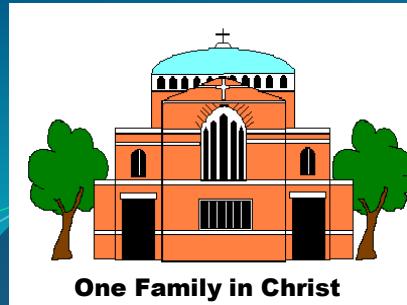
"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

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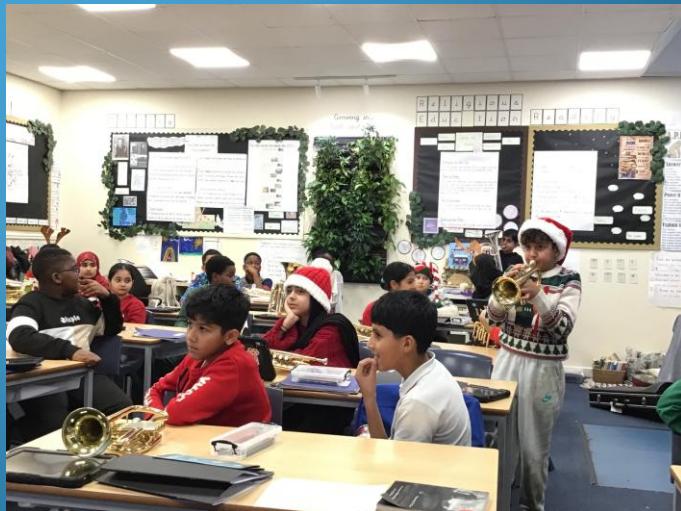
## LKS2



Year 4 used their creative skills to decorate their Christmas table cloths, ready for their Christmas dinner on Thursday!

## UKS2

Year 6 ended the term by performing festive Christmas songs on their brass instruments, proudly showing their talent!



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