

ADVENT CELEBRATION

We had a wonderful Advent Celebration of the Word this morning where children from various classes, assisted by our pupil leaders, listened to the story of creation and dressed our beautiful tree. We learnt about the Advent wreath and its symbolism and thought about hope we could prepare for Jesus this Advent season. I look forward to seeing many of you at St Barts on Sunday at 10.30am to celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent. If the children are attending, please send them smartly dressed in winter uniform. The children will sit up the front with me.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Well done to our fantastic choir who sang so beautifully when we joined schools from across St Albans to take part in the St Albans Primary School Music Association (SAPSMA) Advent Carol Service . The children behaved impeccably and it was a lovely way to begin our festive season. Special congratulations to Arthur, Liam and Roisin who had parts in the service and performed them brilliantly. Thank you to our parent helpers, Mrs Smith, Miss Mc Namara , Mrs Phillips and again a HUGE thanks to Mrs Fitzgerald for teaching the carols and organising the event.



OPEN MORNINGS AT ST ADRIAN'S

We are delighted to announce that we will be hosting several open mornings in St Adrian's Catholic Primary School over the coming months. If you are preparing for your child to start Nursery or Reception in September 2025, then please do book a tour, come along to visit our wonderful school and see it in action.

St Adrian's is a fantastic community with the children at the heart of all that we do. A visit to the school is warmly encouraged - Let all friends and families know and invite them along too.

The open morning dates are as follows:

Tuesday 3rd December

Thursday 5th December

Friday 10th January

Tuesday 14th January

9.15am – Approx 10.00am

Please email the office : admin@stadrians.herts.sch.uk or call 01727852687 to book a tour.

We very much look forward to welcoming you along.

CHRISTMAS FOR SOMEONE ELSE

Over each of the weekend masses during Advent we will inviting parishioners to leave gifts on the altar for sharing with those in need during this festive season;

Wk1 Christmas treats and food (In date and unopened),

Wk2 Wrapped presents (Please label age range for children/adult/content so we can share appropriately),

Wk3 new Christmas/faith stories books and Wk4 toiletries and household cleaning items (In date and unopened). No pressure to give/give every weekend!

If you or someone you know would benefit from these gifts, please contact Fr Francis/the parish office in confidence.

God bless. PPC

PTA

Dates for the diary

Friday 13th December 2024 7pm - Cinderella Panto, Alban arena. We should have your tickets ready for collection next week. A message will come out via your class rep.

Monday 9th December 2024 - Letters to Santa closing date. Please see attached information.

Thursday 19th December 2024 3.15pm - Christmas cake sale with raffle draw in the assembly hall.

Wreath making

We ran a successful wreath making workshop last night. Everyone really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to all the parents, friends, family and teachers that joined us. A special thanks to Wendy Pereira & Sinead Hughes for giving up their time to help us.

St Adrian's Christmas raffle

This year, St Adrian's PTA will be running a Christmas raffle instead of the Christmas fair. We will have some wonderful prizes including £100 M&S vouchers, £100 Symths toys vouchers and 7 luxury Christmas hampers. Today each child will be sent home with an envelope containing raffle tickets and instructions. Please check the children's book bags and do your best to sell them to friends and family, or buy them yourself. All tickets must be accounted for so must be returned, even if they are unsold. Each class will be asked to create a luxury Christmas hamper. More details to follow via your class rep. We will hold a Christmas cake sale after school on Thursday 19th December 2024 in the school hall. Come and buy some cake/mince pies, have a cup of tea and listen to see if you have won the raffle!

St Adrian's PTA

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NETBALL MATCH - Report by Harry L and Harper S

On Thursday the 28th of November, our netball team played Camp School. It was a hard match because they were a good team and had tall players. Harper Nash took centre and the match begun. The score was 6-1 to Camp because they were more experienced than us. They were winning 4-0 but then Harry Lakey scored a brilliant goal, changing the score to 4-1. After Harry's goal, St Adrians were playing pretty well. Unfortunately, Camp scored 2 more goals, to make the score 6-1.



CATHOLIC LIFE

WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is a gift to families because of their connection with a Catholic school.

Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. The *Wednesday Word* Family Time leaflet presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week.

Follow the link to find this week's Wednesday Word: <https://wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

MARK 10 MISSION

Please follow the link for this week's Mark 10 Mission for you to shrew with the children. The Little Liturgies videos are age appropriate. <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-little-liturgies>

WELL DONE TO OUR WINNERS!!!

AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE

HOUSE POINTS - CONGRATULATIONS ST MATTHEW!

St Matthew = 356

St John = 266

St Mark = 251

St Luke = 225

Class		
Reception	Rhea Irani	Joseph Antoine
Year 1	Clodagh Donnellan	Rital Hajjou
Year 2	Ailish McGrath	Lucy Pawlak-Ashworth
Year 3	Noah Domingos	George Bromwich
Year 4	Brianna Carey	Aila Smith
Year 5	April Fenwood	Tierney Mahoney
Year 6	Roman Tyler	Sofia-Elena Klusca

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Please see the attached document with all the Christmas dates

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter