

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES AND PERFORMANCES

Well done to all the children for the wonderful performances you have seen this week and last. There will be some photos in the monthly R.E newsletter, due to be published for the end of term next week. Please also visit the class blogs to see any Christmas activities that have taken place.

Thank you to all the staff who worked incredibly hard to prepare the children, making sure they learnt the songs, their words and their positions. Thank you also to all of the parents for helping the children learn their lines and for providing any costumes. They were absolutely brilliant!

WINNING HOUSE TEAM

Well done to St Matthew who had the most house points for the first half term and the second half term. These children may come to school either in their house colours (yellow) or their own clothes on Tuesday 17th. They will also get an extra playtime as a house team.

THANK YOU PREFECTS AND CARITAS AMBASSADORS

Thank you to all our prefects who helped serve the children for their Christmas dinner today. It all went very smoothly and they worked like true professionals. Thank you also to our Caritas Ambassadors who helped deviate the dining hall making it look wonderfully festive. They too will get extra playtime at some point next week.

CANCELLATION OF MASS ON WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY

I have spoken with Dawn at St Barts and as you can imagine, Fr Franics will be very busy before his departure from the parish in the new year, therefore, we will cancel the Mass planned for 8th January. I have already been in contact with Fr Michael from St Alban and Stephen and we have scheduled a meeting in the new year for him and Fr John to come in and meet the children and staff.

OUR ECO TEAM AND GREEN SHOOTS GARDENING CLUB

At the beginning of the year, the Eco Team were keen to start planting up the top of the junior field, with the hope that this area could one day be used as a quiet space or prayer garden. To start this off, they have planted fifteen rowan, hazel and silver saplings that they will care for over the next few years to help them grow and grow.

In the spring term, they will launch an initiative to encourage children to recycle the plastic wrappings on their snacks or in their packed lunch boxes. Watch this space!





The weather this term has been very kind to the Green Shoots Gardening Club as the children have only had one rainy session and that was spent taking cuttings from houseplants that were potted on to create new plants. They have enjoyed gardening all over the school grounds which certainly look better as a result of their hard work. It is wonderful to see the children really develop a sense of well-being as they spend time gardening with friends outdoors. The Gardening Club takes place on Mondays (3.15 - 4.15pm) and starts up again on 24th February after our winter break. Year 2 - 6 children will be able to sign up for their place on Arbor at a cost of £36 for six weeks.

Many thanks,
Mrs Hayes



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching principle -'Preferential Option for the Poor', we will be raising for CAFOD's World Gifts. The children were sent home last week with a Christmas bauble to decorate and colour and perhaps write a Christmas wish. They can then return this bauble to decorate their classroom with a donation towards the cause. Donations can be made through your child's account on Arbor under 'CAFOD World Gifts' .

The aim is that each class will raise enough money to provide a family overseas with something to help them. Some examples are: a water pump, a keep clean kit, or maybe even a goat! The children will get to vote on what they would like to spend the money on. Any support for this great cause would be greatly appreciated.

Please follow the link below to get an idea of someone of the gifts that we will raise for and have a discussion with your child about it.

[CAFOD World Gifts](#)

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:

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;

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.

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

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

www.stadrians.herts.sch.uk/pta



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 THIS WEEK CONGRATULATIONS ST MATTHEW!!

St Matthew = 228

St John= 171

St Mark = 166

St Luke = 149

THE WINNING HOUSE TEAM FOR THE FIRST HALF TERM = ST MATTHEW

THE WINNING HOUSE TEAM FOR THE SECOND HALF TERM IS = ST MATTHEW

Class		
Reception	India Crane-Phillips	Erica Keane
Year 1	Habib Rahman	Thomas Smith
Year 2	Lalena Bella Mongan	Mohammed Khan
Year 3	Callum Carvalho	Jaaziah Ojeikere
Year 4	Liam Reidy	Aoife Byrne
Year 5	Mia Mc Sweeney	Henry Horwood
Year 6	Sayfoddine Hajjou	Jack Brown.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Please see the Christmas dates document I sent previously.

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter