

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

The Key Stage 2 children did all of the parents proud last night when they performed the Christmas story at St Barts. They sang and read beautifully. It was absolutely delightful and certainly brought the true message of Christmas to life. Thank you to Mr Hayes for coordinating and leading the performance and to all the staff in Key Stage 2 who have worked so hard to prepare the readers, actors and singers for the concert. A special well done to Year 6 for their song and our soloists, Jeremy and Maeve - you were superb!



WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE

On Wednesday, Mrs Hayes and myself travelled with our Caritas Ambassadors to Westminster Cathedral to attend the Catholic Children's Society Advent Carol Service. It was a spectacular event as we joined with Catholic schools from all over London and Hertfordshire to celebrate the Christmas story. The service was led by Bishop Paul Mc Aleenan, who remembered our school well from the 60th anniversary celebration Mass he held here a couple of years back. The children behaved impeccably and were in fine voice as we joined with the professional choir and actors in the service. We even had some surprise guests in the form of a real life Donkey called 'Clover' and a real life goat called 'Lily'! It was a joyous occasion and the children all had a great time and . Thank you to Mrs Hayes for helping on the trip and also thank you to the parents for our boxes of chocolates!



CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

As part of our Catholic Social Teaching principle - 'Preferential Option for the Poor', the children were informed today about our fundraising cause for Christmas. We will be raising for CAFOD's World Gifts. The children will be sent home 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](#)

GRANDPARENTS' TEA

In the last week of term, we will hold our grandparents' tea on Monday and Wednesday. Please complete the form below for 2 grandparents to attend. Do not worry if grandparents are unable to attend, any family member can come along instead. Click on the link below for further information and to sign up.

[Grandparent's Tea 2024](#)

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;

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 soon. 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.

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 - CONGRATULATIONS ST JOHN!!

St John= 266

St Matthew = 192

St Luke = 191

St Mark = 180

Class		
Reception	Rowan McDonald	Azari Emmanuel
Year 1	Grace Mansell	Gracie Reeves-Worsley
Year 2	Ryan Irani	Libby O'Malley
Year 3	Dollcie- Anna Mongan	Orlaith Connolly
Year 4	Connor Fitzpatrick	Serena Peru
Year 5	Harper Smith	Teddy Carroll
Year 6	Maeve Magee	Jeremy Aluwihare.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Please see the Christmas dates document I sent last week.

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter