



**St. John the Baptist  
Catholic Primary School**

*We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord*



# Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 20.12.19

*Attentive*

*and*

*Discerning*

## Drayton Manor Visit - Year 1

On Monday, Year 1 visited Thomas Land at Drayton Manor Park. The children got to see 'Ice Age Mammoth Christmas' in 4D, met Santa Claus himself, drank hot chocolate, went on the rides, played in the snow, visited the animals in the zoo and even got to take home a little present from Santa. It was a very festive day and got everyone in the Christmas spirit!



## Birmingham Old Rep Theatre Visit - Year 2

On Thursday, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to Birmingham Old Rep Theatre to watch a performance of the 'Snow Queen.'

The children were treated to goodie bags and loved watching the show. They enjoyed the day out and made them all feel very festive!



An absolutely fantastic well done to all those children who received  
100% attendance. Well done!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Ruby B	Christiana A	Issac A	Tyler A	Amelia E	Olivia A	Inioluwa A	Summer B
Ava-Rose B	Tiahnah B	Mikel B	Toby B	Harley H	Peyton B	Quinton B-J	Litzy D
Esmee-Dolly H-P	Scarlett H	Harvey E	Joshua C	Jessica K	Logan B	Courtney C	Aleesha-Leigh F
Anna K-D	Chloe H	Malala H	Tyler-James C	Connie K	Cassidy G	Jody-Jean C	Alfie H
Demi-Leigh S	Amelia H	James H	Antoni K	Harvey-James M	Quinten G	Brodie D	Tiarnah H-P
	Erik K-D	Nikolaj J	Logan M	Lacey Mae S	Ruby M	Kayleigh G	Sophie H
	Lily M	Freddie-Jay L	Jasmine N		Mason-Jay N	Dewa H	Kyle H
	Jasmine M-J	Aisha McN	Lacye-Rai N		Ritchie R	Emily K	Alishea I
	Saffire M	Ryan M	Samuel O		Conal S	Caitlin O'K	Joseph L
	Tia S	Marley P	Arcange P		Lexirae S	Laikyn R	Chloe M
	Archie W	Joshua-Jay P	Danyal T			Lewis T	Geneviene P-L
	Lily W	Leo R					Pierce P
		Destiny S					Rebecca W
		Oscar W					

### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance  
was Nursery with 93.5%



*Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 4 and Year 5!



### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Baylie K, Kalem M-W, Jacob N, Ryah McN and Saffire M.

We would also like to wish a happy birthday to those children who celebrate  
their birthday during the Christmas holiday: Joshua C, Carter H-B, Bella B-R,  
Nj L, Scarlett M-P, Briana McM, Sophie H, Kian H and Zach P.

*Happy Birthday*

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 6th January

All day - Inset day (school closed to children)

### Tuesday 7th January

8.55am - Children return to school

### Friday 14th February

2.00pm - Break up for half term

### Monday 24th February

8.55am - Children return to school

### Friday 3rd April

2.00pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

### Monday 20th April

8.55am - Children return to school

### Monday 4th May

All day - May Bank Holiday (school closed)

### Friday 22nd May

2.00pm - Break up for Half Term

### Monday 1st June

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children )

### Tuesday 2nd June

8.55am - Children return to school



## Online Safety - tip of the week!

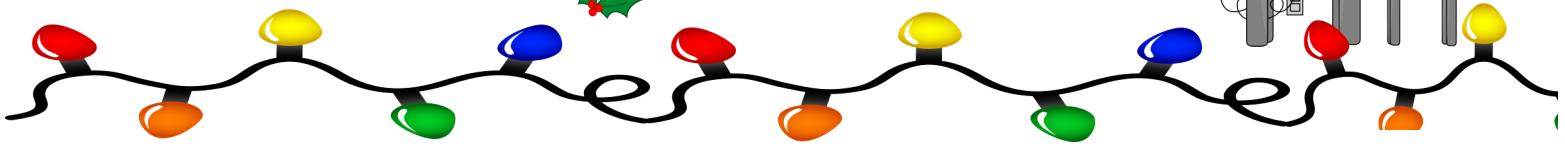
*Online safety hero says...*



*Before you give a device as a Christmas present make sure you set it up first. Switch on parental controls and make sure the apps and games are suitable for the age of your child*

*#staysafethischristmas*

*#parentalcontrols*





# Carol Singing - Jubilee Gardens

On Thursday morning a few of our children represented the school when they visited the elderly residents of Jubilee Gardens.

The children gifted the residents with their lovely carol singing which was much-appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by all, whilst the children were an absolute credit to St John's with their caring attitudes and maturity.



# Christmas Fayre



We are thrilled to announce that our Christmas Fayre raised an amazing £843.81!

Thank you to everyone for their support.



# KS2 - Christmas Carol Concert



KS2 got everybody in the Christmas mood on Tuesday evening with their wonderful Carol Concert.

Year 5 started the night off singing Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Jingle Bells whilst impressively playing the ukulele.

Year 4 turned the classic Silent Night into a modern-rap hit.

Year 6 performed their wonderful Christmas Truce and Year 3 made everyone want to dance when they sang and boogied to Let your Spirit Fly.

Thank you to everyone that came to support the children.



# The Giving Tree

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to The Giving Tree this year.

The generosity has been incredible and the people who will benefit will be very grateful!





# Sports Award Ceremony



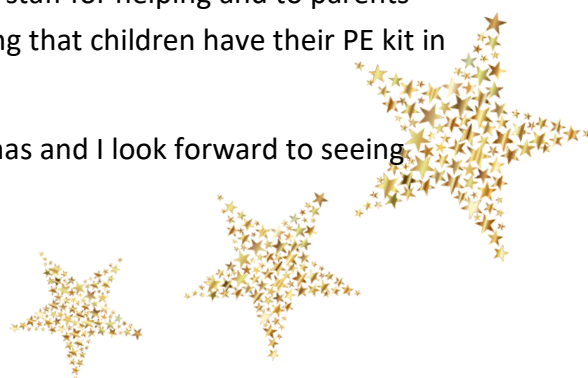
On Wednesday our sports captains Alishea and Pierce hosted a sports awards ceremony to the school. They presented winners from each class with a personally engraved medal and certificate.

The occasion was enjoyed by all the staff and children. Well done and thank you Alishea and Pierce.

Thank you to all of the children for an excellent term in PE. It has been action packed. Thank you to all of the staff for helping and to parents and carers for their support in ensuring that children have their PE kit in school.

Have a safe, active and Merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

-Coach Steve



## Early Years' Christmas Party

On Thursday afternoon EYFS enjoyed an afternoon of songs and snacks to celebrate Christmas fast-approaching.

The children loved having a break from their usual afternoon activities and being able to have a dance in their classrooms.

They also dressed up for the occasion and it was nice to see lots of Christmassy outfits and sparkles!



## KS2- Christmas Party

Thursday afternoon also saw KS2 partying away as they celebrated their Christmas party too.

They made lots of noise as they had fun playing games, winning prizes and lots of fun playing games, winning prizes and dancing.



HAVE A VERY  
*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS  
&  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

From all the staff at SJB we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.





Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 10h  
Year 2 enjoyed a Christmas performance of 'The Snow Queen' at The Old Rep today. What a wonderful way to wind down before the holidays!



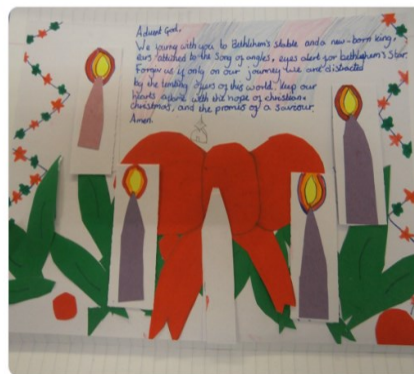
**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 10h  
Take a look at just a few of Year 2's baby Jesus ready to celebrate 'Bambinelli' in our final mass of the year tomorrow. @BhamDES



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 10h  
Thank you to everyone who gave to the 'Giving Tree'. Your overwhelming generosity will go a long way to helping people in our parish and school community throughout the festive period.



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 13h  
Quality Advent work in Y5



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 8m  
Sports captains, Alishea and Pierce, presented an outstanding sports awards ceremony to the rest of the school this morning. Winners from each class were presented with a medal and certificate for displaying the School Games Values in lessons. @energise\_sports



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull

Follow

Year 1 had an amazing trip visiting Drayton Manor Park of Monday. They got to meet Santa, go on rides and warmed up with a nice cup of hot chocolate. They even got to play in the snow!



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · 14m  
As a reward for such a fantastic Carol Concert performance year 3 enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies this morning whilst watching Polar Express. Well done to everyone who took part last night, your performance was fantastic.



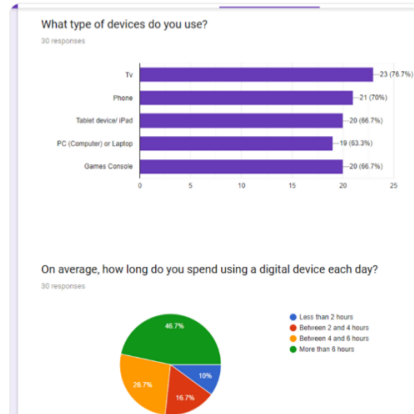
**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · Dec 11  
Today Y5 enjoyed some series PE work doing circuit training followed by fun PE dancing to Christmas songs. Lewis also showed his best Michael Jackson moves.



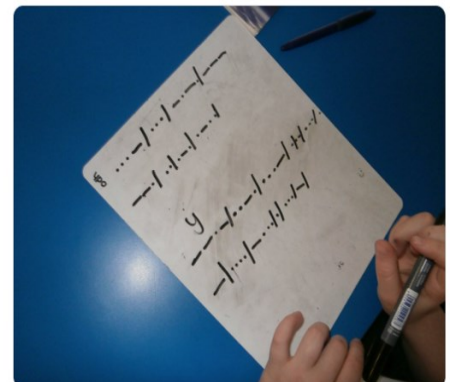
**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · Dec 10  
Well done to our Early Years children! You put on a fantastic performance to your families yesterday.



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · Dec 10  
Our @eCadets have been looking at the results of the digital survey.



**St John the Baptist** @SJBsolihull · Dec 9  
Y5 work using ciphers and codes. Here we are using Morse code to send messages using sounds and lights.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Loving God, as we wait for the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we give thanks for the wonderful gift of new life. We pray for all parents around the world and for their children, that they will be healthy, happy and love one another.*

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how an angel appeared to Joseph to tell him what a special baby Jesus would be. In the story, an angel comes to tell Joseph that everything will be all right and that Jesus is not just an ordinary baby, but is very special. He is the son of God.

It is hard to imagine how Joseph felt about his wife's immaculate conception however upon hearing the angel's words in his dream, he quietly accepted his situation and supported Mary as his wife.



God loves us all, even the tiniest baby. As we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we think about all the other babies around the world and how special they are too.

In the coming week, perhaps you can keep babies, children and their parents around the world in your prayers.

*God of light, you sent your angel to tell Joseph that Jesus was a special baby. Help us to remember that all babies are special because they are all part of your family and you love us all.*

*Amen.*



*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*

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