



Year 2 – school week beginning 11.11.24



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week in school! On Monday, children respectfully took part in our Remembrance Service. Each child spent time making a beautiful poppy, that we used to create a class wreath. This week, we said goodbye to Father Niven in our Thanksgiving Liturgy on Wednesday and wish him all the best for the future.

Upcoming Events

Friday 15th November- PTA School Disco

Friday 29th November – Christmas Art Day! Children are allowed to wear Christmas jumpers.

Monday 2nd December- School Closure Day

Thursday 5th December- Flu Vaccinations

Friday 6th December – Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th December - Swifts carol singing (Leaving school at 1.15pm)

Friday 6th December - Swallows carol singing (Leaving school at 10.45am)

Thursday 12th December: Charity Reindeer Run

Homework

As part of their homework, children are expected to read daily to an adult. Please record this in reading records if your child is on RWI. For those on Accelerated Reader, children should be taking at least one quiz per week. The link can be found [here](#).

Spellings will be set on Ed Shed. They are: **write, written, wrong, wrap, wren, wrecked, wrapped, wriggle, wrestle, wrote.**

The following activities will be set on Mathletics: **Counting on a 100 grid** and **Adding 2-digit numbers**

Spellings and Mathletics will be available online for one week.

Please encourage your child to practice their times tables using Times Table Rockstars.

Please see below for details on an exciting art competition and a singing update!

Attached at the end of our newsletter are the carols that our classes are going to sing to the elderly residents at Waverley Grange care home on the 5th and 6th December. Some of these songs the classes will already know, some of them are still unfamiliar. Please feel free to use this resource to help your child revisit the learning we are doing in class. We will be singing at Waverley Grange, at the Christmas Fayre and for the Year 2 Christmas Liturgy, without lyrics; please be aware that your child needs to know these words off by heart. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Many Thanks,

Miss Bellapaisiotou

Mrs Murphy



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NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:

- NATIVITY SCENE OF OUR LORD
- WRITE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE THAT BEST RELATES TO YOUR PAINTING
- THE COMPETITOR'S ENTRIES WILL BE OF THEIR OWN FREE HAND DRAWING AND COLOURING PRODUCTION.
- THE USE OF PRE-PREPARED TRACINGS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
- THE ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED SIZED EITHER A4 OR A3 ON PAPER OR CARD OF A QUALITY AND COLOUR OF CHOICE.
- THE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE CAN BE WRITTEN ON THE PAINTING, ON THE REVERSE OR ON ATTACHMENT.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SHOULD BE SHOWN LEGIBLY ON THE REVERSE OF EACH ENTRY: **NAME OF ENTRANT. AGE OF ENTRANT. DATE OF BIRTH OF ENTRANT. SCHOOL YEAR GROUP. NAME AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL.**

INFORMATION:

Submission Deadline
6th January 2025

FREE ENTRY

Prizes
Winner: £30
2nd place: £20
3rd place: £15

Children should bring their nativity scene to school by the deadline and we will organise a collection with Brother Michael Gallagher.

1. Mary and Joseph

Mary and Joseph, don't be afraid,
God's chosen you for the plan that he's made,
He knows what to do, he'll look after you,
Mary and Joseph, don't, don't be afraid.

2. Bethlehem is Barmy Tonight!

Bethlehem's gone bonkers,
Bethlehem's gone mad,
Everywhere is busy and the queues are really bad,
Tons and tons of people,
It's a crazy sight!
Bethlehem is barmy tonight!

It's busy, busy, busy,
There's something in the air.
It's busy, busy, busy,
It's chaos everywhere.

3. Hello Shepherds

Hello, hello shepherds!
Hello, don't be afraid!
Hello, hello shepherds!
We've got some special news to tell you all today.

And it's GOOD it's GREAT,
It's news that cannot wait,
God has sent his son.
It's GOOD it's GREAT,
It's news that cannot wait,
He's been born for everyone!

4. Tell Me A Story Shining Star

Tell me a story, shining star,
Tell me where you've been,
Travelling both near and far,
Places that you've seen.

Sing me a song oh winter star,
Sing it loud and true,
Lullaby my listening ear,
Then I'll sing to you!

5. Follow That Star!

Follow that star,
From wherever you are.
Follow that star,
From wherever you.
It burns like an ember,

It's the heart of December,
So follow that star!

Follow that light,
Let it lead through the night.
Follow that light,
Let it lead through the night.
It shines like a beacon,
To the faith that you're keeping,
So follow that light.

It burns like an ember,
It's the heart of December,
It shines like a beacon,
To the faith that you're keeping,
So follow that star,
Follow that star,
Follow that star,
Follow that star,
Follow that star,
Follow that star.

6. **We Wanna Shout**

We wanna shout about this baby,
We wanna tell the world His name,
We wanna celebrate this Christmas time,
The things we've heard today.

Bring praises to Jesus,
Clap your hands for him (*clap, clap, clap*)
Bring praises to Jesus,
Stamp your feet and sing (*stamp, stamp, stamp*).

7. **Away in A Manger**

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side,
'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever

And love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there

8. Jingle Bells!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh,
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

Dashing through the snow,
On a one-horse open sleigh
O'er fields we go,
Laughing all the way (ha! Ha! Ha!)
Bells on bob tail ring,
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing our sleighing song tonight! Oh!

9. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

4 beats intro

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and vixen
Comet and Cupid, Donner and Blitzen
But do you recall the most famous reindeer of all...

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him,
you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!

10. Mince Pies

PART 1:

Mince pies, mince pies, I'm making mince pies,
I'm getting in a mess, but I couldn't care less,
Because I'm having a lovely time.

PART 2:

Pour in the brandy, pour it in,
Pour in the brandy, pour it in,
Pour in the brandy, pour it in,
Pour it in.

PART 3:

Sprinkle in some raisons, sprinkle in some raisons,
Sprinkle in some raisons, sprinkle in some raisons,
Sprinkle in some raisons, sprinkle in some raisons,
Sprinkle in some, sprinkle in some raisons.

11. We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.