

Year 5 make a great start to new term



The children have had a fantastic start to the year and have settled in to Year 5 well.

During the Autumn term we concentrate on number within our Maths lessons. The children have continued to develop their place value, multiplication, division, addition and subtraction skills. In addition the children have also learnt new mathematical concepts such as factors, prime number, square numbers and cubed numbers.

In Science, the children learnt about the reproduction of plants and really enjoyed dissecting flowers in order to find the male and female parts. We are now learning about life cycles and comparing the life cycles of mammals, insects, birds and amphibians.

Many of the children have made massive strides in



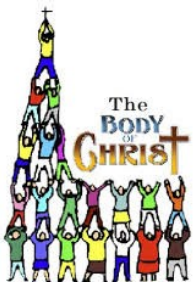
their swimming recently. Miss Allen and Mr McGovern are both really impressed!

In Geography, the children learnt about the different countries in South America, with a focus on Peru. They compared the city of Lima to the Wirral and were able to notice some similarities as

well as many differences. The children enjoyed expanding their knowledge of the geography of our world, as well as learning about the different continents. We are now studying the Anglo Saxons in History.



Year 5 had a brilliant trip to the Liverpool Slavery Museum. We learnt more about the transatlantic slave trade, which supported our English lessons in which we were learning about the real life story of a man named Henry 'Box' Brown who escaped slaving by mailing himself to freedom.



Family Mass Bambinelli Sunday

This Sunday our Year 5 and Reception children will be leading the Family Mass at 11.00 in Church. This will be a very special mass following on from our Welcome Mass in September when our Year 5 children welcomed their special friend from Reception to the parish.

It is also Bambinelli Sunday, so we are asking our children to bring a baby Jesus from their Nativity crib at home to be blessed in Church. We have baby Jesus figures in school if your child does not have one at present. The children are very excited to take part and we would love to see you there on this very special occasion



Christmas Nativities and Events

Please note the change of date and times for the KS1 Nativity. This is due to the re-scheduling of the visit to school by Bishop Mark. We hope these changes do not cause any inconvenience, but unfortunately this was beyond our control.



KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 11th December - 2.00pm

Thursday 12th December - 10.00am

EYFS Nativity

Wednesday 18th December - 10.30am

Thursday 19th December 2pm

KS2 Carol Service

Wednesday 18th December - 2.30pm

In St Joseph's Church



CHRISTMAS FESTIVE FUN DAY

WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TO SCHOOL DAY!!

Fun starts for the children at 2.30pm with

Arts & Crafts - Christmas cards and wreaths

Decorate Sweet Cones

Glitter Fun and Face Painting - Beat the Goalie

Meet Mrs Claus in the Grotto

DOORS OPEN AT 3.30PM

Christmas Stall, Games and MEGA RAFFLE



DOJO AWARD



Class Dojos

You will all by now have received a letter about Class Dojos, our new reward system. Thanks to all parents who have now downloaded the App. This means you will be able to hear about any Dojo awards your child has received through the messaging system. Our Dojo rewards can be given for many reasons including good behaviour, great work, kindness and good attendance – to name just a few! Make sure you sign up – if you haven't already - so you don't miss out.

School Attendance

Attendance is below our target at present. Well done to all who have still got 100%! And to everyone who has made an effort to be in school everyday. It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **97% or above**.

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 92%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 92%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker.



CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation 1 Mrs Fretwell	90%	89%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	92%	92%
Foundation 2 Mrs Walker	100%	97%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	94%	93%
Year 1: Mrs Osiac	94%	84%
Year 2: Miss Last	94%	86%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	93%	97%
Year 4 Miss Davies	92%	99%
Year 5: Miss Allen	95%	94%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	95%	93%
Year 6: Mr Broughton	95%	90%

Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



Messy Church is a fun family afternoon with drawing, painting, cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in
St Albans Parish Centre

on
Sunday 15th December

from 3pm - 4.30pm

Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult

Please Join us
in St Josephs Meeting Room

**Christmas
Cafe Joey**

and Raffle

on

Saturday 8th December

from 12 - 3pm

For light lunches, sandwiches and
lots of home-made cakes

All proceeds will be donated to

**Blessed Sacrament
Seminary**



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



“Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be”

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 29th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Visit of Bishop Mark

We are happy that Bishop Mark will be able to visit school now on 11th December when he will meet with staff and celebrate a special assembly with the children. This date had to be re-arranged due to the sad news that the former Bishop, Bishop Brian had passed away and his funeral was taking place on the arranged date.

Attendance

Sadly our whole school attendance has recently dropped to 93% which is below the statutory Government attendance of 95%. Good attendance as we know is vital to ensure that all our children remain safe, achieve their full potential and improve life chances. We want to work with and support you and your child to maintain good attendance.

We have introduced many new incentives and

rewards for children who achieve good attendance as we believe their efforts should be celebrated. However, any child whose attendance falls below 90% will be closely monitored and parents will be invited into school to discuss actions for improvement. Please do everything you can to ensure your child is in school and on time.

If for any reason your child is absent you will need to contact school on the first day of absence to let us know, otherwise the absence will be unauthorised. Your class teacher will also contact you through our Dojo App to check how your child is and if we can support in any way; you can reply to your class teacher through the App. Thank you for working with us to achieve good attendance for all

Please note any questions or messages about your child (with the exception of messages about your child's absence) should be communicated to the class teacher in the usual way and not through the Dojo App. Teachers are happy to discuss with you any concerns about your child but will not be able to do so through the App. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon



Golden Assembly 29th November 2019	
Mrs Walker	Leon Randalls
Miss Howard	Kelly Wu
Miss J Turner	Grace Charlesworth
Mrs Osiac	Annie Rooney
Miss Last	Bobby Cotgrave
Miss Finnigan	Jacob Quirk
Miss Davies	Layton Cooper
Miss Allen	Rhian Vicary
Mr Broughton	Hallie-Anne Pugh
Mrs Morgan	Kyle Butler