



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

*"a place of educational excellence  
with Christ at its centre"*

Michaelmas Term 2

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

## Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

The children in Carpenters class really enjoyed the school trip to Oxford Castle. I was really impressed with your knowledge in History when I went in to deliver a lesson. I have included a couple of photos from the day and Mr Causebrook is busy putting together the Wow report.

A big well done to all the boys that took part in the most recent Bob Moore Cup Tournament, St Marys came second and Edison was player of the Tournament. We finally gave out the trophy and medals in the celebration assembly this week, the whole school were very proud.

The Santa visit was a huge success! he managed to meet with 47 children in total. A big thank you to Santa for volunteering his time. We will be counting down the days until we see you again!

As this will be the last newsletter of the year I would like to take the opportunity to wish you a very Happy and Holy Christmas! Mrs Iley our chair of Governors will be writing a Governors newsletter next week to update you on the most recent meetings.

Kind regards,  
Laura Concannon

## Important dates to note...

### Dates for the Diary:

- **Friday 9th December- Christmas Cafe**
- **Key stage one Nativity performance: Monday 12th December 1:15pm and the evening performance will be at 6pm. Children to arrive at 5:20pm.**
- **Key stage two performance: Wednesday 14th December 2pm in church and then the evening performance at 6pm. Children will perform in the afternoon dressed in smart attire and then need to return in the evening at 5:30pm wearing the same. Children to be dropped off in school and will be walked down by staff to the church.**
- **Thursday 15th December- Christmas dress down day. Mass in church at 10:30am Year 6 to lead. Carols round the crib at 2pm. 3pm School closes for the Christmas Break. Rising stars finishes at 5pm.**
- **Tuesday 3rd January- Teacher Training day**
- **Wednesday 4th January- School reopens for the Lenten term, Spring 1.**

Our last day of term will be a Christmas dress down day. No contribution requested.

### Christmas Visit



### Wreath Making

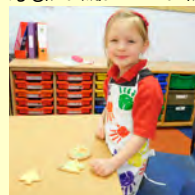
The wreath making workshop was a huge success and raised over £200 for the school. This has more than covered the cost of the school Christmas lunch on Thursday. Thank you Mrs McGinley and Mrs Iley.

The visit Santa made over £150 for the school!



### Cooking club!

A big thank you to the Yoakum family for the donation of the cooking/art aprons. The children enjoyed decorating Christmas cookies this week.



### Oxford Castle

The children in Carpenters class had a fantastic day out! All adults would highly recommend visiting. The website information is below.  
<https://www.oxfordcastleandprison.co.uk/education/>

'Bring Oxford's rich history to life at Oxford Castle and Prison! Enjoy cross-curricular workshops providing children with exciting activities; including role-playing, literacy development and practical problem-solving. Suitable for KS2-KS5, sessions can be linked directly to the national curriculum or tailored to your teaching criteria. All our workshops include a costumed guided tour of the Castle and prison. Climb the 101 steps to the top of St. George's Tower, then descend underground into the atmospheric Norman crypt, explore our prison cells and discover the great stories of our most famous inmates.'



## Value focus : Patience



### Bob Moore Cup team



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