

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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

Autumn Term 2

Head teacher: Mrs L. Concannon

Message from the Headteacher ...

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic day! The children and staff loved this year's whole school panto performance of Cinderella. Mr Lines and Mrs Morgan were even called on the stage! A big thank you to the Friends of St Marys for making this such an affordable trip.

The children in Years 5 and 6 have been fortunate enough to visit the HS2 site and learnt lots about the project. I have attached details below.

The Advent calendar making has begun! The children worked very hard and supported on another to complete this week's stage. Mrs McGinley is running two cooking sessions to make a Christmas cake, please book on parent pay. The first Christmas Choir rehearsal will be on Friday. The Advent service next week will now start at 11am in school.

We still have places in Reception next year so please spread the word about our lovely school.

Have a lovely weekend,
Laura Concannon.

Important dates to note...

Dates for the Diary

- **Friday 1st December: Advent Service in school 11am- Year 3 and 4 to lead readings.**
- **Monday 4th December: Fencing for Years 3-6**
- **Tuesday 5th December- WICKS safety truck**
- **Thursday 7th December- Maths Reasoning Day- BAKE OFF**
- **Friday 8th December 6-8pm: Snowman Beetle Drive Fundraiser**
- **Monday 11th December: Flu Sprays/ Christingle Making in House groups.**
- **Tuesday 12th December: Choir singing in Banbury**
- **Wednesday 13th December and Thursday 14th December: Parents evenings.**
- **Monday 18th December: KS2 Christmas Concert 1:30pm and 6pm**
- **Tuesday 19th December: KS1 Christmas Concert 1:30pm and 6pm**
- **Wednesday 20th December: 10am Mass and 2:15pm Carols round the crib.**

Safeguarding lead: Mrs Concannon

Deputy Safeguarding lead: Mrs Vale

St. Mary's on the HS2 Safari

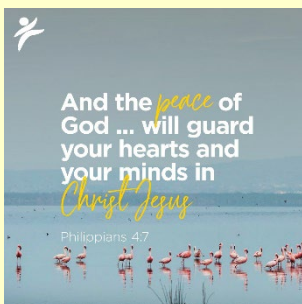
We started the safari by entering the familiar site entrance at Chipping Warden. The children were given a safari sheet to check off the things they would see on our journey. We went as near to the tunnel as we were allowed and we were approx 20 metres deep, the final tunnel will be 1.6km long. The children were told that it is the first tunnel of its kind -ever, so they are learning on the job. We travelled further into their web of internal roads, glimpsing landmarks that we see (Carpenters Arms in Lower Boddington, Washbrook Farm). We also saw the High Furlong viaduct under construction and travelled underneath the new bridge at Lower Boddington. The children learned about the great crested newt fences and the different types of workforce involved in HS2 construction.



Cinderella:



Value focus : Peace



Advent Calendar making!



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