

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL NEWSLETTER

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We have had a very busy week. The PTA entertained the children on Monday with a school disco which raised £176. A big thank you to all who came along to help. Year 6 had a Geography workshop where they extended their knowledge of earthquakes and volcanoes.

A group of children went to Tesco to carol sing to the shoppers and hand out Christmas cards to the community.

Key stage 1 performed their beautiful Nativity play with their enthusiastic singing and acting on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday evening. Finally, to end the week, key stage 2 performed their Carol concert which retold the birth of Jesus through gospel readings, songs and poetry.

Nomad Trust (YMCA)

Year 2 held their fundraising bingo event this week. Children took part to help raise money for the Year 2 class charity, Nomad Trust. Everyone had a great time playing Christmas bingo and they raised £92 for the charity. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Bronze Learners

Nevaeh Esme Harry Albie Ena Lexie Katie Kane Joel Paris Elizabeth

School Virtues

Self-control Courage Hope
Love Justice Solidarity
We love, live and learn in the light of Christ



On Monday some children went along to Tesco to sing carols. The children sang their hearts out and raised £73 for the school larder. The children also gave out Christmas cards to the shoppers. Two members of the public rang school that afternoon and said that the singing had 'made their day and that the children were so happy and kind'. A big thank you goes out to the store manager, staff and the parents who came along to support the children.













Dependable December.

Our wellbeing focus this month is to be dependable by finding ways of being trustworthy and reliable. We can be dependable in our actions by being kind, helping others and taking care of ourselves during this busy time of Advent. Mrs Cockerill will be inviting the children to write the things that make them trustworthy on a leaf so she can grow a trust tree in the ELSA room.





Christmas message

As we approach the joyful season of Christmas, we give thanks for the many blessings we have shared throughout the year as a school community. Christmas invites us to pause and reflect on the great gift of Jesus' birth — a gift of hope, love, and peace for all.

We are grateful for your continued support, trust, and partnership in nurturing the faith, learning, and wellbeing of our children. Together, we strive to live out the values of the Gospel each day, and we are proud of the kindness, compassion, and generosity shown by our students and their families.

May the joy of the Nativity fill your homes with love, laughter, and faith. We pray that the coming year brings you good health, peace, and many blessings.

We wish you and your families a holy and joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.















Star of the Week

Reception	Whole class	For ending a fantastic term on a high with a wonderful nativity.
Year 1	Whole class	For their excellent performance and singing skills in our nativity, which made it a super success!
Year 2	Whole class	For their excellent performance and singing skills in our nativity, which made it a super success!
Year 3	Whole class	For being superstars this term. They have consistently shown the tick behaviours and have put 100% effort into everything they have done.
Year 4	Kobi	For writing an excellent version of the Firework makers daughter. Kobi used excellent vocabulary to improve his writing.
	Arabella	For being a fantastic help in the classroom and supportive member of the class. Arabella demonstrates a high level of maturity in and around school.
Year 5	Esme	For all her hard work in all lessons to ensure that her skills in all topics are getting better. She has also modeled perfect tick behaviours in all aspects of school life.
	Sree	For his amazing enthusiasm the whole way through this term. He has been putting 100% into all of his learning.
Year 6	Kane	For living out the value of solidarity this week. He has demonstrated what it means to support his peers with amazing teamwork in the geography workshop.
	Felicia	For showing the value of courage this week. She was amazing in the geography workshop recalling facts.



Parish News

Mass times:

Rosary before weekday Masses from 09.45 a.m.

Monday to Thursday Daily Mass is at 10.15 a.m. Friday 11.30 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass 6 p.m. (Holyday vigil Mass 7 p.m.)

Sunday morning 10 a.m. (Holyday morning Mass 10.15a.m.)

Confessions by arrangement with Fr Peter Harvey, Parish priest.

Advent Retreat Day Saturday 6th December from 10.00. Further details to follow.

All parishioners are welcome!

Parishioners are invited to attend the Advent Retreat Day on Saturday, 6th December from 10.00. Please meet in church for Morning Prayer, and then we will transfer to the Parish Hall. Please bring something for a shared lunch. The day will end with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

All are welcome!

Feast Days in December

21st Fourth Sunday of Advent

25th Nativity of Our Blessed Lord,

26th St Stephen

27th St John

28th Holy Family

29th St Thomas Becket.

Christmas Mass times

Christmas Eve: Wednesday 24th December @ 18.00

Christmas Day: Thursday 25th December @ 10.00

Feast of St Stephen: (Boxing Day)

Friday 26th December @ 11.30The Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday 27th December @ 18.00

Sunday 28th December @ 10.00.The Epiphany of The Lord:

Monday 5th January @ 19.00

Tuesday 6th January @10.15.



DIARY DATES

Date	Event	
January		
Monday 5th	First Teaching Day of New Term	
Tuesday 6th	Mass in church- Feast of the Epiphany at 10:15am	
Wednesday 7th	Young voices Choir in Birmingham	

February		
Thursday 12th	Retreat day	
Thursday 12th	Break for half term	
Friday 13th	Inset day	
Monday 23rd	Return to school	