



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents/Carers

Parent Teacher Consultations

Thank you to all who made an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher this week. This week saw the welcome return to face to face meetings and it was a pleasure to welcome you in to the school to discuss your child's achievements to date and how they have settled into their new year class. As always, please contact the school office if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the senior leadership team regarding any questions or concerns you may have.

Anti-Bullying Week: 13th - 17th November

Anti-bullying Week is an annual national event supported by the Anti-Bullying Alliance that aims to shine a spotlight on bullying and encourage children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is **'Make A Noise About Bullying'** and the week will begin with **Odd Socks Day** on **Monday 13th November** when children and staff are encouraged to wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique. Throughout the week there will be special anti-bullying activities and workshops in all classes. Our school's **'STOP'** acronym continues to support pupils, staff and parents/carers in identifying and preventing/stopping bullying. The Anti-bullying Alliance have produced resources for parents and carers in partnership with Kidscape which provide information about bullying, tips about what to do if you're worried about bullying and tools to help you talk to your children about bullying. If you would like to get involved then please [click here](#) to access the parental tools and resources.



Feast of All Saints

Wednesday 1st November was the Feast of All Saints and we were delighted that children and staff in Years 1 to 6 were able to attend a Mass celebrated by Mgr. Keith Barltrop in our parish church. Mgr. Keith Barltrop reminded all gathered that All Saints' Day is a Christian solemnity, or dignified remembrance, that celebrates the honour of all church saints, whether known or unknown. He also shared that we are all called to be saints by being receptive to God's holiness and grace. The reverence the children showed in Mass is a credit to their parents and the school. We now look forward joining parishioners to celebrate Mass for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Friday 8th December at St. Mary of the Angels Church at 11am. Parents and carers are most welcome to join us.

Message from Mgr. Keith

Last weekend most of the 18 families who have registered for Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion next year gathered for their first session on Saturday and for a welcome Mass on Sunday. These were very joyful occasions despite the absence on Sunday of our catechist, Margaret, because of an injury: we pray for her swift recovery. We can no longer accept families for this year and invite any families who have not yet contacted me to learn more about the way we work from the regular inserts in the parish newsletter over the coming months. Families who attend Mass in the parishes of Queensway and Harrow Road should contact the parish priests there as soon as possible.

Prayer and Worship

Ten Ten's November newsletter is now available for you to read [here](#) or by visiting the [Prayer and Worship](#) for Home section of the school website.

Swallows Assembly: Friday 10th November

In a very moving and informative assembly, Swallows reminded all gathered today of the importance and solemnity of Remembrance Day which falls on November 11th each year. We were reminded of and gave thanks for the sacrifice made by those who died during the First and Second World Wars and prayed for peace in our world. It was very poignant to hear the children share the prayer they had written as a class which shows the depth of their understanding and empathy for all who suffer. Thank you Swallows class for a very special assembly which we will remember for years to come.



Religious Education: Multi-faith Programme

As part of the 'Come and See' RE programme all children study a different world faith for two weeks of the school year. This year we are learning about Judaism and Sikhism and next year we will learn about Islam and more about Judaism. This week, Mrs Waine kindly prepared and delivered a special whole school assembly where she talked about her Jewish faith and the importance it plays in all aspects of her family life. Thank you Mrs Waine for your engaging and informative assembly. To find out more about our RE Curriculum please [click here](#).

Advent & Christmas

Preparing our hearts and minds to celebrate the Good News of Jesus' birth is such an important part of our school and liturgical year. We very much look forward to bringing our school together during the season of Advent as follows:

Wednesday 29th November	Advent Carol Service at Westminster Cathedral (Year 6/ Pupil Chaplaincy Team only)
Wednesday 6th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 2:00pm at St. Mary of Angels Church
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December	The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 11am (Whole School Mass)
Friday 8th December	Christmas Movie Night (more information to follow)
Tuesday 12th December	Foundation Stage Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Lunch for children (own clothes day)
Tuesday 19th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th December	Special visitor to the school
Thursday 21st December	End of Term 2/School closes at 1.30pm for Christmas Holidays
Monday 8th January	School closed – staff development & training
Tuesday 9th January	School opens: Start of Term 3

Online Safety

Our November 2023 Online Safety newsletter can be accessed [here](#) or via the Online Safety button on the homepage of the school website. This month's edition includes information for parents on Roblox (12+), TikTok (13+) and WhatsApp (16+) along with a quiz re safety options on PlayStation.



Calling London Winter Coat Campaign

A reminder that our Mini Vinnies team have asked for donations of winter coats and fleeces for the Calling London Winter Coat Campaign. You have until Tuesday 21st November to drop off your donations of coats, fleeces and jackets to the front office.

Swallows Prayer of Remembrance and Hope

Dear God,

At this peaceful time of remembrance, we think of those who gave their lives to serve their countries in two world wars.

We also remember those who have lost their lives in other war-torn areas across the world.

We pray for those who have been injured through war and have to adapt to new and sometimes difficult ways of life.

Support and comfort them through this Journey.

We remember the families and friends of those affected by war, both past and present.

Send them hope so that they can remain strong.

But most of all we pray for hope.

We hope that one day we can live in a world of peace where everyone respects one another and loves one another.

Please God, let it be.

Amen.

Wishing you a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs Wilson

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Headteacher

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