



# St. Joseph's Primary School

## November 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

### Autumn 2024



<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Winning Class Attendance:</b>	<b>School Attendance:</b> <b>69.2% !!!</b>
Reception 63.3%	<b>YEAR 5</b> <b>90.7%</b> <b>Well done, fantastic!</b>	
Year 1: 44.7%    Year 4: 63.2%		
Year 2: 77.6%    Year 5: 90.7%		
Year 3: 72%      Year 6: 73.6%		

## Update of the week:

As this week's attendance figures show there have been a lot of children, and staff off with virus infections. Hopefully, we are over the worst.

We look forward to celebrating our Family Mass on the First Sunday of Advent **Sunday December 1st** at 10.00 am in St. Benedict's Clydach. **Please make an effort to attend you will be very welcome.**

We will be starting the First Communion program next January 2025. For children to receive this sacrament please make every effort to attend Mass which is celebrated in Ystradgynlais Parish 4pm every Saturday & 11.30 am Sunday, and in St. Benedict's every Saturday at 6.00pm & Sunday 10am. You need to be attending Mass to start the program.

**CHRISTMAS** - Each class is busy preparing for Christmas and getting ready for their performances. We are looking forward to inviting you into the school and church. Entrance will be £2 a ticket with a chance to win a Christmas hamper. Each class is now collecting gifts for their own Class Christmas hamper which will then be raffled at the Christmas play. Please donate an item for the class hamper if you can.

There is a parish coffee afternoon on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm run by the Mini-Vinnies. If you have any gifts that we can raffle we would be very grateful to receive them.

We will have our Christmas Mass then Jumper and Dinner day on Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 1.15 in the School Hall is our 'Christmas Enterprise Fayre'. For this entrepreneurial exercise all classes are given a budget of £20 per class and will cost and make Christmas gifts which they will be selling. You're all welcome to join us.

### Upcoming dates:

Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> Advent Family Mass 10 .00 am St. Benedicts

Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> Nursery & Reception Christmas Play 9.30 am School Hall

Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup> Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play 2.00pm School Hall

Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> Year 3- 6 Christmas Play 1,30pm St. Benedicts Church.

Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> Rec- Year 6 - Pantomime at Pontardawe Arts Centre

Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup> Parish Coffee afternoon 1.30pm

Wednesday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Enterprise Fayre 1.30pm

Thursday Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass 9.30 am St. Benedicts also Christmas jumper & Christmas Dinner day!

TERM ENDS Friday December 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY. School begins for pupils Tuesday January 7<sup>th</sup>