



# St. Joseph's Primary School

Autumn 2023

December 8<sup>th</sup> 2023



Attendance	Winning Class Attendance:	School Attendance:  89.2%
Nursery 83.2% Reception 87.7% Year 1: 94.1% Year 4: 87.7% Year 2: 91% Year 5: 92.3% Year 3: 90.3% Year 6: 83.1%	YEAR 1 94.1%  Well done fantastic !	

## Update of the week:

### 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 Christmas hamper. These will then be raffled at the Christmas play. If you could donate an item for the hampers, please do.

We will have our Christmas Jumper and Dinner day on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please bring in £2 donation which will be collected by the Mini-Vinnies to buy items for the Parish Coffee afternoon on Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> afternoon for our parishioners.

All classes are involved in an entrepreneurial exercise and have costed and made Christmas gifts (£20 per class) which they will be selling on Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon, in the School Hall. Come along and support their efforts if you can at 1.30pm.

If you would like your child to have Christmas Dinner – please ensure there is money in their i-pay account.

Thank you for attending the Family Mass last weekend it was lovely to see you all there. We will be starting the First Communion and Confirmation programs next February 2024. If you wish your child to receive these sacraments, please speak to Canon or myself. These are wonderful sacraments for children to receive, please make every effort.

#### Mass is celebrated in:

Ystradgynlais Sacred Heart Parish 4pm every Saturday and 11.30 am on a Sunday. St. Benedict's every Sunday at 10am.

You would be very welcome to attend any of these. If your child has not been baptised it is not too late please just speak to Canon Pelosi.

**Christmas Dates- Christmas dates have been added to the website please take a look.**



### Upcoming dates:

Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner and Jumper day

Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> Nursery and Reception Christmas play 9.30 am School Hall – entry by raffle ticket £2

Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> Year 1 and 2 Christmas play 2.00pm School Hall – entry by raffle ticket £2

Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Concert St. Benedict's Church 1.30pm – entry by raffle ticket £2

Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> PANTOMIME Reception - Yr 6 Pontardawe Arts Centre

Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass School Hall 2.00pm

Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> Parish Coffee afternoon 1.30pm School Hall

Thursday December 21<sup>st</sup> Enterprise Fayre School Hall 1.30pm

**TERM ENDS Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY

**This term's Virtues:  
Attentive and Discerning**

