
ENGLISH MARTYRS NEWSLETTER

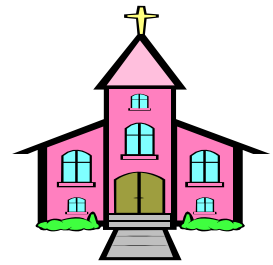
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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Evening:	St. Austin's	6.15 p.m.
Sunday Morning:	St. Austin's	8.15 a.m.
	English Martyrs	9.30 a.m.
	St. Austin's	11.00 a.m.
Polish Mass:	St. Austin's	3.30 p.m.
Sunday Evening:	St. Austin's	6.00 p.m.



Statement to Live By: I try to follow our school and classroom rules.

16 December 2016

Dear parents and carers,

CHRISTMAS GREETING from MRS FLOOD

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful, family centred, peaceful and holy Christmas; and to thank you for your strong support this term.

During Advent we have gathered together on a daily basis to reflect, pray and make a promise. Therefore, you should have been treated, amongst other things, to 'a tidy bedroom without being asked' and 'a surprise for someone in the family!'

In Foundation Stage, Y1 and Y2 the children have had the opportunity to take home a 'walking crib'. This has allowed families to take a moment for prayerful reflection on the Christmas story. Thank you to all those families who have embraced this so well - documenting the time in the journal.

I am sure any of you lucky enough to attend any of the liturgies/productions over the week will testify that the children demonstrated a complete understanding of not only the Christmas story but how Christ should touch us in our lives - and in the process gave you the perfect Christmas present!

Parish Mass times have been circulated for the Christmas period - please try to attend Mass - so that the children gain a full appreciation of how important our faith is.

We finished the term with Mass to say 'Thank You' to God for all that is good in the world; and to say 'goodbye and good luck' to Mrs Perkins.

And finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families and children who have sent cards, drawn pictures and/or sent messages of good wishes - they are very much appreciated.

School closes for Christmas holidays Wednesday 21st December, 2016 at 2:00pm

School reopens to pupils for the Spring Term: 10 January 2017.

Have a peaceful Christmas! See you next year!

Yours in partnership,

Mrs C. M. Flood
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Monday 19th December - Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 21st December - School closes for Christmas 2pm

Tuesday 10th January - School reopens (Monday is an inset)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please remember there are no after school clubs (except Karate on Friday 16th) until after the Christmas holidays.

ICT4C - E-SAFETY TIPS FOR A SAFE CHRISTMAS

Copies of this booklet are available from the School Office. It contains 12 very valuable tips for keeping E-Safe this Christmas and in the future.

Top tips include setting a digital sunset, talking to your child about E-Safety, online stranger danger and many more. The document will be included on the website from Monday too.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE

We have places available in Nursery. If your child is three between January and Easter and you would like a place, please contact school to make arrangements.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

'Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!' to all of you for your overwhelmingly generous response to our Christmas Fayre. You contributed so many donations and then turned out in your hundreds to buy them back again.

The money raised at the Christmas Fayre and on raffles during the Christmas productions has meant we have been able to cover the costs of the children's Christmas parties and Grandparents' & senior parishioners party, donate £159 to CAFOD *and* have £1199.44 to develop the playground area! This is a magnificent achievement for our small school and down to your generosity.

COMMUNITY GROUP - meet every Monday during term time in Parish Centre 3-5pm.

Christmas party this week - all welcome.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES

Christmas Eve (Saturday)	English Martyrs' Church St Austin's Church St Austin's Church	Mass at 7:30pm - carols from 7pm Mass at 8pm in Polish Midnight Mass - carols from 11:15pm
Christmas Day	English Martyrs' Church St Austin's Church	Mass at 9:30am Mass at 10am

ATTENDANCE

Overall school attendance for this academic year so far is 94.9% This is below the National Average (95.6%).

Attendance for last week was 95.8% - above the National Average - well done!

Attendance Awards

Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving GOLD (100%) Attendance certificates next week for full attendance Autumn Term 2016, to 9 December.

YR	Sam, Enzo, Annabel, Sophia, Ashlyn, Malachy, Layla and Elizabeth
Y1	Layla, Lydia, Georgia, Faith, Liliana, Ava Mae, Harry and Mollie
Y2	Daisy, Roisin, Tanaka, Louis, Leon, Billy and Oskar
Y3	Giorgio, Ajafanta, Amisha, Peggy, Casey and Joseph
Y4	Wahazit, Alice, Ilisha, Alistair, Corey, Joshua, Wiktorina, Milana and Amelia
Y5	Leo, William, Curtis, Toby, Toby G, Danny, Asher, Dennis, Ben, Thomas and Maia
Y6	Ruby, Elliott, Kumbi, Hannah, Savanna, Emilie and Louise

And to the 37 children who have been awarded SILVER certificates for 98%+ attendance; and the 28 children awarded BRONZE certificates for 96%+.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Arianna

Reception - Oscar - Oscar is a fantastic member of Reception class who always does the right thing. He has been so grown up persevering with tricky work, without becoming upset!

Year 1 - Mollie - Mollie is extremely enthusiastic in all areas of learning. She always tries her best and give all work a go independently. Mollie is a pleasure to have in Year 1.

Year 2 - Arianna - I would love to give Arianna star of the week! She is such a delight to have in class. She is always ready to learn, always polite and always helpful. What a super star!

Year 3 - Peggy - Peggy has wowed all staff in school with her superb home learning creations. She gives 100% in dedication and effort to ensure her work is completed to an exemplary standard. Well done Peggy we are all extremely proud of you!

Year 4 - Lexi - Lexi has really improved her work across the curriculum recently. She has become much more confident and has been willing to have a go at things independently. Well done Lexi.

Year 5 - Emilia - Emilia is so helpful and polite. She is extremely friendly and always has a smile for everyone. You are a super star Emilia.

Year 6 - All of Year 6 - I am so proud of all of your - the improvement you have shown in your maths skills is amazing. You worked with effort and determination this week despite the Christmas season being upon us. Well done and keep up this fantastic effort - the top of the mountain awaits!!