ST JOHN THE BAPTIST NEWSLETTER

Headteacher's Note

Friday 9th January 2026

Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term. We hope that you were able to enjoy time together over the Christmas period and that 2026 has begun well for you and your families.

It was a wonderful way to start the term by celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany Mass, led by Fr Celestine. The children participated so reverently and thoughtfully, reminding us of the importance of recognising Christ in our lives and of sharing hope, faith and love with others.
The children have returned to school with a positive attitude and enthusiasm for learning, and it has been a joy to spend time catching up with their news and hearing about their Christmas experiences.



Christmas is traditionally a time of great joy, a time to gather family close to celebrate together. However, we are mindful that for some families this Christmas has been a time of sadness, loss or worry. As a school community rooted in faith, compassion and care for one another, we ask that you keep the following staff and their families in your prayers who have experienced grief and sorrow over the Christmas period.

- Mrs Townley lost her husband in sudden and unexpected circumstances in the lead up to Christmas. Please keep Mrs Townley and her two boys, Ethan and Finley, in your prayers.
- Mrs Clough's husband suffered a severe bleed on the brain on Christmas Eve and remains very unwell in hospital. Please continue to keep the whole family in your prayers.
- Mr Kelly tragically lost his wife on New Year's Eve. Please keep him and his family in your prayers .



We thank you for the compassion, kindness and prayers you continue to show They mean so much at times like these.

SCHOOL NURSE

Our **school nurse** will be in school for a few hours on **Monday morning**. If any parent or carer would like to seek advice or support, please take this opportunity to speak with her. We encourage you to make use of this valuable support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

A polite reminder regarding school uniform expectations, particularly for health and safety reasons:

- All earrings must be removed from next week onwards
- Hair accessories, including bows, should be in school colours only
- School shoes must be black and without sports logos
- Trainers are not permitted as part of school uniform

With the colder weather upon us, please ensure children come to school well wrapped, with hats, gloves and warm coats, as the playground is very exposed.



KS1 FILM Night

Key Stage 1 children are invited to stay after school on **Tuesday 13th January** for a **Film Night**.
This is a PTA fundraising event, with all proceeds supporting activities and resources for the children in our school.

Children are encouraged to bring: Pyjamas, a teddy, dressing gown and Slippers.

- They will have time to change into these before the film begins.
- The cost of the event is **£3**, which includes a drink and snacks.
- The children will remain in school from **3.15pm until 5.30pm**.

PARENTS EVENING

The next parents evening is due in March 2026. Please save the date in your diaries. Please note that there is a slight change to previous published dates and times. Nearer the time we will send you a link to book your slot. **Tuesday 10th March 3.45 to 5.15pm** or **Thursday 12th March 4.30 to 6.30pm.**

EYFS LITURGY

We had an EYFS Liturgy scheduled for next Thursday, unfortunately this will need to be postponed. When I have an alternative date I will let you know.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, understanding and prayers. May we move into this new term strengthened by faith and united in care for one another.

God Bless,
Mrs McKeating

