





Newsletter

15th December 2023

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

This week has been a wonderful reminder of what we are preparing and waiting for

this Advent. On Wednesday we were all able to pause a little, during all of the busyness that this time of year brings, as KS1 retold the Christmas story in a truly magnificent way. Each child played a part and I was amazed by their confident speaking and their beautiful singing and dancing. On Thursday we welcomed parents from EYFS to join us for their Advent liturgy. The children participated so reverently and shared their Advent promises. Afterwards everybody got involved in some Advent and Christmas crafts. We are now very much looking forward to their Nativity performance on Monday.





Today school has been very quiet as KS2 have been at Princethorpe Chapel practicing for the Carol Service tonight. I am sure it is going to be a special time where we can all come together to listen to the singing and the readings and I very much look forward to seeing you all there. We did take the opportunity, whilst KS2 were out to welcome some new children and families into school, as we held another Open Morning for prospective new starters in September. Please continue to spread the word to any families you may know who have children of school or nursery age for next year.

We also received some great news this week, that we were the Small School winner of the Level 2 School Games Sportshall Athletics Competition. A huge well done to all those who took part in the competition, a great result!

Have a lovely weekend ©



EYFS Nativity: 18th Dec 9:30am & 5pm EYFS/KS1 Disco 20th Dec 3:15-4:30pm KS2 Disco 21st Dec 3:15-5:00pm Huge thank you to F&H FARMS for donating our Christmas tree this year.



REMINDER

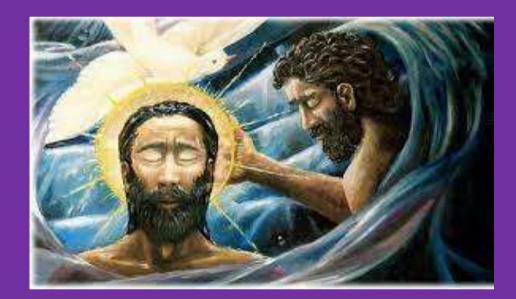
Teacher training day:
8th January
Children return to
school on Tuesday 9th
January.



This coming Sunday's Gospel 3rd Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)

John 1: 6-8,19-28

This week's Gospel reveals Jesus as 'the light'. John the Baptist continues his role as a witness, who helps others to believe that Jesus, the light, is the long-awaited Christ. Will you be ready to believe, and worship Jesus this Christmas like the shepherds and the kings?



Wednesday Word

Father in heaven,

We are getting ready to welcome your Son, Jesus.

Help us to draw ever closer to you.

So that we may we be Ready to say 'Yes', just like

Mary, Ready to share the news like the angels,

Ready to worship like the shepherds and wise men.

We ask this through Jesus your Son,

Amen.

Catholic Life, Prayer and RE at Our Lady's

Advent Candles

This third candle is pink and symbolises rejoicing. During the third week of Advent we are filled with joy for the near arrival of Jesus on Christmas day.

This Sunday is often called "Gaudete Sunday" as we reflect on the joy the shepherds felt at the birth of Jesus.



Gospel Virtues – **Attentive** and **Discerning**Pupils at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School are growing to be...

attentive to their experiences and to their vocations; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices... by promoting the practice of attentive reflection and discerning decision making: in teaching, in prayer, during retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.



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Nursery/ Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6
Reception

Whole school

Attendance & Punctuality
Whole School 96©

Workers Of The Week

| Year R | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | |
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| Back next week | | | | | | | |

Next School Week at a Glance

| Date | Time | Activity | |
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| Mon 18 ^h Dec | 9.30am 5pm | EYFS Nursery & Reception Nativity (Tickets available on ParentPay) | |
| Tues 19th Dec | 3.15 - 4.15pm | Hotshots Basketball | |
| Wed 20th Dec | 3:15-4:30pm | School Christmas Dinner EYFS/KS1 Disco | |
| Thurs 21st Dec | 3:15-5pm | KS2 Disco | |
| Fri 22 nd Dec | 3.15 -5pm | IRISH DANCING Break up for Christmas Holidays | |
| Sunday Mass St Anne's Wappenbury Princethorpe Chapel | 8:30am 10.30am Holyday Masses as announced | https://stanneswappenbyry.wordpress.com/weekly- bulletin/ | |

School Lottery

Please consider signing up if you haven't already.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe



For up to date information and sharing what we are up to – keep an eye on our X feed @OurPrincethorpe





ABSENCE

Following our absence policy – please could parents report all absences by 10am on each day of absence; stating the actual reason for the absence and when your child is likely to return to school. No reason will result in an unauthorised absence.

Parents are also reminded that children may not return to school for 48 hours after the last incident of sickness &/or diarrhoea.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in keeping all our children and staff healthy.



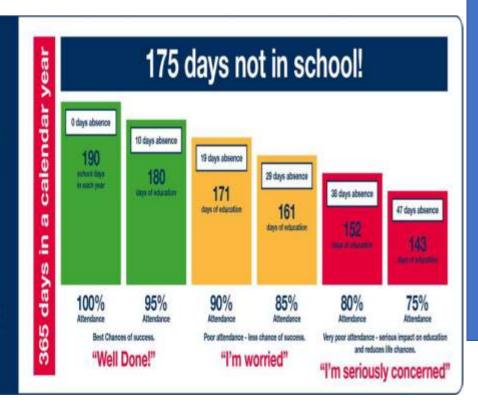
School Christmas Dinner Wednesday 20th December £2.48

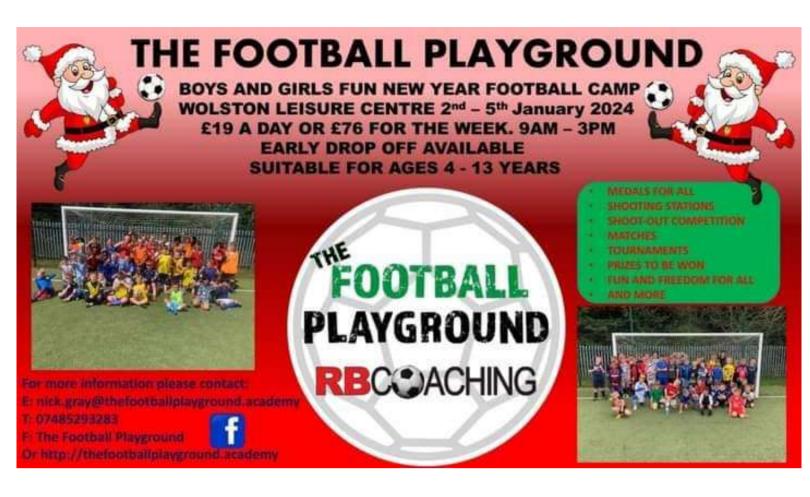
If you would like your child to receive a Christmas dinner – please make payment of £2.48 on ParentPay before Wednesday 20th December.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals and Universal Free school meals will receive a Christmas dinner at no charge.

Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days















For your information

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury with Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe

December 2023

To fulfil the required criteria for the General Data Protection Regulations that came into force on 25 May 2018, please read on and complete accordingly. Fr Teddy needs your consent to contact you directly.

- 1. If you wish your details to be retained at St Anne's parish and if you are content that Fr Teddy contacts you directly (rather than through Our Lady's School), please complete the form below, so that your information may be retained electronically and in paper form at St Anne's Presbytery.
- 2. Even if you have previously done this, it will help keep records up to date if you complete again and return

| Personal Information Record Please can you complete the form below in BLOCK cap | oitals and return by EMAIL |
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| Family Name: | |
| Parent's First name(s) | |
| House name/number: | |
| Address: | |
| Post code: | |
| Landline telephone number: | |
| Mobile: | |
| Email address:(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE) | |
| How we use your information: All information is held s fairly and lawfully in accordance with the Data Protect | securely on the Presbytery database and will be processed ion Act 1998. |
| Please tick one or more of the boxes below if you are host □ email □ text/SMS □ | |
| Please tick the box/es if you are happy for your data to | be used for: |
| News about parish events (including sacraments) | Fundraising to support the parish |
| If you have any questions or concerns about how your the above, please let us know, email to Father Teddy a | information is used or you wish to opt-out at any time fron tare that the standard to the standard in the stan |
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| Signed: | Date: |