

A message from Mrs Gum

The Christmas tree is up, Nativity and carol preparations are in full throw and on Sunday we host the Parish Pensioners' Christmas Lunch. We are most definitely in the season of Advent, preparing for the coming of Christ. On Monday we joined together as a whole school and led by Miss Butterfield we started our Advent journey. The first candle of hope was lit on the Advent wreath and we took the time to understand that Advent is much more than a calendar and a chocolate each morning. Next week is assessment week in school and whilst there will be a number of festive events and activities taking place over the next two weeks, learning will very much continue and attendance at school is still really important. We understand that children are tired but it is vital that children arrive on time for school so that they don't miss learning opportunities and the essential routines of the day.

Thank you for your continued support—have a lovely weekend.

Attendance **Whole School**

9%

1st Place

Miss L Bennett's Class

99.4%

2nd Place

Miss J Raymond's Class

94.8%

3rd Place

Miss S Howard's Class

94.2%

Friends of St Joseph's PTA

The Quiz Night raised a fantastic **£295.01!** Thank you to everyone who organised and supported the event.

The next PTA event is for the children and is on

Wednesday 13th December

Christmas Disco 5pm - £1 entry

Channel your inner Mary Berry

and enter the St Joseph's Christmas Bake Off - £2 an entry

Cake Sale 3:15pm

Both take place on Monday 18th December

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 10th December

Pensioners Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 12th December

KS1 Nativity 10am

Wednesday 13th December

KS1 Nativity 2pm

Flu Vaccine

PTA Christmas Disco 5pm

Thursday 14th December

Mr Lewis' Class Assembly 2.30pm

Friday 15th December

Year 5 & 6 to Story House in Chester

Monday 18th December

EYFS Stay & Pray 8.45am

PTA Christmas Bake Off

PTA Cake Sale 3:15pm

Tuesday 19th December

Stay & Pray KS1

Wednesday 20th December

Stay & Pray LKS2

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner

Elf Run

Thursday 21st December

Stay & Pray UKS2

KS2 Carol Concert 1.30pm

Friday 22nd December

SCHOOL CLOSSES 1:30pm

Lunch Menu

Week 2

Forest School

Monday 11th

December

Year 3

Monday 15th

January

Year 2

Letters and Reminders

Online Safety

E-safety tips for parents

Useful online safety websites

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

The Governing Board have agreed that authorisation will **NOT** be given for **ANY** holidays taken in term time. Requests for authorised absence must be made using the absence request form at least 4 weeks in **advance** of the absence. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website. St Joseph's has adopted the Winsford Education Partnership Policy. Please ensure that your child is in school ready to learn by 8:45am each day.

School Meals

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the school meal feedback survey. It is evident from looking at the meal figures that our Friday menus are by far the most popular with cottage pie and chicken pie not going down quite so well. Mrs Waite and Mrs Gum will look at the feedback along with the meal sales and create a new menu for the Spring Term. There is a request for the return of the jacket potato, however, these are very expensive and may not be within the £2.40 budget.

Reception 2024

Applications

If your child starts full time education in September 2024 you **must** apply for a school place **BEFORE 15th January**.

Please apply on time via

[CWAC Admissions](https://www.cwac-admissions.co.uk).

Late applications may result in your child being placed in a school that is not your first choice.

P positivity
R respect
I independence
D determination
E enthusiasm

Sunday's Gospel Mark 1:1-8

"There is someone else to come – someone who is more powerful than I am. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."



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