

St. Martha's News

'Be the best you can be'



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Catholic Life of the School

Reception finished the term off with their Nativity this week, which was absolutely delightful. They sang their hearts out and definitely had the cute factor in their costumes.

I would like to thank all the Reception and KS1 staff for the time and effort that has gone into preparing the children to perform in the Nativities over the last couple of weeks and also to all the other staff who have given up their evenings to support the nativities so that they run smoothly.



This Sunday is the 3rd Sunday of Advent and we will be lighting the 3rd candle of the Advent Wreath. The third candle of Advent symbolise Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, the third candle of Advent is called the "**Shepherd's Candle**," and its colour is **pink**, the liturgical colour for joy.



Year 3 visited the Church this week to support their RE learning around the season of Advent. They had a tour of the Church looking for signs that it is Advent.



Dates for your diary:

18th December at 9:30am End of Term Mass at Holy Family Church (Yr 2 to 6) – everyone is welcome

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of term, we would like to share with everyone our new Reception outdoor area. We were successful in receiving some funding for this through the Community Infrastructure Levy through the Council. We are very grateful to the Council for considering us for this grant as it has helped us to provide all the children with a natural yet engaging outdoor space, enhancing their learning across all aspects of the EYFS curriculum. The children love using this space every day, in all weathers!



Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs. Child, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Annely and Mrs. Bowman.



Happy Birthday!

Year 1: Riley

Year 2: Erick, Eira, Esza

Year 3: Delia

Year 4: Delmia, Ethan

Year 5: Daniella

Year 6: Finley

*May God never stop
showering
you with His blessing!*



Well done to everyone involved in the Christmas Concerts earlier this week. We had a great afternoon and evening of musical entertainment from our Choirs, Year 5s on the ukeles and our musicians. The concert was even better than last year and the talent of our children continues to grow day by day, year by year. Thank you to everyone who came to support the children. We are so lucky to have such talented and dedicated members of staff who encourage the children all the time. I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and are now feeling festive and ready for the Christmas holidays to begin!



Artsmark
Gold Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England

I am delighted to inform you that we have achieved Gold in our recent Arts Mark application. This shows just how much we do for the Arts in school and we are now keen to get working on achieving Platinum. Mrs Landles along with Mrs Chapman lead on Art in the

school and spend a lot of time planning opportunities for Art in the school. We are delighted to announce that we have selected two Art Ambassadors, Alyssa and Kayden, who are keen to support in the development of Art in school for all children. A massive thank you must go to Mrs Landles and Mrs Chapman for everything they have done for Art, especially all the hours that went into the application. The feedback from the application was very positive and truly reflected St. Martha's:

'You clearly have a long-term commitment to arts and culture which is having measurable effects on staff and pupils. All pupils can access an established range of arts and cultural provision through work with local and national arts and cultural organisations, in school and on visits outside of the classroom, which leads to showcasing in school and the local community. There is extra-curricular activity. There is SLT and governor support, even with staffing changes across school and within the MAT. It's great to hear about your strong list of performances and continued investment in facilities such as the hall lighting and staging, and instruments. Strengths in your application include your measurement of impact and pupil voice. You have included both lovely pupil quotes and statistical impact on attainment in writing. This gives a good picture of how your arts interventions are working across school'

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Reception Blue AGAIN with 99.07% attendance this week!
Fantastic!!

**Every day at school counts,
helping with learning,
developing skills, and
building friendships.**





The children had a lovely surprise visit from Father Christmas yesterday in his Grotto. Father Christmas brought presents for all the children and a special one for the Year 6 children. The excitement of the children talking about Father Christmas throughout the school was really lovely to hear and they were even more excited to tell me that myself and the rest of the Senior Leadership Team were on the naughty list! So think we need to have a chat with Father Christmas quickly!! Thank you to Mrs Defty for creating the amazing grotto. the PTA for sourcing the presents and our resident Father Christmas'! The children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers yesterday and it all made for a really Christmassy day!



And if all of that didn't make for a busy week, tonight we have our Festive Bingo night! A very special thank you to Mrs Waters and the School Council for organising the event tonight. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!



Next week, we have lots to look forward to in school. Monday is the whole school Panto trip to the Corn Exchange and Wednesday is Christmas Lunch. Please can you ensure that you either send your child in with a packed lunch on Monday or have booked a school packed lunch on Select and if your child wants a Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, please make sure this is booked as soon as possible. Thank you.

Just in case anyone was attending the Flute Concert this weekend, it has unfortunately been cancelled.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Next week is the last week of term and we finish at 1:45pm on Friday 20th December. There will be no wraparound on this afternoon.

Mrs Edwards



Well done to our Be the best you can be winners this week . . .

Reception: Florence & Elaine

Year 1: Joanna & Thaswika

Year 2: Charlie & Oli W

Year 3: Orlie & Sophia

Year 4: Jessie & Jack

Year 5: Sara & Rhys

Year 6: Alyssa & Ching Ching

Dates for the Diary (new dates highlighted in green)

DECEMBER 24						
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- 16 Whole School Trip to Pantomime at King's Lynn Corn Exchange
- 18 End of Term Mass
Christmas Lunch
- 20 End of Term: Finish at 1:45 pm

Spring Term Dates

January '25						
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- 6 INSET Day/Epiphany
- 7 Children start back
- 13 9:30 - 12pm Active Kids Festival Year 2
- 15 Start of Term Mass Year 2 – 6
St John's Feast Day (celebrating from 27th Dec.)
- 16 Girls' Football League 4-5pm
- 21 Active Leaders (Sports Leaders to UEA)
- 22 Year 4 Blue Class Assembly
- 23 Year 3 Class Mass
- 24 2pm CMR Concert Yr4, 5 and 6 @HFC
- 26 Rehearsal for Joseph & TCDC
5:30 - 8pm Choir for Joseph & TCDC Rehearsal
- 29 Year 5 Yellow Class Assembly
- 30 Year 4 Class Mass

February '25						
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- 3 4pm WN Boys Football League
- 5 Year 5 Blue Class Assembly
- 6 Year 5 and 2 Class Mass
4pm Girls Football League
- 7 NSPCC Number Day
- 11 Safer Internet Day
- 12 Year 2 Yellow Class Assembly
- 13 Year 6 and 1 Class Mass
- 17 - 21 Half Term
- 26 Year 2 Blue Class Assembly
- 27 9:30 - 2pm Girls Football 5 a side Yrs 4 and 6
2:30pm Phonics Café for parents in Year 1.

March '25						
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- 3 9:30 - 2pm Quicksticks Hockey 6 aside Yr 6
4pm WN Boys Football League
- 4 Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Races
Burning of the Palms
- 5 2pm Ash Wednesday - pm Liturgy of Ashes
- 6 World Book Day
- 10 9:30 - 12:30pm Bee Netball Development Yr 4
- 18 6 - 8pm Choir Performing at Schools Make Music @ Corn Exchange
- 19 Parents Evening EYFS/ KS1 1:30 - 4pm
KS2 3:30 – 6:30pm
EYFS/KS1 Enrichment Afternoon
- 20 Parents Evening EYFS/KS1 3:30-6:30pm
KS2 1:30 – 4pm
4 - 5pm Girl's Football League
- 21 Red Nose Day
- 24 - 26 Year 6 to Kingswood
- 24 Choir & Yr 5 @ Norfolk County Music Festival (TBC)

27 Reception Hearing and Vision Reconciliation Service

April '25

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- 1 Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm & 6pm)
- 2 9:30 End of Term Mass Years 2- 6
Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm & 6pm)
- 3 4pm Girl's Football League
- 4 End of Term (3:15pm)
- 7 - 21 Easter Holidays (21 Easter Monday)

The Snowman & the Snowdog

Wednesday 18th December, 4pm & 6pm
King's Lynn Minster

FREE
Family
Event

Watch this wonderful family film in our beautiful Minster Church, accompanied by a solo chorister performing 'Walking in the Air'



Tickets are FREE but do need to be booked using the link or QR code:

<https://buytickets.at/kingslynnminster/1441797>





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Academic year 2024-25

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St Martha's Catholic Primary School

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Wraparound care sessions are open to children from Reception to Year 6, with no deposit or registration fee required. Healthy snacks are provided, with specific dietary requirements also being catered for.

St Martha's Catholic Primary 2024-25

Before School Club:
7.30am - 8.30am: £5.25

After School options
3.15pm - 5.45pm: £11.25
3.15pm - 4.30pm: £6
4.15pm - 5.45pm: £6

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