

St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 13 – 15th December 2023



Yr 3 & 4 Nativity Performance

We would like to invite parents of Year 3 & 4 (include 3 & 4 in Robins Class) to attend our Nativity Performance on Tuesday 19th December at 9.30am.

Unfortunately, we will need to limit places to 2 per parent to ensure we have enough spaces.

Please can we ask that you do not take photos or videos at the performance. You will get the chance at the end to take a photo of your own child and at our dress rehearsal we will be taking some group photos of children who have permission to do so.

Thank you.



CELEBRATING LEARNING

Dates for your Diary

15th Dec – Whole school going to St Mary's Church

15th Dec – Yr 5 & 6 Showcase Event
2.15pm in Hall

19th Dec – Yrs 3 & 4 Nativity Performance at 9.15am

19th Dec – Christmas Lunch

19th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
(donations to Save the Children on Parentmail)

20th Dec – Yr 5 & 6 Parents invited
Into Hall for Christmas Carols
around the tree 2.30pm

20th Dec – END OF TERM (School
closes normal time 3.10pm)

4th Jan – BACK TO SCHOOL





Year 3 & 4 Craft Sessions

Last Friday we were pleased to see many parents coming into the school to do some crafts with the Year 3 & 4 parents. Please see below some pictures from the event.



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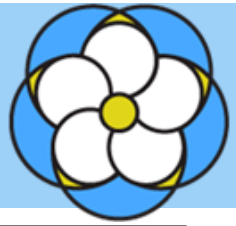
Year 5 Trip to West Stow

On Wednesday, 13th December, year five had a fantastic day at West Stow in Suffolk, expanding their knowledge on the Anglo Saxons. We explored a variety of reconstructed dwellings that created an Anglo-Saxon 'village', saw a carpenter at work and a roof being thatched. The children asked these craftsmen many questions and received detailed answers. We also had an exploratory session on different replica artefacts and had to examine and explore what these were and what they were used for. Finally, we visited the museum and learnt more about the history of the Anglo Saxons and viewed many finds and treasures that archaeologists had uncovered. We even had the chance to dress up in a variety of clothes and the particular favourite - the Anglo Saxon Helmet. A wonderful, educational day enjoyed by all - children and adults alike which truly embedded the children's historic knowledge.



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Choir singing at Mayfields Care Home

Also, on Wednesday, some members of our choir went over to Mayfields Care Home to sing some carols/Christmas songs for the residents, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.



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Flu Catch up Clinic

If your child missed having their vaccination at school and you wish to take them to a catch-up clinic in the community, you can arrange an appointment and give online consent using the link attached. See also the attached letter

Please be advised that once you click onto the link, all clinic details will be available.

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/book>

After School Clubs

From the week beginning 8th January we are pleased to be able to offer the following after school sports clubs.

Monday: Multi Sports with Premier Education
Tuesday: Street Dance with ARTS
Wednesday: Football with CSF + Miss Whiting
Thursday: Taekwondo with Chris Hemstock (see below for details)
Friday: Football Winter League – Friday's will be kept free for any inter-school football matches (more information will be sent out as these come up)

The clubs will run for six weeks and will cost £24 for the term (£4 per session) payable at the beginning of the term on Parentmail. If your child is interested in attending any of these clubs, please email the office for a place.

Taekwondo

Last week the pupils all experienced a taster session of Taekwondo. If your child would like to continue doing Taekwondo, we will be holding After School sessions on a Thursday from January. In a change to previously mentioned, all sessions will be FREE of charge throughout January, after which children who want to continue will need to join directly with Chris Hemstock, the instructor at a cost of £22 per month, although this will include sessions run throughout school holidays.

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Attendance

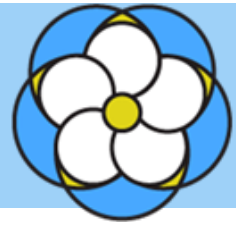
Every day at school adds up, so make the most of it.

As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 4th – 8th December 2023

3 Skylark	97.33%
5 Curlew	94.29%
6 Falcon	93.33%

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Dates for the year ahead:

19/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance at 9.15am
19/12/23	Christmas Lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day (donations to be made on Parentmail)
20/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited to our Christmas Carols around the tree at 2.30pm
20/12/22	End of Term (School Closes at normal time)
21/12/22 - 03/01/24	Christmas Holiday
04/01/24	Back to School
08/01/24	After School Sports Clubs start this week
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
22/04/24	SENDCo from Long Stratton High School meeting with Yr 6 SEND Pupils re transition
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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