

SS Peter and Paul Newsletter



Term 2 6th December 2024



Christmas Fair

A huge THANK YOU to everyone involved in the Christmas Fair which was held on Friday 25th November and was a fantastic event. We are particularly grateful to Lu Gaddeo who has worked tirelessly to ensure that the fair was a great success. Thank you to everyone who donated items, helped set up and tidy away, and to those who attended and kindly spent their money. The fair raised £2,956 which is an amazing total but the fair is more than a fund-raising activity it is also a wonderful event for the community and it was lovely to see so many families there.



Advent Service

The chaplains led our advent service and told the school about how advent should be used wisely, so people are prepared for Jesus' birth. The chaplains informed the school about the importance of praying for people across the world, spreading God's light and hope with everyone. The whole school sang hymns and joined together in prayer.



Advent Prayer Bags

The chaplains have organised the Advent prayer bags for each class. Every family in school will have the opportunity to take a prayer bag home during advent to share as a family. Please remember to return the prayer bag to school so that another family can have it to take home.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity



This week we have seen our youngest children re-telling the story of Jesus' birth through their nativity play. The children have performed beautifully and with great confidence having learnt their lines and all the words to the songs. We are all very proud of them. Parents/carers, grandparents and friends were delighted at the performances. It is important that we remember the true meaning of Christmas and the children certainly helped us to do that. Thank you for your generosity, the collections at the end of the nativity raised £344 for St James' Priory which will enable them to support more homeless people over the Christmas period.



Gingerbread Boy



Years 1 and 2 visited the Redgrave theatre to watch a production of the gingerbread boy. A story about a gingerbread boy who lived alone in a gingerbread house in the middle of a forest. Unfortunately, because he didn't have a name Father Christmas could not visit

him. A stranger came to the house and gave him a name and the story ended with Father Christmas visiting him. The children enjoyed the play and were very excited to receive a present at the end of the performance. Thank you to the parents who accompanied us to the theatre and made the trip possible.



Year 6 Visit to Air-raid Shelter



Year 6 visited a WW2 Air Raid Shelter underneath St Nicholas' Market. When we were there, we met an Air Raid Warden who took us on a tour of the shelter. The shelter looked really old and messy! It was incredible to see a drawing of Myrna Loy that had been done during the Bristol Blitz by an anonymous artist who had been sheltering there. The children saw real life WW2 artefacts like gas masks, propaganda posters and an Air Raid siren. There was a 3D model of Bristol, and they

could see how much Bristol has changed because of the Blitz. They even learnt about how the rats escaped the Blitz!

Caerleon

Ahead of their trip to the Roman Fortress town of Caerleon Year 4 attended a Roman Bootcamp virtual workshop where they learnt about the artefacts and ruins at the museum which enabled us to learn about Roman life in Caerleon. They also learnt to march like a soldier and learnt some of the army commands in Latin. On their visit to Caerleon they had the opportunity to dress as Roman soldiers and visit a barrack room, which was very small! They attended a Roman school, visited the baths, museum and the amphitheatre. The experience helped the children to put their learning into context and understand the Roman



legacy including under floor heating! Everyone enjoyed the day and were very excited by what they had seen.



Year 3 Visit to the Museum

Year 3 visited the Bristol Museum to take part in a workshop investigating the development of human technology from the Palaeolithic era (Old Stone Age) through the Bronze Age to the Iron Age. During the workshop the children were able to handle artefacts including stone hand axes and flint tools up to 500,000 years old. They investigated how tools were made and what they were used for and considered what evidence the artefacts provided of how people lived in the past.



Visit to The Old Vic Theatre

On the 20th November Year 5 and Year 6 went to the Old Vic to participate in a school author talk session. We met Catherine Johnson, the author of *Race to the Frozen North*, and listened to her stories about how she researches and writes her books. We learnt about Matthew Henson, the first American man to get to North Pole, and the prejudices that he faced. We really enjoyed it, and it was fantastic to meet an author, especially one who was trying to make the world fair and tell the stories of people we do not usually hear about.

Written by Farah and Hadeer Year 6.

Advent Story at Woodlands Church

The children had a lovely hour at Woodlands Church on Friday morning. We had a very warm welcome and the chance to look around their lovely church which has been decorated with lots of beautiful fairy lights for Christmas. Hannah at Woodies read the Children a story about the Nativity and the children shared their knowledge about Advent with each other.



Book Fair

Thank you for your support at the recent bookfair, as a result of the sales we now have £700 to spend on books for the school library.



SEND Coffee Morning



SEND Coffee mornings are open to all parents/carers and are a way to talk to other parents/carers and to Miss Walker about issues around SEND. The next meetings will be 22nd January and 12th March.



The school has arranged for the School Nursing Team from Sirona (NHS) to visit the school for parent/carer sessions once a term. These sessions will usually be on the second Tuesday of each term from 9am-10am. The planned dates are: 14/1/2025, 4/3/2025, 6/5/2025 and 10/6/2025. The sessions will consist of allotted slots which will be 1:1 with the school nurse (Nicky O'Leary). We expect these to be 15 minutes long, but if demand is high they may be shorter.

School Nurses work alongside young people and families offering support and information around topics such as anxiety, emotional support and relationships, sleep, healthy eating and exercise. The School Nursing Team can help with a range of concerns, offering medical advice or, if your concern is outside of their remit, signposting you to other resources.

If you have a concern about your child and would like to arrange to see the School Nurse please contact the school office. **You do not need to tell us what your concern is**, just that you would like to see the School Nurse.

We will be in touch about booking slots on future sessions at the start of each term.

More information about the School Nursing Team can be found on the link below:

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/services/school-nursing-service/>



Starting School in September 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you need to make an application for Reception in September 2025 by midnight on 15th January 2025. The guide for parents/carers is available on-line at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions for parents/carers to view and download. In addition, we would recommend you complete a supplementary

form available from the website or the school office. Please feel free to recommend the school to friends and family. We are currently advertising a number of school tours for children who would like to join us in September 2025. All the dates are available on the school website calendar. Please contact the office to book.

Important dates for the rest of the term

13th December – KS2 Carol Service 2pm at Clifton Cathedral - All Welcome

17th December – KS2 Christmas Lunch

18th December – KS1 Christmas Lunch

19th December – Children's Disco

20th December – Mass 9.30am in school - All Welcome

Term Dates 2024/2025

Term 2 Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December 2024

Term 3 Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February 2025

Term 4 Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April 2025

Term 5 Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6 Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Inset days for 2024/2025

Monday 6th January 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Packed Lunches

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school please make sure that the contents are healthy. Children are not allowed to bring sweets to school. It is important that children have a suitable lunch everyday so that they have the energy to concentrate in the afternoon.



Every child in school has been issued with a reflective disc. Please attach it to your child's coat or bag so that they can be visible to motorists and cyclist as they travel to and from school.



Christmas & Winter Guide for Families in Bristol and Bath 2024!

Information about events around Bristol and Bath is available via Bristol Families Blog which can be found at <https://bristolfamilyblog.com/bristol-christmas-events>

There is information about:

Light Trails & Illuminations

Santa's Grottos

Christmas Days Out

Free Christmas Activities

Other Events

Ice Skating

Christmas Markets & Fairs

Christmas Crafts & Creative

Theatre

Christmas Parties

Winter Walks & Sledging

Christmas Trees

Christmas Experiences Further Away



Heavenly Father,
in Advent and at Christmas we
learn what it means to be joyful
and thankful.

Help us to always appreciate your
love for us, the love of our families
and friends, our home, the food we
eat, the world we live in, and so
much more.

Amen



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