



St Mary Magdalen's Newsletter

2nd December 2022

REFLECTION

Nurses have a crucial role within healthcare from the very start to the end of our lives. It is vital that the important job they do is rewarded with fair working conditions.

Lord,

Bless each nurse who has given their lives to caring for others. Give them everything they need to do the work you have called them to do. Let their focus be on their patients, and seek strength from you when they are feeling weary and tired. We ask that they are recognised for their vital, life-giving work and are paid appropriately. In Jesus' name,
Amen.



December! How did that happen?

It is my very favorite time of year - but it is extremely busy especially in a primary school! Next week we are carrying on the fine-old-tradition of trying to fit everything to do with Christmas into 5 days, plus carrying on teaching. Sometimes, though, we need to pause.

This week's advent candle (the second) is known as the 'Bethlehem Candle' and symbolizes faith and love. There is no greater present to the world than God's own son and all of our celebrations in school are a reminder of the love that we have for each other and for our school and the faith that continues to guide us even in our busiest moments.

Our children always lead the way in their responses to the Gospel readings and continue to do so with their commitment to the Nativity performances next week and their understanding of why these moments are so important - for sharing God's message and love with their families and our school. We wish our youngest children much luck and love next week as they share their very special performances with us all.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Noah B

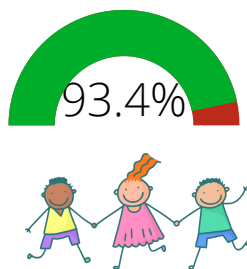
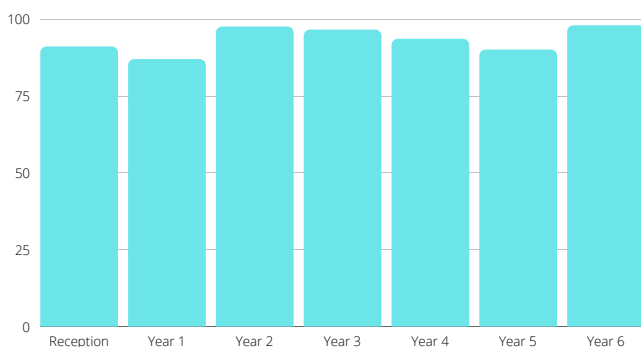
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Reminder:

ALL FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY IN OUR CHURCH AT 11AM.

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

Week 2 of the menu next week.

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR

5/12 9-10am R,Y1,Y2 Christmas Crafts

5/12 2pm KS1 Nativity – Parents welcome

6/12 6pm KS1 Nativity – Parents welcome

8/12 9-10am Y3, Y4 Christmas Crafts

8/12 Own clothes day for bottle for tombola

8/12 Magical Christmas Evening

9/12 9-10am Y5, Y6 Christmas Crafts

13/12 6pm Christmas Carol Concert (Church) – Y3&Y4 Parents welcome

14/12 School Christmas Dinner

14/12 Choir @ Penwortham Xmas Market 6pm

16/12 last day of term 1:45 finish

03/01 Spring term begins 8.40am

18/1 PTFA meeting 6.30pm at St. Teresa's Club

BEHAVIOUR FOCUS: love

'Love comes in so many different 'wrappers' but this week we use our Advent journey to share love with each other. The encouragement of others and being a team player is very much underrated unless it is associated with sport, but it is in encouraging others that we often have the most pleasure. We all have moments when we are questioning ourselves. Often a kind word from a friend might be all that we need to have faith in ourselves. One kind word from a place of love can completely change someone's outlook.

PTFA:

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas jumper/t-shirt/top day yesterday and also brought in chocolate for the PTFA Magical Christmas Evening.

Don't forget Thursday is 'own clothes day' – please bring in a bottle if you are able to do so!





Magical Christmas Evening



CHOCABOLA

**SANTA'S
GROTTO**

REFRESHMENTS

Hot Dogs, Vegetarian Hot Dogs, Mince Pies,
Tea, Coffee, Sweets, Soft Drinks

RAFFLE

BOTTLEBOLA

**CRAFT
ACTIVITIES**

**CHRISTMAS
STALLS**



Thursday
8th December, 6–8pm

St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School

Buller Avenue, Penwortham



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