

# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> Decemeber 2023

Learning to Love, Loving to Learn



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

There is certainly a sense of anticipation around school at the moment as we enter the liturgical season of Advent. Excitement is brewing as Nativity parts are being handed out, singing can be heard from every classroom and decorations are appearing all over the place. Today marked the first of our two Advent enrichment days and it was great to see the creativity of the children as they took part in a range of activities.



On Monday we will come together as a school and Fr Teddy will bless our Christmas Tree. On Thursday a group of children and staff will be singing in the entrance of University Hospital Coventry and Warwick and then on Friday we are all looking forward to the PTA Christmas Fayre.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Burch

November 2023	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Non-uniform Day
December 2023	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm onwards	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am 5.00pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 9.10am	EVFS Class Liturgy (Parents welcome)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm start	KS2 Carol Concert at Princethorpe
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9.30am 5.00pm	EVFS Nativity
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm-4.30pm	EVFS/KS1 Christmas Disco
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 3.15pm-5.00pm	KS2 Christmas Disco

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## This coming Sunday's Gospel 1st Sunday of Advent

(Cycle B)

### Mark 13: 33-37

Every year we know that we celebrate Jesus' birthday on 25th December, but we don't know when He will come again so, like Mary, we must always have ready hearts for Jesus!



"Be watchful!  
Be alert!"  
Jesus tells his disciples.  
"You do not know  
when the time will come."  
Mark 13: 33-37

[Wednesday Word](#)

Catholic Life,  
Prayer and RE at  
Our Lady's

### Advent Candles

The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.



O God of our Hope, come!

As we begin this Advent journey, restore us to faithfulness, and shepherd us through these weeks. Soften us and open us to trust in your love, your goodness, your guiding presence. May we take in your word and bring it to life, giving hope to the hopeless through our words and actions. We ask this through Christ, our Saviour and our hope. Amen

Gospel Virtues – **Attentive** and **Discerning**

Pupils at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School are growing to be...

**attentive** to their experiences and to their vocations; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices... by promoting the practice of **attentive** reflection and **discerning** decision making: in teaching, in prayer, during retreats; and through the practice and example of school leaders and staff.

1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Workers Of The Week



Nursery/  
Reception

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Whole school

## Attendance & Punctuality

Whole School 96 😊

Year R

Year 1

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Year 5

Year 6

Back next week

## Next School Week at a Glance



Date

Time

Activity

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.30 -10am

Blessing of the Christmas Tree with Father Teddy  
Parents Welcome

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec

3.15 - 4.15pm

Hotshots Basketball

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Dec

9.15 -11.30am

Music Lessons with Mr Roe  
Remember your book & musical instrument

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec

Details have been sent home

Group of Children singing at UHCW

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec

From 2.30pm

**PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

NO IRISH DANCING  
(Please also see message below from Declan)

Sunday Mass  
St Anne's Wappenbury

Princethorpe Chapel

8:30am  
10.30am  
Holyday Masses as announced  
Confessions as announced


<https://stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com/weekly-bulletin/>

## School Lottery

Please consider signing up if you haven't already.

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>



For up to date information and sharing what we are up to –  
keep an eye on our  feed  
@OurPrincethorpe

**Friday 8th December**

2:30pm on wards-  
Christmas Fayre

**Wednesday 20th December**

3:15pm-4:30pm-  
EYFS/KS1 Christmas Disco

**Thursday 21st December**

3:15pm-5:00pm-  
KS2 Christmas Disco

## COMMUNICATION for Breakfast & Afterschool Club

Please could parents communicate with Mrs Daly and Mrs Chapman via the Class Dojo app regarding all Breakfast & Afterschool matters.

**Christmas Trees**

**Non-Drop Nordmann Fir**

**4ft-8ft & Potted Trees for Sale**

Locally Grown Trees

- Wreaths
- Fire Logs
- Tree Stands
- Kindling
- Hot Drinks & Cakes

Open from 25th November:  
Weds 5.30pm - 8pm  
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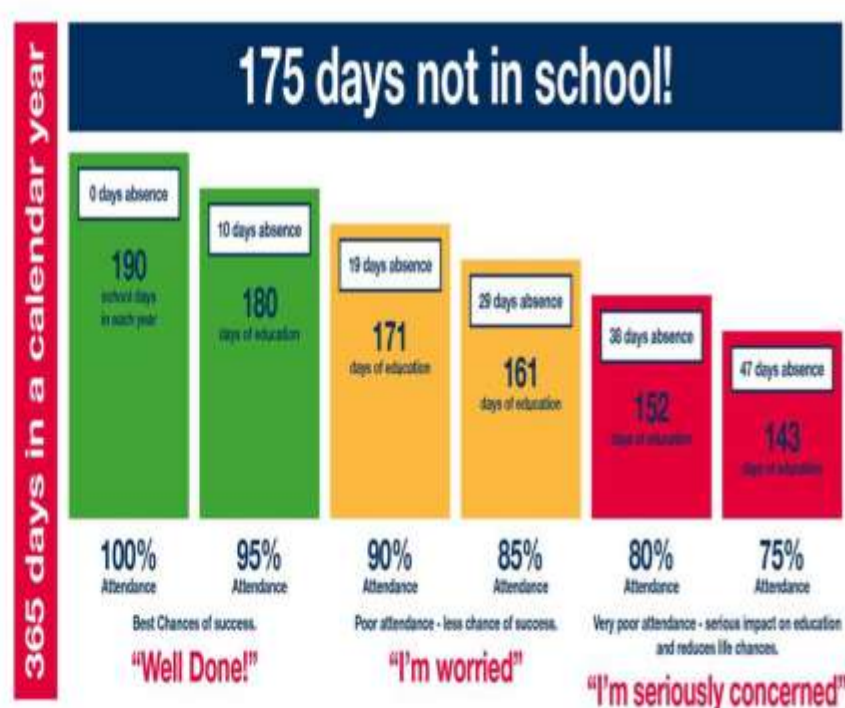
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Being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



## ABSENCE

Following our absence policy – please could parents report all absences by 10am on each day of absence; stating the actual reason for the absence and when your child is likely to return to school. No reason will result in an unauthorised absence.

Parents are also reminded that children may not return to school for 48 hours after the last incident of sickness &/or diarrhoea.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in keeping all our children and staff healthy.

Please complete the request below from Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner for England

For your information

The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please use the link or QR code with young people so they can have their say:

<https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER

help at hand

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# Santa Stops Here!

Come visit Santa for free this Christmas at F&H Farms.

Get your Christmas Tree, grab a refreshment and share your Christmas wish with Santa all in the same place. Fun for all the family.

**Saturday 9th December**

**I am till 1pm**

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## WE ARE HIRING!

Join Our Team

**Educaterers Catering Assistant**

10hrs per week  
11.30am - 1.30pm.  
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### PRINCETHORPE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICE

We have been advised that the streetlight opposite Leamington Road on Oxford Road will be replaced on Tuesday 12th December.

It is likely that temporary traffic lights will be in situ at this junction for one day (maximum of two days).

Please allow for additional time when travelling to/from the school.

## SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY

### It's A WIN-WIN Situation!

BOOST School Funds  
WIN up to £25,000

TICKETS £1 EACH

To start supporting, visit:  
[YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play](https://YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play)  
and search for: Our Lady's Primary

### IRISH DANCING MESSAGE FROM DECLAN

Just a note to let you all know that Irish Dancing will be recommencing from next week (Friday 17th November 2023) as I am out of the country for a family event this week.

The classes for the remainder of the year will be as follows:

Friday 1st December 2023  
**Friday 8th December 2023 – NO CLASS**  
Friday 15th December 2023  
Friday 22nd December 2023

## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Winter Sports & Fun!  
2nd - 5th January 2024

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WARWICK	ARCHERY & FENCING, DANCE, MULTISPORTS

**Early Bird Price - £12**  
When booked before the 2nd December

Drop off	Pick up	Price
Early Drop off 8:30am	4:30pm	Just £2.50 extra
Normal Drop off 9:00am - 9:30am	3:00pm - 3:30pm	
Late Pick up 4:30pm		Just £5.00 extra

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**Normal Drop off 9:00am - 9:30am**  
**Pick up 3:00pm - 3:30pm**  
**Late Pick up 4:30pm**

**Just £2.50 extra**  
**Just £5.00 extra**

All children will be provided with lunch. Please ensure your child has two refillable drink bottles.

# Our Lady's Children's Gazette

Welcome to our new gazette, where we will be bringing you news about what's been happening in school. This week's gazette has been written by Olivia, Hugo and Jessica S in Year 5/6.

Hello and welcome!

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023, we had a live zoom call with author SF Said. He explained how to become an author and we were inspired to write our newsletter. We were shocked that it took him so long to write a book. One of his books, Tyger, took 9 years to write! It took him 19 drafts to get it right. It has taught us to never give up on our dreams and to keep writing.



PIC•COLLAGE

Early Years and KS1 have been learning about Diwali this week. On Monday, Dia in Year 5, taught the children in KS1 and Early Years about Diwali and shared some treats. They made diva lamps and did lots of arts and crafts based on Diwali. On Wednesday, the children presented an assembly about what they have learnt to the whole school. They taught us, that Diwali is the festival of lights and they told us the story of Rama and Sita and how Diwali began. We thought it was really fun and interesting. Thank you to all the children in KS1 and Early Years.



Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying their new text 'FAR<sup>THER</sup>' by Grahame Baker-Smith.

Izzy- It's about a father who is trying to fly and never gives up. It shows us that whatever you do, you shouldn't give up on your dreams.

Oliver- I like the book. It's fun to read!

Danniella- Though you know the father is going to fight in the war, he tells his son to not be sad and to keep being himself.

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury with Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe

December 2023

To fulfil the required criteria for the General Data Protection Regulations that came into force on 25 May 2018, please read on and complete accordingly. Fr Teddy needs your consent to contact you directly.

1. If you wish your details to be retained at St Anne's parish and if you are content that Fr Teddy contacts you directly (rather than through Our Lady's School), please complete the form below, so that your information may be retained electronically and in paper form at St Anne's Presbytery.
2. Even if you have previously done this, it will help keep records up to date if you complete again and return

#### Personal Information Record

Please can you complete the form below in BLOCK capitals and return by EMAIL

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

House name/number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please tick the box/es if you are happy for your data to be used for:

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_