



St John's Catholic Primary School



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EY and KS1 Nativity



Last week the children enjoyed being part of the Christmas Story – there was singing, dancing and acting going on throughout the school and in the woodland area. The video of the Nativity is now being edited – watch out for details of how to view this at home in next week's newsletter!
You are in for a treat!

Year 3 Children

Year 3 children are not to be brought to the school to collect siblings. We have followed the national guidance and have identified that these children have been in close contact with an affected person. In line with national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until Tuesday 15th December to keep the whole community safe.

School Street



Alfred Salter School are part of a Southwark Highways Programme called 'School Street'. From today their side road leading onto Roberts Close will only be open to pedestrians and bicycles between 8.30 and 9.15am.

This initiative is designed to prioritise the safety of the children, especially at the moment, as there are large-scale construction works adjacent to the school site. Please support positive relations with our local school to keep the children safe. The Headteacher Ellie Prestage has apologised in advance should this affect your route into school.

School Gate – Be safe! Keep others safe! Mask! Space!



Thank you to those of you following guidance from Public Health asking [parents to use facial coverings when dropping children off at school](#) in the morning and also at the end of the day. [We are close to the end of term and everyone needs to play their part to follow this guidance alongside social distancing to keep our school safe.](#) Please take these simple steps in the morning and at the end of the day.



Primary School Admissions

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017, they are due to start primary school in September 2021. Please make sure you apply online with your Local Authority. The admission process started on 1st September and the deadline is 15th January 2021. If you are applying for St. John's please make sure you complete the supplementary form which is available on the school website.

Final Week of Term

You will receive a letter this week with details of the last week of term, to share what Christmas celebrations the children will be enjoying.

We break up at 2pm on Friday December 18th.

FOSJ – Tree of Thanks



The Friends of St John's have kindly purchased a Christmas Tree for the children which is outside (near the gate). The classes are writing messages and this year it is a 'Thankful Tree' where the pupils think about what they have and what they can be thankful for and appreciative of at this time.



Celebrating Success

Journey to Bethlehem



Reception Class have been talking about how to get ready for Jesus' birthday and they enjoyed acting out the first part of the Christmas story. They lit the first candle on the advent wreath and they prayed together in class. They are very excited about Jesus' birthday!



Displays

The story of Christmas has been told through displays by each class. The Nursery children enjoyed making angels, following on from the story of Angel Gabriel appearing to Mary.



Reception class used collage materials to show Mary and Joseph as they were about to start their journey.



Year 1 looked at the part of the story where Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, through art and drama.



Year 2 were inspired by the artist Lowry in the scene where Jesus is born.

