



St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 8th December 2023



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!

This week we had the first of the Advent assemblies, exploring Mary's witness to the Light and encouraging children to follow her example.



Hail, Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Thank you to The FOSJ for organising our Christmas tree again this year! The children have been busy putting their Christmas wishes on it.



Today we celebrate the **Feast of The Immaculate Conception**. This event is often considered to be the start of the Christmas period.

You might think this day is celebrating the conception of Jesus, but actually, it's a day dedicated to the life of Jesus' mother Mary. The feast is held in honour of Mary, and it celebrates her own conception.

The children attended mass in the morning to mark this special day. Thank you to Fr Azad and Jimmy for welcoming us once again.



For girls aged 4 to 7
(5 year olds in some areas)



Rainbows

'We play loads of fun games and do activities and challenges and a few times we get badges!'

Matilda, aged 6

Rainbows learn by doing – they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.



Find out more about Rainbows at girlguiding.org.uk/rainbows. Register your daughter at girlguiding.org.uk/joinus or call 0800 169 5901.



Dear all, we would like to invite your daughter to join **Rainbows** - a fun and exciting programme for girls aged four to seven where it's all about learning by doing.

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Rainbows follow a diverse and engaging programme and can take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age. Rainbows is the youngest section of Girlguiding.

Girlguiding is the leading organisation for girls and young women in the UK, with around 300,000 members. All Girlguiding units are staffed by trained volunteers and supported by a volunteer team at local, regional and national levels.

We currently meet on Tuesday evenings for 65 minutes at Bacons college. If you would like to register for a place, please complete the on line form found at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child>

Our current costs are £6 a week which include rent of premises, activities, badges and annual insurance fee. Trips and activity costs are in addition to this and we are happy to talk to individuals if they require help with funding.

Yours sincerely


Lesley

Lesley Marsh, Leader, 1st St James' Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and STARS Rangers



If your child attends breakfast and/or after school club we will be sending a survey out in the new year for you to complete. Please look out for this.

In the new year we will be introducing some new after school activity clubs including Mandarin for years 3 & 4. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more information. 你好



If your child is late you MUST come into the office with them to sign the late book! Please do not send them in alone.

Last Day of Term!

We will break up for Christmas on Wednesday 20th December at the earlier time of 1.30pm!