



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School Newsletter Volume 15– Friday 20th December 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year C)

It has been a lovely week in school this week! Our children have been putting the final additions to several Advent themed learning including their Christmas cards. Our Choir sang beautifully at Serpentine Green receiving many comments from members of the public commenting how lovely the singing was. Finally, as we have come to the end of our Autumn term, I wanted to say a massive thank you to you all for your continued support. Our staff have commented over recent weeks how much of a connected school community we are continuing to develop, and this is all down to the strong relationships we are building with you as families. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable Christmas break and a Happy New Year!

Christ Jesus, as Christmas approaches, we look forward joyfully to your coming. Help us to prepare and be ready when you come. Amen

Mr Cooper
Headteacher

Attendance

Well done to Year 6 (Biles) for having 99.6% attendance this week. Our overall school attendance this week was 94.1% Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Choir

On Tuesday 85 members of our school choir visited Serpentine Green to sing Christmas Carols. It was lovely to be able to bring some Christmas joy to the Hampton Community. Thank you



Reverse Advent Calendar 2024

On Monday the Peterborough Food Bank collected 18 crates of food that was kindly donated by our families over this Advent season as part of the schools 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.



Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

In Literacy this week we have continued our learning about the gingerbread man. We have designed a gingerbread and included labels using cvc words. In Maths, we have made a Christmas tree out of shapes we have learnt this term including circles, triangles, squares and rectangles. In computing we have been learning all about keyboards. We were very interested in how they work and had fun looking at how to spell words on the keys. We have decorated our own gingerbread man to take home. We have made a Christmas card for our families and enjoyed making these as well as writing inside them.



Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

Following our Nativity last week, we enjoyed writing a diary entry to recount what happened. Lovely details we enjoyed included singing on the stage, performing to family, getting in our costumes and doing actions. I'm sure you will agree that it was a huge success, and we are very proud of the children and their fabulous writing about it afterwards. We have been busy making religious Christmas cards this week using skills such as cutting, sticking, colouring and gluing to carefully make some great cards. Please look out for these going home this week. We thank you for your continued support this year and for the kind cards and gifts received and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Year 1 Team.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

It has been a very busy week in Year 2. The children have been finishing their design and technology projects by constructing their fairground ferris wheel and evaluating their design. They have written their letters to our special visitors from the Victorian School Day, completed their learning about 2D and 3D shapes and have consolidated this learning through some short quizzes. The Year 2 team are very proud of the children for their hard work and concentration this week as the excitement builds for the holiday. We would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Year 3 Learning (Frank and Pankhurst)

We have had a very busy end to our term with lots of hard work in the classroom. We used multiplication and division in Maths and solved some challenging word problems. In History, we completed our work on prehistory and decided which age we preferred to live in – most of us chose the Stone Age so we could do cave paintings and go hunting. We have been busy exploring Scratch in computing and we created loops, animations and some games on the ipads. Seasonal foods was our focus in Design and Technology and we learned about where food comes from around the world. We also prepared and cooked a seasonal tart using our choices of fruit or vegetables. We finished the week practising our Christmas song complete with some crazy dancing! We would like to wish you and your families a Feliz Navidad and a Happy New Year.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

Despite being the final week of a long term, it has been yet another very busy one in Year 4. The classes have been learning about another English writing unit, looking at discussions and debates, before writing their own discussion about the impact the Romans had on the lives of British people when they invaded and ruled over the country. This was heavily linked to the book we have been reading and it was nice way for students to demonstrate their knowledge of the subject and the information that they have acquired over the course of the term. We have completed our history topic, exploring how the lives of children have changed over the years which the students were very intrigued and surprised by. We then started our first DT unit of the year, which involved designing and making our very own slingshot cards which would be raced against each other in a class competition. Many of the pupils also took part in our Christmas song performances to the rest of the school which was brilliant to watch. They should be very proud of their efforts during this long and tiring term. Their Christmas spirit and cheer during the final few weeks has been remarkable. We wish all children and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

This week, we channelled our creative energy into finalizing and performing our play scripts for A Christmas Carol. Everyone did an amazing job bringing the story to life through acting! In Science, we wrapped up our space unit by exploring the fascinating topic of day and night, deepening our understanding of Earth's rotation and its effects. In computing, we completed our unit on Online Safety, learning valuable skills to stay safe and responsible in the digital world. Finally, in DT, we crafted beautiful and festive pop-up cards, showcasing our creativity and design skills just in time for the holiday season. Well done everyone, for your hard work and festive spirit!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

Despite being the final week of term, Year 6 have continued to work extremely hard. In Design Technology, we researched the purpose of a playground (beyond just having fun), and then carefully planned and created their own using a range of resources. After a safety check on how to use saws and glue guns, the children showed levels of independence in producing fantastic pieces of work. In English, we completed our final Hot Write of the term – a persuasive text asking for extra break. Now just to see if the work was good enough to convince the teachers for it to happen!

Wishing our Year 6 families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Miss Wardill and Miss Greenaway look forward to seeing everyone refreshed in the new year.



Spring Term 2025

6-1-2025

Training Day

7-1-2025

School Starts

3-2-2025

Mock SATs week (Year 6)

Half Term - Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

4-3-2025

Parent Meetings

5-3-2024

Ash Wednesday

5-3-2025

Parent Meetings

6-3-2025

World Book Day

2-4-2025

Stations Liturgy

4-4-2025

1.30pm Last Day