



St John Henry Newman Catholic Primary School Newsletter Volume 15 – Friday 19th December 2025 Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)

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

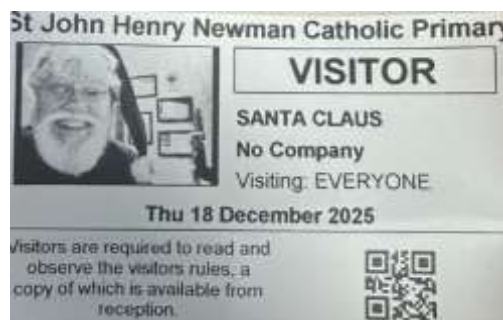
We have had a much more positive week for attendance which has been very pleasing to see. Well done to Year 1 (Armstrong) for having 97.5% attendance this week. Our school target this year is 97%, so let us keep working hard with our school attendance.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club runs daily from 8.10am. Booking is available via ParentMail (Iris). The booking process runs exactly the same as our school meals booking system and is located within the 'Account' section of your Parent Mail account. The booking window will close 4 days before the booking is due to take place. It is imperative that your pre-book to help us manage our preparations and provide an optimal experience for all participating children.

Father Christmas

On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome Father Christmas to our school. His visit brought great excitement and joy to the children, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as he spent time with each class.



Choir At Serpentine Green

On Tuesday 100 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



A Song for Christmas

On Thursday, children in Years 2–6 took part in our Christmas Song Competition. The standard of singing was exceptionally high, with each class performing with confidence and enthusiasm. It was a truly festive event!

Reception Learning (Attenborough and Luther-King)

We have continued our learning about the Gingerbread Man this week and have been writing speech bubbles as the Gingerbread Man saying 'run run as fast as you can'. In Maths we have been learning all about squares and rectangles. We have been using key vocabulary such as straight sides, corners and equal. We went on a shape hunt around our classroom to find these shapes – we found so many! Later in the week we also enjoyed some Christmas activities like colouring, making a tissue paper stocking and small world Nativity play.

Thank you for all of the support you have given this term – Have a wonderful and restful Christmas break!

Year 1 Learning (Armstrong and Chanel)

Year 1 have had a busy and exciting week of learning. In English, the children wrote winter-themed stories, using their imaginations to describe cold weather and seasonal scenes. In Maths, we have been consolidating key learning from the past term to strengthen confidence and understanding. In Science, the children explored the seasons and enjoyed a winter walk around the school grounds, spotting clues of winter such as bare trees and colder weather.

Year 2 Learning (Hamilton and Lennon)

Year 2 have had another busy week! In writing lessons, the children have written their hot task; a narrative recount of the picture book 'Journey', focusing on using the conjunction 'because' and contractions. In Maths we have finished our topic on shape by learning about some of the properties of 3D shapes. We identified faces, edges and vertices on various 3D shapes and looked at ways we could sort them. We finished our history topic looking at what schools were like 100 years ago and comparing them with schools in the 1950s and modern schools. The children were brilliant at recalling what the guests from our Victorian School Day had told them about schools 70 years ago.

Year 3 Learning (Frank and Pankhurst)

This week in Year 3 the children have been working hard finishing off their explanation texts- we have been very impressed with how much they've shown to have learnt about mountains and volcanoes! In Maths we have been wrapping up our learning on division and multiplication which we will regularly practice as it's such an important skill to have in their maths learning. In English reading, we have been looking at newspaper articles on the topic of making the school day longer and the holiday's shorter- the children had very strong opinions on this idea being unacceptable! We have also put time into practise our singing and dancing for the school's Christmas singing competition- and Frank class won!

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas break ready to start back refreshed in January.

Year 4 Learning (Gandhi and Yousafzai)

This has been a busy week in Year 4! In writing, the children completed their debate pieces, and we're excited to have published them for everyone to read. Our Maths focus was to complete the perimeter unit, during which the children demonstrated a strong understanding of measuring around shapes. In Science, we explored the fascinating water cycle and how water moves through our environment. The children have been working hard rehearsing for our Christmas song performance, showing great enthusiasm and effort throughout. Although Year 4 didn't win this time, we are incredibly proud of their performance and the dedication they showed. We also had a special visit from Father Christmas himself, which brought smiles to everyone's faces!

Merry Christmas to all our Year 4s and their families!

Year 5 Learning (Curie and Hawking)

In Year 5 this week, we have completed our play scripts based on *A Christmas Carol*, depicting the encounter between Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Past. In Maths, we have continued to consolidate earlier learning, including problem solving and equivalent fractions. We have also had a busy work with Design and Technology – on Wednesday we learned about how spaghetti bolognese is produced, from farm to fork, and how it relates to the "healthy plate", before practising our safe cutting skills and preparing our own dish. On Friday, we continued with DT by making pop-up Christmas cards. We have also enjoyed Christmas activities like a whole-school sing-song and meeting Father Christmas.

Merry Christmas to all our Year 5s and their families!

Year 6 Learning (Rashford and Biles)

What a busy week with lots of work in Maths to do with 2D and 3D shapes. We had a chance to explore all the properties of the shapes and create 3D shapes using lots of various nets. In whole class reading, we read about the Titanic and answered lots of questions about the text. We were so intrigued that we had a chance to research some more information about this historic ship and tragedy. We practised hard for the whole school singing on Thursday and created some great dance routines! In History we looked at the suffrage movement and how it impacted on the census at the time. We made some amazing posters displaying what the suffragettes went through and what they achieved. We ended the week with some great Christmas craft and activities.

Merry Christmas from us all in Year 6!

Spring Term 2026 Diary	
5-1-2026	Training Day
6-1-2026	School Restarts
28-1-2026	12.00pm Year 4 Parent Lunch
2-2-2026	Mock SATs week (Year 6 only)
12-2-2026	Year 2 Visit to Sacrewell Farm
16-2-2026 to 20-2-2026 (Half Term)	
25-2-2026	12.00pm Year 3 Parent Lunch
5-3-2026	World Book Day
10-3-2026	Parent Meetings
11-3-2026	Parent Meetings
25-3-2026	12.00pm Year 1 Parent Lunch
25-3-2026	Stations Liturgy
27-3-2026	1.30pm Last Day