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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

What a lovely festive week we have enjoyed, starting with our Christmas Carol Concert on Monday evening. Always a highlight of the year, our Junior students were nothing short of spectacular with their singing, reading and instrument playing. Well done everyone for a fantastic evening.

On Tuesday Mrs de Rosa and Mrs Hall took our reverse Advent calendar donations to the St Vincent Centre in Brixton—thank you for all of your generous donations.

In Prayer Cub on Thursday students made a very special advent wreath which is on display in the Long Room.

Today our younger students took to the stage for their nativity plays which were enjoyed by everyone. A lovely end to a festive week!

We still have much more to come next week with the PTA 'Elfridges' event and Panto on Monday (remember Christmas jumpers can be worn over uniform on Monday) and our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday (also a Christmas jumper day), before our early finish at 2pm next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher



House Points

Wulstan

This week: 384

Total—1555

Alban

This week: 314

Total—1534

Edmund

This week: 324

Total—1516

Mayne

This week: 344

Total—1509

Dates for your Diary

- Monday Dec 8th—PTA 'Elfridges' Event & Panto (Christmas Jumpers)
- Tuesday Dec 9th—Y4 Trip to St George's Cathedral
- Wednesday Dec 10th—Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumpers)
- Thursday Dec 11th—Reconciliation with Father John (Years 4-6)
- Friday Dec 12th—Break up 2pm (no clubs or Late Leavers)
- Tuesday Jan 6th—School returns



The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we explored the themes of preparation and hope as we begin our advent celebrations. We have also put up our beautiful Nativity scene outside.

Advent is an exciting time of getting ready for Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We also prepare and wait with expectant hope for when Jesus will come again.

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. (Matthew 24:42)



Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winners for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



Christmas Carol Concert



Mini Vinnies



On Monday the Mini Vinnies had a really exciting meeting collecting, sorting and making hampers with all the amazing 'reverse' advent calendar donations. Every class's generosity far exceeded our expectations and many hampers were created - well done everyone!

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs Hall and Mrs De Rosa delivered the hampers to the St. Vincent de Paul Centre in Brixton where they will be distributed to the people who need them most. Katy Ramsey, Mini Vinnies Manager in the UK, was delighted to greet them and receive the huge donations. She rewarded Laleham Lea with a Mini Vinnie teddy bear, so now we have our very own mascot!

Christmas is a very special time for us all but not everyone can afford the special treats and presents we all enjoy. However, the generosity of the Laleham Lea community means that those most in need will be able to share the enjoyment too. Thank you so much, your kindness is very much appreciated.



Well done to our Junior students for a wonderful Christmas Carol Concert on Monday evening. A beautiful start to our advent and Christmas celebrations with song, readings and our orchestra showing their talents too. Well done everyone.

Nursery

This week, Nursery have had such a exciting time writing their letter to Santa and enjoyed walking to the post box to post it. Along the way they sang lots of Christmas songs and enjoyed showing their Christmas hats to all.

We have also enjoyed:

- Playing Christmas Snap card game.
- Using different media and materials to create our own Christmas wreath.
- Listening to Christmas stories, focusing on how the stories are structured and completing a story map.
- Nursery have also been learning about Advent and have learnt that the word Advent means arrival. The children answered questions to reinforce their understanding and were able to talk about the coloured candles and their meaning.
- The children worked as a team, taking it in turns to assist the teacher in creating a class Advent wreath. Great teamwork, well done Nursery!



Reception

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Advent and discovering the meaning behind the wreath and its candles. We have also had great fun singing and dancing to Christmas songs, with 'Feliz Navidad' quickly becoming a class favourite and linking beautifully with our Spanish lessons.

The highlight of the week was the Reception and Nursery Nativity, Shine Star, Shine. The children especially loved getting into their amazing costumes and sharing in the excitement of getting ready to go on stage. After all their hard work in rehearsals, the performance was truly wonderful, with every child singing and acting beautifully. A very big well done to all!



Year 1



In keeping with their Nativity theme this week, Year 1 have been interviewing the shepherds to discover just what happened when they were visited by an angel.





Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed making colourful Christmas Crackers in their Art lesson this week.



Year 3

In Geography Year 3 have been researching human and physical geographical features of their chosen country.



Year 4

Year 4 have produced outstanding blogs on Mary and the Annunciation, using vivid imagery to bring Angel Gabriel's appearance to life and offering thoughtful reflections on Mary's courage, faith, and strength despite the challenges she faced. They also explored Mary's importance across world faiths, recognising her as a symbol of love, devotion, and hope for many people around the world. Their writing showed impressive creativity, empathy, and understanding—well done, Year 4!



Art Competition Winners

A huge congratulations to our Year 3 artist whose design won a 'highly commended' award in a recent Independent Schools' Association competition.

Well done also to our Year 5 artist whose Christmas Card design was 'highly commended' by the Catholic Independent Schools' Conference in their recent competition.



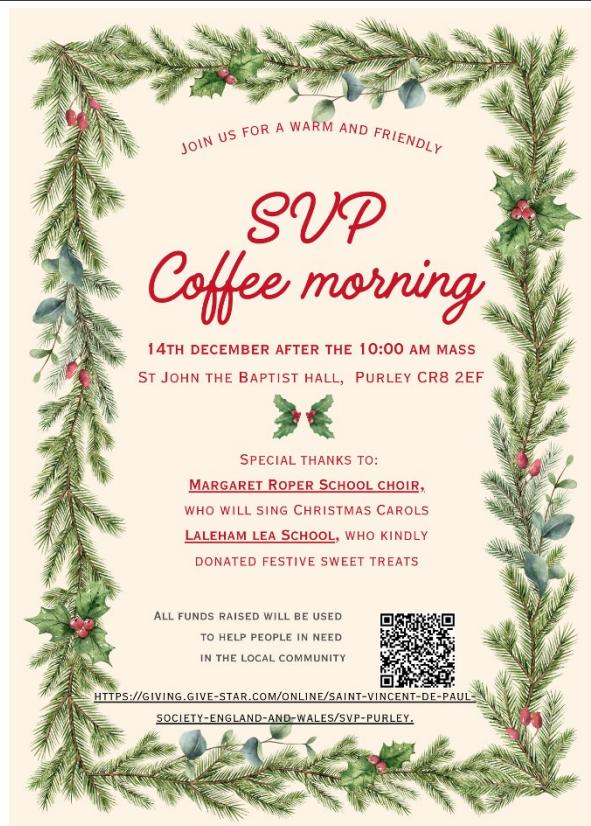
Year 5



Year 5 created beautiful Titanic paintings in their Art lesson this week.

Year 6

Year 6 created a beautiful nativity scene for our Long Room display in Art this week.



Stars of the week

