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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

What a lovely end to a brilliant term at Laleham Lea.

Our week began with the loudest assembly of the year as we drew the Christmas raffle. Well done to all of our winners!

Monday also saw the Music Room transformed into 'Elfridges' for the PTA shopping spectacular featuring a visit from Father Christmas!

We then enjoyed a visit from Westend in Schools courtesy of the PTA for a fun Christmas Panto in the Longroom which was enjoyed by all.

Year 4 enjoyed a visit to St George's Cathedral on Tuesday for Education Service's special Advent Mass—thank you to Mr Mehmet for driving them there.

Christmas lunch took place on Wednesday with everyone looking very festive in their Christmas Jumpers. Thank you to Zhanna, Lauren and Fatima for a lovely lunch and all their hard work all year.

Father John joined us yesterday for Reconciliation with our Catholic children in Years 4-6. We look forward to seeing him again soon in the new year. Governors also visited us yesterday to look at the Catholic Life of our school. This included looking at books and talking to pupils about their experience of RE, prayer and liturgy at Laleham Lea.

Wishing you all a peaceful and safe Christmas holiday.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher



House Points

Wulstan

This week: 291

Total—1846

Alban

This week: 240

Total—1774

Edmund

This week: 249

Total—1765

Mayne

This week: 187

Total—1696

Dates for your Diary

- Friday Dec 12th—
Break up 2pm (no clubs or Late Leavers)
- Tuesday Jan 6th—
School returns



The Catholic life of the school



While John the Baptist was in prison, he heard what Christ was doing and he sent some of his followers to ask Christ, "Are you the one sent by God, or do we have to wait for someone else?" Jesus answered, "Go back and tell John what you hear and see: the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cured, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life. The Good News is being announced to the poor; and happy are those who do not lose faith in me." As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: "He is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you'. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, one greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is. **Matthew 11:2-11 (the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A)**

Gospel Values

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



Advent Mass at St Georges



Year 4 really enjoyed their trip to St George's Cathedral on Tuesday joining other schools in the Diocese for a special Advent Mass.



Nursery

This week Nursery have continued to enjoy Christmas themed activities including:

- Listening to the story 'Cookies Christmas invention' and discussing the story and its characters.
- Using a variety of materials to design and decorate our own Christmas Jumpers.
- Playing Christmas musical statues with our peers.
- Using a variety of musical instruments and making up our own Christmas songs.
- Using the stamps to design and decorate our own stockings.



Reception

We've had a fantastic and festive final week of term in Reception! The children enjoyed a magical visit to Elfridges' where they met Santa and chose lovely gifts for their family. They watched an amazing pantomime, proudly wore their Christmas jumpers, and tucked into a delicious Christmas lunch.

We also learned all about Advent, exploring the significance of the candles and the countdown to the birth of baby Jesus on Christmas Day. The children created beautiful festive Christmas cards and ended the week celebrating at our fun-filled Christmas disco!

Well done, Reception, for a wonderful first term in Reception Class!



Year 1



Year 1 made some colourful and informative booklets all about hedgehogs this week. Well done Year 1.

ELFRIDGES

Thank you so much to our PTA for organising the wonderful Elfridges event on Monday and for the Panto on Monday afternoon. Everyone enjoyed a lovely festive day!



Year 2

Year 2 created beautiful paintings of the Nativity this week in Art.

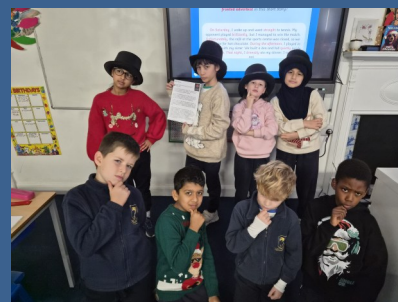


Year 3



Year 3 have planned and carried out an investigation to find the most absorbent soil. They looked at what makes a fair test and selected the variables we would need to change for our experiment. The children carefully weighed out the soil and placed it into a filter. They then poured in a set amount of water. They measured how many millilitres of water passed through each sample to find the least and most absorbent types of soil. They then analysed their results and created a bar graph to record their findings. In our experiment we found peat to be the most absorbent.

Year 4



A Week of Mystery, Drama and Detective Skills!

This week, Year 4 stepped into the shadowy world of 'Death Cloud', the exciting Sherlock Holmes novel by Andrew Lane. Our classroom transformed into a Victorian mystery scene as the pupils acted out a gripping extract from the story—complete with clues, suspense and plenty of dramatic flair!

Mrs Khan was incredibly proud of Year 4 for diving so fully into the world of Sherlock Holmes. Watch out—there are some very sharp young minds on the case!

Sports Stars

From Swimming to Dance and Gymnastics we have lots of sporting super-stars across the school this week. Well done everyone



Year 5



Year 5's liturgy this week was led by students on the topic of relationships and linked closely with our Catholic Social Teaching Principle of Solidarity.



Year 6

This week, our talented Year 6 pupils were baking during their design technology lessons. They crafted and decorated delightful gingerbread biscuits, each showing off unique designs.



Stars of the week

