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### A Prayer For Christmas



Let us remember Mary this Christmas, and may God bless our mothers.

Let us remember Joseph this Christmas, and may God bless our fathers.

Let us remember Elizabeth, Zechariah and John this Christmas, and may God bless all our relatives.

Let us remember the shepherds this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be working.

Let us remember the wise men this Christmas, and may God bless all those who will be travelling.

Let us remember **Jesus** this Christmas, and may God bless us all and make us his children.

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



#### **SPRING TERM**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany Mass

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – St Vincent Pallotti  
– Mass time to be agreed

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Candlemas and St Blaize

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash  
Wednesday service in the school (pupil s only)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Holy Week  
Liturgies (Infants 9.30am and Juniors 10am)

All Masses will be at 9.30am in the Church

#### **School Sunday Mass**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 12pm**

**Please join the Parish after Mass for coffee**

As we near the end of 2022 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support of your children and our school. My thoughts and prayers go out to you all and wish you a peaceful and safe Christmas.

**We have so much to be thankful for in being part of this wonderful community.**



**EPIPHANY:** We have been invited to join other local Catholic schools in **PROCESSION OF THE KINGS** on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2023. The procession will meet at 1pm for 1.30pm start at the concourse outside Christ the Saviour Primary School in Ealing Broadway. Please see the separate letter sent home for more details.

**HOLIDAY CLUB:** Please see the link below to a holiday club for next week.  
<https://www.rolemodels.me/p/ops/st-andrew-s>

**COMPLAINT FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS:** One of the things I treasure most about leading Our Lady of the Visitation is the positive comments we get from members of the public about the behaviour of our children. I was shocked to receive a complaint, from one of our neighbours, about the behaviour of parents who illegally park in driveways and when challenged, are aggressive and rude. This behaviour does not support our core values or set your children a good example. This complaint specifically involves 2 cars, **FG67 HFT and LG20 UNP** but illegal parking and disrupting the community is a daily occurrence, by many others. Please be respectful of our neighbours and park legally or get the bus.

**CHRISTMAS AT OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION:** We began our Journey to Christmas with an Advent Liturgy service, led by Year 1 and 2. This was followed by an Advent service performed by the Choirs of Cardinal Wiseman High School and Our Lady of the Visitation Primary school. These services marked the beginning of a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus.



The Advent Services were followed by the Infant Christmas plays. These were joyous celebrations depicting the birth of Jesus. The children sang like Angels, recited lines like true performers, danced and looked utterly amazing in their costumes.



Well done to all the children and thank you to the staff for all the hard work and effort that went into these.

**CHRISTMAS AT OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION:** Our celebrations culminated with the Junior Carol Service where the children created the Nativity scene through readings and song. This is always such a beautiful service and one that brings real JOY into our lives.

I would like to thank the children who worked so hard and all the staff who worked with them. I know how much hard work and effort goes into these productions.

I would like to thank Peter for playing the organ at all our Church services and Mrs Wildman who has led the choir and the singing. This has continued to make a massive difference to our performances.

We would like to dedicate the Junior Carol Service to our friend, colleague and teacher, Mrs Lonergan. Mrs Lonergan always played a major part in our Christmas Celebrations, supporting the children with their singing, dancing and acting skills. She also led the school choir for many years. She will be so proud of the legacy she has left behind.

We also remember Fr Eugene whose anniversary will be in a couple of weeks. Fr Eugene was always an avid supporter of the school and the faith development of the children.



Please see just a few of our displays that herald the coming of Christmas.



**RECONCILIATION:** The children in year 4, 5 and 6 received the sacrament of reconciliation this week. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to reflect on how they would like to do better and grow closer to God. I would like to thank Fr Liam, Fr Tom, Fr Joe and Fr Marcellus for coming into the school to deliver the sacrament.



**DAILY PRAYER DURING ADVENT:**

Please continue to pray with your child throughout ADVENT using the Jesse Tree from the TenTen resources.

The link to the Parent Portal was sent at the beginning of Advent.

**THANK YOU:** A massive thank you to all those parents who gave up their time to serve refreshments after the plays and carol services, especially those who came out on a cold Wednesday evening.

Thank you also to the parents who helped serve the children's Christmas lunch. It made all the difference in making sure the day ran smoothly.

To all those who have helped throughout the year in the many and varied ways; we really do appreciate everything you do.

**GOODBYE AND THANK YOU:** This week we say goodbye and thank you to Ms Francis who has been a member of staff for over 30 years. Ms Francis first came to Our Lady of the Visitation school as a parent over 40 years ago and quickly became a volunteer before taking on the role of Teaching Assistant. Throughout her years of service Ms Francis was committed to the school and Parish and dedicated to developing the children educationally as well as emotionally and spiritually. Please join the school community in wishing Ms Francis the very best for the future. We thank her for everything she has done for our school.

**COFFEE MORNING:** Due to the cancellation of the coffee morning in December we have made changes to the dates. They will now be as follows;

**Year 3 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**There will be no coffee morning in Lent**

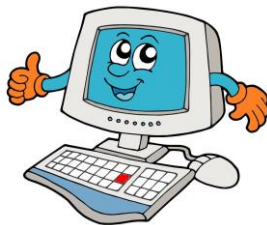
**Year 4 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 5 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 6 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE:**

Enjoy all your Christmas presents and keep safe this Christmas. Use technology sensibly and tell your parents/carers if you see or hear anything online that concerns you or makes you feel uncomfortable.



**Everyone at Our Lady of the Visitation school wishes you;**

**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Diary Dates**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – Last Day of Term for the Christmas Holiday (School finishes at 1.30pm)

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** - School re-opens for the Spring Term

**Week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January** – After School Clubs start

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 4 Vikings Workshop

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 2 Florence Nightingale Workshop

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Choir performing at Young Voices

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Parental Consultations – school closes at 2.00pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 5 Tower of London Trip

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Evolution Workshop

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 1 Greenford Quay Trip

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last day of Spring Term – school closes at 1.30pm



## GIRL POWER

AKTIVATOR PREMATCH TRAINING  
(EALING TRAILFINDERS VS AMPHILL RUFC)

14 JANUARY 2023 1.30PM-2.30PM  
GUARD OF HONOUR & HALF-TIME GAME

## PITCH UP AND PLAY

COME AND JOIN THE GIRLS RUGBY SESSIONS!  
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

22 JANUARY & 19 FEBRUARY 2023 12PM-2PM

## WEDNESDAY SESSIONS

7PM-8PM FOR U12-U16 GIRLS

**TRAILFINDERS SPORTS CLUB**  
**LONDON W13 0DD**

Email [minischairman@ealingrugby.com](mailto:minischairman@ealingrugby.com)

# GIRLS RUGBY

**U8-  
U12**  
GIRLS



# ACHIEVEMENTS

**ATTENDANCE:** Please see the table below for class attendance this term.

Congratulations to 5W for 97.2% attendance this week.

<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>69.8%</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>79.2%</b>
<b>BUMBLEBEES</b>	<b>78.7%</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>87.7%</b>
<b>1R</b>	<b>80.7%</b>
<b>2C</b>	<b>81.6%</b>
<b>2V</b>	<b>91.8%</b>
<b>3H</b>	<b>92.0%</b>
<b>3W</b>	<b>91.6%</b>
<b>4P</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>4Y</b>	<b>87.1%</b>
<b>5D</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>5W</b>	<b>97.2%</b>
<b>6C</b>	<b>93.2%</b>
<b>6S</b>	<b>82.5%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>86.8%</b>

**PRAISE CERTIFICATES:** Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate last week.

**Aaron, Mariana and The Whole Class! – 1B**

**The Whole Class! – 1R**

**The Whole Class! – 2C**

**The Whole Class! – 2V**

**Mariam and Milan – 3H**

**Maya and Rhea – 3W**

**Dominik and Willow – 4P**

**Reuben and Katie – 4Y**

**Patrick and Seoras – 5D**

**Krisban and Boris – 5W**

**Kassandra and Jacob – 6C**

**Sion and Lucia – 6S**

**CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance Respect and following school rules.

This half term we are focussing on RESPECT. We are looking for children who show respect to others by listening to them, inviting them to join their play, letting others go first, holding a door and saying please and thank you.

**Joshua – 1B**

**Tre – 1R**

**Avril – 2C**

**Sienna – 2V**

**Duke – 3H**

**Rhea – 3W**

**Rachel – 4P**

**Milosz – 4Y**

**Oliver – 5D**

**Sienna – 5W**

**Austin – 6C**

**Chloe – 6S**