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Let Us Pray

Lord,

There is so much that I don't know, and I ask you to inspire me with a thirst for knowledge.

I pray, too, for wisdom that I may use my knowledge well.

I give thanks for many people I have never met whose knowledge and understanding have been passed on to me.

I ask that I may benefit from their work and experience and may contribute, in turn, to the well-being of others.

Amen

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



Friday 28th November - Advent Liturgies Infants 9.30 and Juniors 10am

Monday 8th December - Carols with Wiseman 6pm

Tuesday 16th December - Junior Carol Service 6pm

Thursday 18th December - Junior Carol Service 2pm

CHRIST THE KING: This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. As King, Christ is recognised as the ruler of all nations, come to bring peace to our world. Unlike other Kings, Christ was born in a manger not in a palace. He did not have riches or fine clothes but relied on the help of others, as he did God's work.

As we move towards the season of Advent let us think about how we can help those most in need in our own community. This does not always mean giving money. It can be a gesture or a smile. Every action leads us further towards PEACE in our world.



CHILDREN IN NEED: Thank you, always for your amazing generosity. Well done to everyone for their support of this worth while cause. With your help we have raised £412.19.



Diary Dates

Friday 5th December - Parent Forum meeting for parents and carers of children who are Black or Mixed Black and another heritage.

Friday 12th December – **Christmas Jumper day – to include Christmas Lunch and Movie**

Saturday 13th December – **Carols at Westminster Cathedral.** Please see Flyer below.

Thursday 18th December – Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery

Friday 19th December – **Last day of the school term – School finishes at 1.30pm**

Spring Term

Monday 5th January 2026 - **Pupils return to school after the holidays**

Please find attached a full list of diary dates for the Autumn Term, these are also available on the school website.

SUSTAINABILITY: As you know we have been working very hard to **SAVE OUR PLANET** by reducing the carbon footprint of the school. We are doing this in many ways; reducing our electricity use by turning off lights and computers, encouraging everyone to use less plastic and recycling the plastic we do use, recycling our paper and recycling our food waste.

We will be introducing an ECO SHOP where you will be able to buy eco-friendly cleaning products in sustainable containers. Please support this initiative by investing in these products which will be better for the environment but also healthier for your family.

This week we were mentioned in the Ealing Times for our efforts to reduce waste.

EALING has signed up to a national voluntary agreement to tackle the millions of tons of food that are wasted every year.

The council has committed to supporting the reduction of food waste locally, tackling food and drink-related carbon emissions and promoting responsible water management. Borough initiatives, including community food redistribution, providing food waste collection services and encouraging schools to adopt good practices have long been championed. The UK Food and Drink Pact, signed by the council, is a voluntary agreement supported by government organisations, brands, retailers and food and drink producers.

Ealing Council has been working with schools to support them in adopting food waste collections.

In its first year, **Our Lady of the Visitation Primary in Greenford** will have saved three tons of food waste from its general rubbish bins. Kathleen Coll, head teacher, said: "Not only have we saved money in this switch, but we are also tackling climate change. "Before, our food waste was just going to landfill or incineration, but now it's being turned into compost, liquid fertiliser, fuel and electricity. The pupils are delighted to have made such a positive change."

Becky Deadman, of the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP), added: "Councils like Ealing are crucial partners in this UK-wide effort to cut waste, carbon emissions and inefficient water practices."

*Thank you to **Natalie Bayliss**, Founding Director of Sustainability Managers for Schools for choosing us to be part of this project and for extending the support for an additional year.*

A MASSIVE THANK YOU TO RACHEL WARREN OUR SUSTAINABILITY MANAGER, AND CLAIRE RICE OUR SUSTAINABILITY LEAD FOR THE WORK THEY ARE DOING EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE

PARENT FORUM

We are pleased to share that our next Parent Forum meeting for parents and carers of children who are Black or Mixed Black and another heritage will take place on **Friday 5th December**.

Over the past months, this group has worked with staff to ensure our school continues to be a place where every child feels seen, valued and represented. Together, we have:

- Discussed experiences of our children in school and strengthened home–school communication to better support them.
- Contributed to the school’s work on representation across the curriculum, including ideas to diversify texts and classroom resources.
- Supported the development of approaches that help staff recognise and respond to unconscious bias and microaggressions.
- Identified ways the school can better celebrate and reflect the cultures, languages and identities of our families.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend, share feedback and help us move this work forward.

At our next meeting, we will be:

- Reviewing the **school hair policy**, ensuring it is respectful, inclusive and reflective of the cultural practices of our children and families.
- Exploring **fundraising ideas** to support a partner school in Jamaica following the recent devastating storm. We hope to organise a meaningful contribution as a community.

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE:

All of our children have a **Google Classroom log in**. Logging in through google classroom gives you more security about what your child can access on the internet. If your child uses their google classroom account, they will not be able to access platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and other sites that contain material that is harmful to young minds.

Therefore, we would recommend that your child only uses their google classroom account.

If you require any further information about this please speak to your class teacher.



Christmas Plays



Year 2 – Tuesday 2nd December 9.30am

Year 1 - Thursday 4th December 9.30am

Nursery Morning – Tuesday 9th December 11.00am

Nursery Afternoon – Tuesday 9th December 2.50pm

Reception – Wednesday 10th December 9.30am



OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CHURCH are holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday 29th November from 1pm – 4pm**. If you have a spare hour in the afternoon/ evening of Friday 28th November please go to the Parish Centre to help set up.

The Christmas Bazaar is a good opportunity to buy your Advent Calendars, candles and hand made Christmas gifts. There will also be a range of other stalls, activities for the children and plenty of food and drink to purchase. The school Choir will be entertaining you with Christmas Carols. **All proceeds go towards the restoration of the Church.** I look forward to seeing many of you there.

The choir will be singing Christmas Carols at 3.30pm.

Schools Sports Round-Up November

Thank you all for your contributions of football boots -

We received 15 pairs of good-quality used football boots to re-cycle from children's size 10 to adult's size 9 (and every size in-between). We are now able to share them out with players needing boots.



Thank you Team Visitation!

Congratulations to Dominik in Year 6 on his brave run for Ealing Borough in the London School games Cross-Country competition.

His result of 6 minutes and 23 seconds got him 42nd place out of a total of 243 of the top U11 distance runners in the 32 London Boroughs. It was another brave and fine run from Dominik.



Well done to our Year 3 Sportshall Athletics athletes who competed bravely in a Year 4 competition (our Year 4s were on a different school trip). The athletes did a field event from chest push, five strides, javelin, speed-bounce, and long-jump, then a relay run of 1 or 2 laps, and an obstacle race.

The **Sports Games Award was for Determination**, and each participating school nominated another team who had demonstrated this value - **Our Lady of the Visitation got the most votes so returned to school with a trophy and a certificate.**

Every one of our athletes played their part because....

We are all in Team Visitation!



Thank you to our Parent Helpers who make these trips possible.



The Prayer Leaders are excited to announce the return of our School Christmas Shop. Children will once again have the chance to experience the joy of gift-giving while learning the value of money.

To make our Christmas Shop a success, we are asking for donations of good-quality items suitable for both adults and children. Please see the list below for some ideas of gifts that would make wonderful additions to our Christmas Shop:

- Toys
- Books
- Games
- Puzzles
- Mugs
- Candles
- Soaps or bath items
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Socks
- Jewellery or accessories
- Small home items
- Christmas decorations
- Stationery or notebooks
- Gift sets

We would also welcome donations of Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, and sticky tape.

Tickets to the Christmas Shop will cost just £3. Each ticket allows your child to browse the shop and purchase a gift for their chosen loved one. All money raised will be donated to our Parish to support the Homeless Winter Night Shelter, which runs over the Christmas period.

Please take this as a great opportunity to have a good sort-out and rehome all those wonderful things we no longer use. Please drop off all your donations at the school office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Together, let's create a magical Christmas experience for our school and Parish community.



Christmas jumper swap



If you have any Christmas jumpers that you have grown out of or become bored with why not swap them in school. Donate your Christmas jumpers **as soon as possible** and in the week beginning **Monday 1st December** we will hang them on the rack in the reception area for you to take. That way we are being sustainable but also helping those who may be struggling this Christmas in the current financial crisis.

Children and adult jumpers welcome.



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME

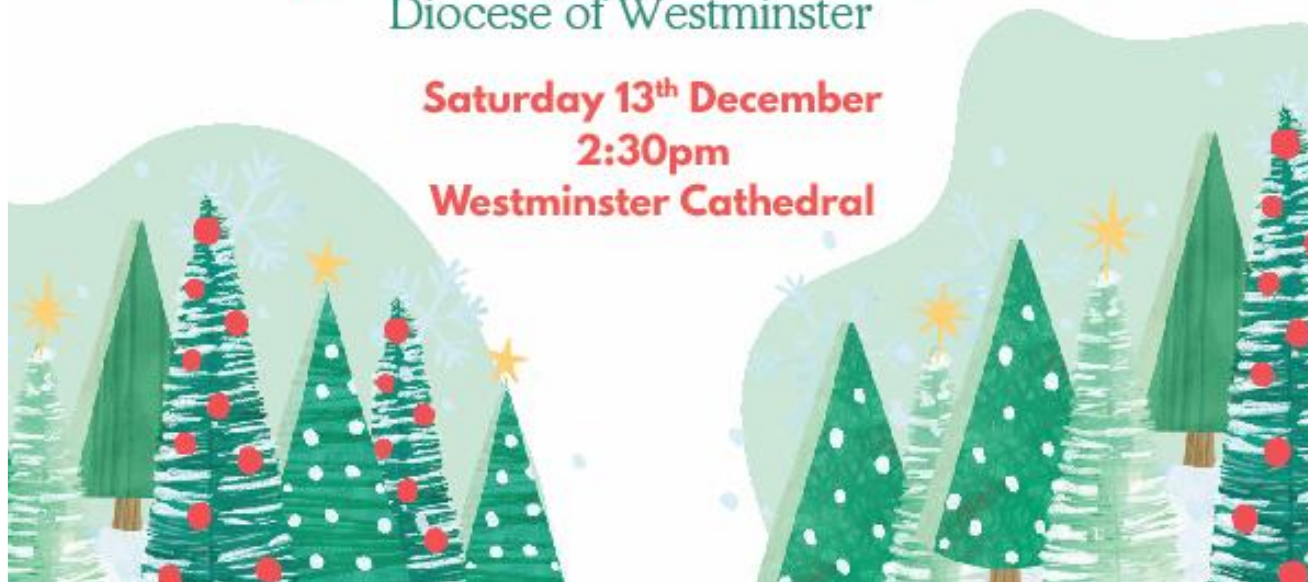


WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas Carols and Readings
performed by children across the
Diocese of Westminster

Saturday 13th December
2:30pm
Westminster Cathedral



ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Congratulations to Butterflies for 100% attendance this week.

NURSERY	93.3%
BUMBLEBEES	89.2%
BUTTERFLIES	100%
1K	97%
1S	97%
2B	96%
2J	99.7%
3G	97.2%
3Y	95%
4C	99%
4F	93.7%
5B	95.2%
5W	97.9%
6P	98%
6W	96%
Whole School	96.3%

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 this week.

Olympia and Oliwier – Bumblebees

Emma and Leon – Butterflies

Eily and Joseph – 1K

Thanvia and Megan – 1S

Sophie, Bailee, Maya and Lilly F – 2B

Anna Maria and Leo – 2J

Maja C and Mary Grace – 3G

Teddy and Charbel – 3Y

Ada and Aariana – 4C

Rensa and Jonathan – 4F

Anjlana and Aine – 5B

Saraiya and Evie – 5W

Kezia and Deniro – 6P

Boris and Thomas – 6W

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 **PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR**. The '**preferential option**' means allowing someone to have the first choice. It means giving someone the best that is available; not just the scraps or leftovers.

God calls us to look for those in need and work hard to support them as best we can.

Esther – 1K

Michal – 1S

Archie – 2B

Dominik – 2J

Mary Grace – 3G

Amelia S – 3Y

Elsa – 4C

Lola – 4F

The Whole Class! – 5B

Keegan – 5W

Therese – 6P

Mia – 6W