

St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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Headteacher's Message



I can't believe that Christmas is here once more!!! This Christmas sees my three year anniversary as head and what a fabulous three years it has been. Let me start by thanking you all for your support over this time.

Well, it's safe to say this Christmas has been a time like no other. Where it has been possible, we have kept doing the things that make Christmas magical for children like inviting Santa into school, performing virtual Nativities (these are available to watch on our school Youtube channel) and making Christmas craft but it is certainly different. All of these will hopefully continue to help create memorable experience by living out the school vision of "Life in all its fullness through Learning and Love"

As we approach this special time of year, be assured of our love and prayers. May you all have a very safe and happy Christmas break.



Diary Dates

- 16th December** – Christmas Parties
- 17th** - Christingle Making
- 18th** – Christingle Service
- 18th** – Christmas Stocking Competition
- 18th** – Half day – times for finishing overleaf

- 4th Jan** – INSET
- 5th** – Return to school
- 13th** – Swimming starts Year 2



Christmas Lunch

Well it may not have been our traditional Christmas Lunch with Mr Parks serving (or eating) the pigs in blankets but it's been great fun. We are now officially getting that Christmas feeling.

[#lifeinallitsfullnessthroughlearningandlove](#)



Year 5 Curriculum fun

Year 5 split into 2 groups this morning - group 1 designed and made their own ginger bread biscuits, whilst group 2 created a space invaders game using coding as part of their computing lesson. Tomorrow the groups will swap over! [#learning](#) [#joy](#)

Assembly Theme – Christmas

Over the last few weeks, we have been looking into the true meaning of Christmas. Using both our nativities and worship to think about our need to be part of the story in order to look beyond presents and chocolate to something that will help us grow.



*Did you know that children can have 15 hours a week **FREE** nursery provision in our school Nursery once they are 3 years old?*



At St Mary & St Paul's, our teaching is underpinned by Christian values, as we aim to help all of our children to become both successful and thoughtful citizens.

This begins in Nursery Class, where we help our youngest children to learn how to be a good friend, help others and be kind. Learning is through fun play activities – most of the time the children are having so much fun they don't realise that they are learning at all!

Our Foundation Stage is really well equipped with resources that make learning fun – both inside and outside – and our children really enjoy all of the learning that they do.

Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus

You can have a test (swab test) to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) now.

Who can get a test

You can get a free NHS test if:

- ✓ you have any [symptoms of coronavirus](#) (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- ✓ you're getting a test for someone you live with who has symptoms
- ✓ you live in England and have been told to get a test before you go into hospital, for example, for surgery
- ✓ your local council asks you to get a test
- ✓ you're taking part in a government pilot project

Do not ask for an NHS test if:

- ✗ you live with someone who has coronavirus but you do not have symptoms yourself – you need to [self-isolate](#)
- ✗ you've been in close contact with someone who has the virus but you do not have symptoms – you do not need to do anything unless NHS Test and Trace tells you to
- ✗ you're going abroad but do not have symptoms
- ✗ you've arrived in the UK from abroad but do not have symptoms – you need to self-isolate if you've come from a country with a high coronavirus risk
- ✗ your employer or school has asked you to get a test but you do not have symptoms

Headteacher's Awards



Skyla (Yr1) – Independent reading

Sylvia (Yr2) – Wonderful writing

Evie-May (Yr2) – Wonderful writing

Frankie (Yr2) – Wonderful writing

Cassius (Yr2) – Wonderful writing

Social Media

@StPrescot 

www.youtube.com/channel/UC1_VMdXJzdo9B4V0skr7Vka

Friday 18th December 2020

This is our end of term and collection times are:

1:15pm – Rec / Nurture / Yr 1 / Yr 6

1.20pm - Nursery / Yr 2

1.25pm – Yr 3 / Yr 5

1.30pm – Yr 4

Learning with Us.....this month



Visit our website at

<https://stmaryandstpauls.org.uk/home-learning/>

This will explain our processes to online learning in case your child needs to be off.

Check out our video on how to use it

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GUuNnZ5XkZU>

Thank you

Mr Parks