

Christmas at Our Lady's!



November 2024 - Issue 3 - Advent

Friday 6th December - Christmas Jumper Day!

This year, we are supporting the **Caritas Love Christmas Campaign**. On Friday 6th December, children are welcome to come into school in their Christmas Jumpers. We will be collecting donations to fill class bags, which will be donated to Caritas. Each Year Group has a different focus:

EYFS - Children who are 0 - 3 years

Year 1 - Children who are 3 - 5 years

Year 2 - Children who are 6 - 11 years

Year 3 - Children who are 12-14 years

Year 4 - Children who are 15-17 years

Year 5 - Parents of struggling families

Year 6 - Elderly People



This list is for suggested gifts and to provide ideas:

Chocolates, shortbread, luxury biscuits, selection boxes, games and toys, puzzles, dolls, craft sets, action toys, fidget toys, balls, family games, activities, board games, winter clothing (scarves, gloves, socks and blankets). Nail varnish, hand cream, toiletries, colouring books, crayons, pens, notebooks, stationery set, books, playing cards, make-up, hair accessories, hairbrush, Christmas crackers, Christmas lights, Christmas activities or games, toiletry gift packs, Play-doh.

Suggested Additional Gifts for babies and toddlers: Cuddly toy, bath toy, building blocks, animal figures, musical toys, socks, gloves, and blankets.

Suggested Additional Gifts for Elderly People Individual Christmas pudding, Christmas cake, lap blanket, insulated mug, gloves, scarf.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 19th November

Choir singing at Castle Theatre - 7pm

Friday 22nd November

CAFOD World Gifts Mufti Day- £1

Thursday 28th November

Year 3 Let's Play Strings performance to parents
in KS2 Hall at 2.30pm

Friday 29th November

Reading Passport celebration event

Friday 6th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 11th December

Open morning for new children starting Sept 2025 - KS1 at 9.30am

Thursday 12th December

Whole School Trip to Peter Pan Panto at The Castle Theatre

Tuesday 17th December

Whole School Mass - Preparation for Christmas
Parents Welcome - 9.30am

Wednesday 18th December

Christmas dinner

Friday 20th December

Last day of term

Monday 6th January 2025

School term begins!



The poster features the Caritas Diocese of Northampton logo in the top left and the 'Love Christmas' logo in the top right. The main text reads: 'WE ARE SUPPORTING THE DIOCESAN LOVE CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN by providing simple Christmas Gifts in 'Bags of Kindness' to children, families, and the elderly living in poverty or alone, as well as young carers and children from broken homes or in care this Christmas'. Below this, it states: 'ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THOSE IN NEED LOCALLY' with a string of colorful lights. A curved banner says 'Put a smile on the faces of those in need'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'BAGS, GIFT TAGS AND COLLECTION WILL BE PROVIDED GO TO WWW.NORTHAMPTONDIOCESE.ORG/LOVECHRISTMAS FOR FULL DETAILS OR CALL (01604) 434362'. Three small images at the bottom show bags of gifts, a car full of bags, and a large pile of bags.



Thank you to those of you who have donated already. In order to meet our £300 goal, children will be invited to wear **Mufti (their own clothes)** on

Friday 22nd November and make a donation of

£1 to support the great work that Cafod does around the world. We would love to support by raising enough funds for reading lessons for a whole class.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS



School Prayer

God of hope, who brought love
into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought
peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.

God of hope, who brought
joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.

God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly
this Advent time.

Amen



TESCO



Thank you for every Tesco blue token you pledge for Our Lady's. We are hoping to gain first place to raise enough funds for a cycle/scooter shelter. Please ask your families and friends to support us until the 12th January. See more details on the school website.



Christmas class performance dates to follow shortly.

Attendance

Whole school 94.71%

Top attendance goes to:

1st: Class 6

2nd: Class 12

3rd: Class 7



Remembrance Candlelight Service

On Tuesday 5th November, just under 100 people came into St Edmund's church and lit candles in remembrance of loved ones who have passed away and those who have died in wars or conflict. There was a beautiful peaceful atmosphere as people prayed in silence whilst Taizé chants were sung. The service concluded as we prayed...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Remembrance Mass

The following Tuesday 12th November, we gathered once again in the church for a whole school Mass to honour those who have died in wars and to pray for All Souls as well as being inspired by All Saints. 100 Poppies were laid out around the names of people in our community who have died and also around the lectern. At the beginning and conclusion of the Mass, everyone sang the Taizé chant:

'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

Let's Get Active-*November*



1 Wrap up and go for a wintery walk around the local area.	2 Go and watch a firework display or host your own at home.	3 Hold the plank position for as long as you can without falling.	4 Set a 5 minute timer and see how many items you can find around the house starting with 's'.	5 Spend time outside and breathe in the fresh air.	6 Set up a cosy movie night for your family or friends.	7 Sort out your wardrobe and get the winter clothes ready.	8 Create your own home workout to do indoors.
9 Offer to make a family member's lunch today.	10 Do 20 minutes of an exercise of your choice.	11 Do some baking with your friends or family.	12 Have a dance party at home with your favourite tunes on!	13 Help to prepare a roast dinner with your family.	14 Try to walk or cycle to school, or park further away from the entrance.	15 Jog on the spot to warm you up when you're feeling cold.	16 Go Christmas shopping for family or friends presents.
17 Try the NHS 10 minute shake up games.	18 Stand up after 15 minutes of watching the TV for the next 15 minutes.	19 Get some wellies on and go and splash in some puddles!	20 Cut up some fruit in the morning and snack on it throughout the day.	21 Take some of your old summer clothes to the charity shop.	22 Stand up whilst you read or do your homework.	23 Go and buy some Christmas cards to write for your friends and family.	24 Have a no technology day and enjoy quality time with family.
25 Set a timer for 1 minute and see how many star jumps you can do.	26 Go ice skating at your nearest ice rink.	27 Go for a walk and take pictures of your favourite winter scenes.	28 Collect natural objects to create a winter picture.	29 Help to tidy the house ready for Christmas decorations!	30 Visit a Christmas market and look around the stalls.		

