



25th November 2022



Worship and Liturgy

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. It is very exciting when we know that someone is coming to visit us. We make sure that we are

ready when they come. In the Gospel this Sunday, we are going to think about what it means to be welcoming, and how we get ready to welcome Jesus.

Jesus asks to be ready when he comes again. How do you think we can get ready to welcome Jesus in our lives?

It has been a packed week this week! On Monday, our children in KS2 entered a competition to design a window for a shop on the opposite side of the road from the petrol station. There were some excellent designs but a big well done to Lavaine whose design was chosen as the winning entry and will be transferred to the window this week.

We had an email from Plymouth City Council asking for your thoughts. This is an annual survey for all parents and carers of children aged 0-14 (18 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)).

The completed survey helps Plymouth City Council to look at what is working well and what needs to be improved in the childcare sector. We use the information compiled from the survey to inform Plymouth City Council departments and partners of any barriers to childcare and work strategically towards eliminating these where possible.

We are hoping to get a good response from parents and thank you in advance for supporting us to do this.
www.plymouth.gov.uk/parentssurvey

Last week our children in years 2 and 5 had a visit from the fire service. We received an email from our visitor on Monday which made me very proud. *I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed visiting your school today. I was so impressed by the children's amazing behaviour, their engagement and enthusiasm. Can I please say what a pleasure it was and what a credit the children are to you. I look forward to seeing you next year with the new Year 2 and 5s.*

On a similar thread, we hosted Rob Holmes, an author who spoke to our children about mindfulness. The children were excellent. They listened well and showed their fantastic manners which was commented on by Rob.

Please can I ask that chocolate bars and sweets are not to be sent to school either as a snack or within packed lunches. I have told the children today that the staff will take them from the children and will hand them back to parents at the end of the day.

I asked parents for their views on the uniform proposal. It was relatively close having considered the votes on the Dojo post and in the ballot box but more votes were in favour of us keeping the current

Crew Member of the Week



1. Eli- Lieutenant Louise for reflecting on R.E questions.
2. Sebastian - Sailor Sam for amazing perseverance in his writing.
3. Dolly - Sailor Sam for her super work all week.
4. Marcel - Sailor Sam for perseverance power
5. Alan- Admiral Anne for amazing story writing.
6. Faith - Captain Cain for effort and perseverance in her narrative writing.

Witness of the Week



Mylaah & Aurora Elliott Luca C Jason
Lena W Jaxon

Mr Dyson's Update



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knitted uniform. Some parents do choose to buy non-labelled jumpers and cardigans from supermarkets and this is of course fine.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Our staff have been busy making wreaths as we start the season of Advent. It is an exciting time of year and Sunday will start us off nicely.

God Bless,
Mr Dyson

I will send out a letter on Monday with information about tickets etc. Please return this as soon as possible so we can ensure everyone gets to enjoy the festivities.



EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
94%	95%	94%	94%	95%	88%	97%	94%

Dates for your diaries

- Thursday 1st December - Flu vaccinations
- Thursday 8th December - Christmas Market
- Monday 12th December - KS1 Nativity 9AM
- Monday 12th December - Foundation Class Nativity 4PM
- Tuesday 13th December - Foundation Class Nativity 9AM
- Tuesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity 6pm
- Wednesday 14th December - KS2 Carol Concert 6PM
- Thursday 15th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper day

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All Class Assembly's will be held at 14.45

- Friday 24th February Year 1 Class Assembly - Parents are invited to attend
- Friday 24th March Year 4 Class Assembly - Parents are invited to attend
- Friday 31st March Year 6 Class Assembly - Parents are invited to attend
- Friday 5th May Year 3 Class Assembly - Parents are invited to attend
- Friday 26th May Foundation Class Assembly - Parents are invited to attend



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Friday 19th June Year 2 Class Assembly - Parents are invited to attend

Friday 14th July Year 5 Class Assembly - Parents are invited to attend

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