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Dear Parents and Carers,

KS1 Nativity

What a performance! Thank you to all the children who performed so beautifully on Tuesday and Wednesday. They delivered their lines confidently and sang beautifully. A thank you to the whole KS1 team who thoroughly prepared the children. As always thank you to all the parents and carers who attended, your support is always very much appreciated.

Upper KS2 Carol Concert

On Wednesday evening the Year 5 and 6 children performed their Carol Concert at Our Lady of Lourdes church. It was such a special event. The children sang beautifully and filled us with Christmas joy! It was a lovely occasion for the whole school community. Again, thank you to the staff team for preparing the readers, instrumentalists, actors and singers so well. A particular thank you to Barbara Burns for offering her time to accompany the children on the piano.

Christmas Jumper Day

Today was Christmas Jumper Day! Thank you to everyone who donated money for the appeal. We raised £179.24 for the Mizen Foundation.

Mini Vinnies Advent Appeal

We also had an assembly by the Mini Vinnies. The Mini Vinnies are made up of children from Years 5 and 6. The children prepared it all themselves. They have created an Advent calendar of good deeds, where all the children are encouraged to do something positive every day of advent.

Mini Vinnies are the junior section of the Catholic organisation of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which exists to help those in need. They want to help people in need during the cold winter months and have come up with the idea of a back to front advent calendar.

They also have put out an Advent plea. They are asking each class to create their own Advent Calendar for a good cause. Rather than opening a calendar door each day and removing the gift, they are requesting that a gift is donated instead. Each class will have a box to collect their donations. The children will collect all the items at the end of term and take them to the Lewisham Donation Hub.

The kinds of things that can be donated include unopened body moisturiser (especially emollient 50), adult and baby shampoo, hair conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes (child and adults), perfume and after shave, deodorant (men's and women's), mouthwash, shaving foam, razors, talcum powder. Tinned tomatoes, noodles, UHT milk, pasta, rice, tinned soups, chick peas, cereal, tuna and mackerel (tins), couscous, pasta sauce, Indian sauce, lentils, coconut milk, stock cubes, crisps and treats, orange squash (and similar), flour, breakfast bars, coffee, tea.

December

17th : Coffee Morning OLOL

18th: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

18th : OLOL Chorus – Northbrook 8pm

19th: [Lower KS2 Nativity](#) – 2pm

19th: Yr 6 - Jack and the Beanstalk –
Catford Broadway Panto

20th: Whole School Mass – 9:30am

Class Parties – Own Clothes

21st December – 5th January: Christmas Holidays

January

8th: INSET Day

9th : Children return to school.





Golden Achievers

Today, we did not have Merit assembly, we celebrated with our Golden Achiever assembly. One child from every class was chosen by their teacher to be celebrated for their efforts and achievements during this half term. The reasons why these children were shared with the whole school community and their photo will be displayed on the 'Golden Achievers' display. Well done to all the children chosen!

| Class | Name | Reason |
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| St Peter | Ellen Brannan | For being a really happy little star. She comes into school very happy every day, eager to learn. |
| St Mary | Mallena Canneddu | For making great progress in her writing. Her confidence has grown immensely this term. |
| St Joseph | Nick Narouei | For settling in so well to school life |
| St Elizabeth | Thea Aytton | For always trying her best in everything she does, even when she finds something tricky. She makes sure she is listening to instructions carefully and puts in her best effort. She is also a great friend and shows that she is willing to help others when needed. |
| St John B. | Hazel O'Connell | For always having an amazing attitude towards her learning. She is consistently following the St Winifred's Way and puts 100% effort into everything she does. |
| St James | Jeydeen Vargas | For demonstrating great confidence and brilliant progress in all areas of learning. |
| St Veronica | George Ndoka | For being such a well-mannered and wonderful member of St Veronica Class. He is always listening, always doing the right thing and is a role model to his peers. His performance in the Nativity was outstanding and he is a pleasure to teach. |
| St Francis | Lucia Corra | For always persevering with a positive attitude. |
| St Bernadette | Sofia Olusesi | For working consistently hard throughout the term showing amazing resilience. She is also very kind to her peers. Well done Sofia! |
| St Kateri | Peniel Hamzat | For being consistently hardworking and producing brilliant work. |
| St Martin | Tomiwa Olubusola | For her positivity, kindness and hard work this term. |
| St Paul Miki | Francesca Wade | For always being bright and cheerful and for always giving maximum effort. |
| St Josephine | Nylah Fontenelle-Omoregie | For all round excellence in her work and being a good friend to others. |
| St Juan Diego | Kajetan Kafel | For always giving 100 percent to his learning. |
| St Alphonsa | Naomi Okelola | Consistent excellent focus in all lessons. Well done |

Nativities



LKS2: The children will be performing on Monday and Tuesday at 2pm. Please remember to book. A few parents / carers of children are yet to book.

St Bernadette: 24/30

St Francis: 25/29

St Kateri: 19/23

St Martin: 21/22

OLOL Coffee Morning

Our trusty volunteers will be providing coffee, tea and other refreshments (maybe some mince pies!) after 9am mass this Sunday (17th) in the church hall. Please pop in for a chat with your fellow parishioners before you rush off for the day.

If you would like to get involved with these events, please speak with one of the volunteers this week or Father Emeka.

OLOL Chorus News

As in previous years, members of the OLOL chorus will be leading some community carol singing in a couple of local venues.

After a very successful one at The Summerfield last night, they will be singing again on Monday 18th December from 8:00pm at The Lord Northbrook at 116 Burnt Ash Road.

Please do come along and join with friends and neighbours in convivial surroundings.

Reception 2024:

If you have a child who will be starting school in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020) or know someone who does, I hope that St Winifred's is your first choice! We will be hosting a series of open days until the application deadline – **15th January 2024**. If you would like to book a place on one of the open days, please contact the school office.

[Applications for Reception Class](#) places for September 2024 can now be made on line.

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| During the School Day |
| 9:15am – 10am |
| Tuesday 9th January |

Admissions Policy 2025/26 Consultation

You should have received today the proposed Admissions Policy for September 2025. The policy has been written following the Diocesan model policy. Consultation will last until the 31st January. Please contact us if you have any comments regarding the proposal.

Wednesday Word

Please see the [link](#) to this wonderful resource to share with your child, to support them in understanding the Mass Readings for the coming weekend.

Punctuality and Attendance

School attendance this year so far: 95.37% (DfE expects 95%)

The majority of school is above 97% (apart from a few)!!!! I do try and wait for those late arrivals that appear along the road when I am ringing the bell, but punctuality needs to be better than this.



This week's winners are Nursery a.m. and p.m. with 100%, followed by St Mary, St Elizabeth and St Francis on 99%! Mostly everyone else is above 96%! Well done. St Paul Miki, I'm sure you can do better!

School Ping

Thank you to everyone who has started using this app, 85% of parents have downloaded the app. If you haven't yet, you should have received an email regarding School Ping. SchoolPing is a free app which sends instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are, please remember to turn on your notifications. If you do not have access to a smartphone, you can also receive messages via email or by logging in to your account on the web. Whether you're at work, at home or on the go, all you need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all of the school's news. Moving forward, all communication from the school will be via this app. From feedback, we could see that not all parents were receiving our emails and the current ScholarPack App does not have the same functionality. Please make sure the school has your current email address.



Social Media:

Just to remind you, follow us on:



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Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter.

Claire Gillespie