



# W E A R I T N E S

JANUARY	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Special Friends for the New Year
12 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Zoom Meeting @ 7:00pm Meeting ID 847 0077 3569 passcode 491064
13 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
14 <sup>th</sup>	Times Tables Zoom Meeting Y4 and Y6 SATS meeting via zoom (details sent via Arbor).
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>RESCHEDULED MUFTI FOR EXCESS GIFTS</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y5 & Nursery
20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am 1:30-3:00 school nursing Emotions Workshop <b>NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rags 2 Riches (if you have a Christmas Clear out save your clothes and bring them in today)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	EYFS Reading sessions parent/child @ 2:30pm <b>children leave with parents (older siblings can leave too)</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y3/Y2
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year Reception Eye Tests
27 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
29 <sup>th</sup>	School Nursing delivering Behaviour workshops to all parents 1:30-3:00pm
31 <sup>st</sup>	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Y4/Y1
FEBRUARY	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
7 <sup>th</sup>	Family Parish Mass @ 6pm Mini Vinnies/GIFT/Caritas
10 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Mass @ 9am
16 <sup>th</sup>	School closed for half term
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to school. Y4 Swimming starts
Important Dates	
11 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week Y6
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Drama Rehearsal Sunday 9:30-2:00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Finding Nemo Production
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Finding Nemo Production

The words are **New Start**. The beginning of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to reset, think about what we do well and want to do more of. What will our Pilgrims of Hope legacy be?

**Mass Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January @ 9am @ Church Y6 arrive at 8:45am. No Wednesday Mass in school this half term.**

### Headteacher Message



Happy New Year to all of our families, may God's blessings be upon you all throughout this next year. Well it has been a tricky start to the year, with the wintry weather. However, it was wonderful to see the joy that the children got, as they played so happily in the snow (on Monday), making snow angels and snowmen. Storm Goretti (yesterday), brought disruption, we hope now that the weekend will clear everything. Enjoy the snow, stay safe and remember to check on vulnerable family members and neighbours. The children reminded me yesterday, that we also need to look after birds in wintry weather.

Year 6 and Reception will lead family Parish Mass tomorrow night, Miss Keedwell is looking forward to seeing many of you there.

This week, we've started to use the 32 new IPADS that we've purchased thanks to the incredible fundraising of our PTA (with your support). Year 4 are housing the IPADS and they are being used across KS2. THANK YOU. Our MUFTI for excess Christmas gifts will now take place on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January (this will be to support PTA fundraising). We are hoping to get a cheque soon to pay the invoice (watch this space). On Tuesday Fr. Gwil celebrated Whole School epiphany Mass to end the Jubilee Year. Thank you to Mr. Flower who blessed all our doors in school, on Monday the children will come home with blessed chalk for you to bless your doors at home. This is a wonderful tradition, that we are delighted to have restored at our school. Have a great weekend and stay safe and well.

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**Nursery** This week we have started our new topic, **People Who Help Us**. Our focus has been on **firefighters**, and the children have loved learning all about the important work they do. We have enjoyed painting fire engines, dressing up as firefighters, and talking about the different pieces of equipment found on a fire engine. The children were especially interested in learning how firefighters help keep us safe. We hope you have all enjoyed playing in the snow together and building some wonderful snowmen!

A quick reminder that **Forest School starts on Wednesday 14th January**, so please ensure your child comes dressed appropriately for outdoor learning.

**Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team**

**Reception** Happy New Year! The children have returned to school excited to see their friends and talk about their favourite Christmas presents. They've painted pictures of them which are now happily displayed in class - their painting skills certainly have improved since September. What a wonderful snowy week for our new unit 'God's World in Winter'. The children certainly have experienced winter this week and loved playing outside in the snow. If your child has played in the snow, built a snowman or been sledging, could you add a photograph to the Padlets? Stay safe this snowy weekend, but have fun playing in the snow.

**Mrs Turley and the early years team.**

**Year 1** What a lovely start to the New Year with a gift of snow and an abundance of snow angels to welcome back our Year 1s! Building a snowman took some effort but creating effective snowmen paintings in Art was definitely a huge success! This week, we have been reflecting on the year of hope. Ask your child to tell you what they will do to continue to bring hope to our world. We have also worked exceptionally hard to understand the story of the Anunciation. Please ask your child what Angel Gabriel said to Mary.

**Mrs McCabe**

**Year 2** Welcome back Year 2! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break with your families and friends. This week, we have been reflecting on our Jubilee Year as 'Pilgrims of Hope' and you offered many lovely contributions in our class discussion. We have also enjoyed exploring more of the Christmas Story in R.E, including the Annunciation, the long journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and the journey/gifts of the Wise Men .Next week, we look forward to our science experiment where we explore which material is best suited for a waterproof coat and starting our new class text in English, 'The Princess and the Pea'. Take care in the cold weather and have a nice weekend!

**Miss Regan**

**Year 3** Well done to year 3 on a great start to 2026. We have settled straight back into work and finished our Snowman book which we all really enjoyed. We have also been focusing on our division skills of the 4 x tables so please practise these at home. We have also started our Ancient Egyptian topic and look forward to learning lots about Tutankhamen and this period of history. Enjoy the weekend.

**Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston**

**Year 4** We've had a great first week back in Year 4. You have particularly impressed me with how well you have remembered your times tables over the Christmas holidays! We have been practising our multiplication check on the new iPads that we have received in Year 4 and have been really enjoying using them. We've also been planning our newspaper reports about Boudica in English this week and have loved learning about the Battle of Watling Street. We are very keen to write these up next week! Homework will be sent out as usual from next Friday due to the school closure today. Have fun in the snow today and stay safe!

**Miss Jones**

**Year 5** It was lovely to have you back after a long Christmas break. I would like to thank you all for my gifts and cards - you are very generous and they are much appreciated. You have come back and hit the ground running this week. Some of you scored your best ever result in Monday's arithmetic test and I have loved marking your news reports about Mr Tumnus' cave being ransacked. I hope you all enjoyed playing in the snow on Friday and I look forward to having you back in class on Monday.

**Mr Caddick**

**Year 6** Well, what a first week back Year 6 - snow, hard work, indoor play and a snow day!

A great start to work on percentages this week with lots more of you putting your hands up and having a go! Remember to use your previous knowledge on fractions to help you. We have started our new book - Floodland - and there are lots of ideas and theories already. Remember we are focusing on handwriting and presentation this term and I need you to make sure that your writing is always joined, correct letter size and you always have a dynamic writing posture. You have also been enthused by our Crime and Punishment work in history and I am sure this will also shine out when we start our Evolution work next week. Remember to complete reading journals every week and read aloud at home.

**Miss Keedwell**

# Headteacher Awards

Nursery: Elliot & Hattie

Reception: Asher & Aaron

Year 1: Croia & Cillian

Year 2: Oscar & Rio

Year 3: Teddy & Anna

Year 4: Thomas & Freddie

Year 5: Caleb & Skyler P

Year 6: Archie & Orla

Awards will be given in Monday morning assembly,  
congratulations all on your hard work.



Rock Hero - Sophia

Well done and keep practising I know the new IPADS  
are making a real difference.



Sporting Achievements this year.

Don't forget to tell us about your out of school achievements. Email Mrs Baynham-Hughes on

[Sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:Sbaynham-hughes@st-annes.walsall.sch.uk)

Year Group	Achievement
Year 6	Grace being awarded Dancer of the Year 2025 - well done.

This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is Subsidiarity.

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## Subsidiarity

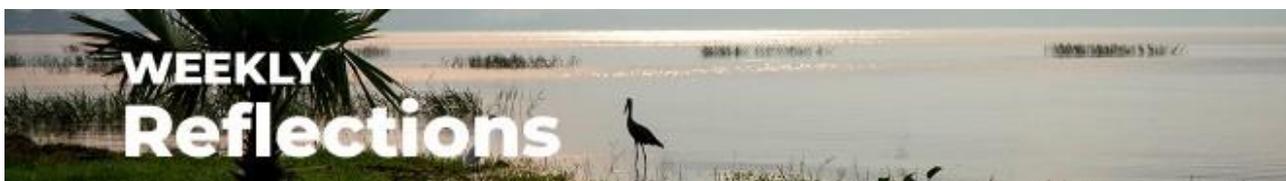
### Sid the sheep's story



Sid enjoys hanging out with his flock in his favourite field. Sometimes their owner, Farmer Dale asks them to move to a new field where the grass is a bit greener but they have come to realise that one field has nicer tasting grass.

One day Farmer Dale tells them they'd be moving fields again, but Sid and his cousins explained that they'd prefer to stay for a few more days until the grass had been eaten. At first Farmer Dale wasn't happy, but then he realised that the sheep were in a better position to make the decision and it actually affected them most. Now Farmer Dale spends more time listening to the sheep.

*Sid's story helps us to remember that everyone has important ideas and knows what is best for their families and communities. They need to have a say in decisions which affect them.*



Based on the gospel for Sunday 11 January, The Baptism of the Lord: Matthew 3:13-17

"Do you come to me?"

When Jesus comes to John to be baptised, John considers himself unworthy for the task: "I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?" But then we see God acting through John so that the baptism becomes a grace-filled moment as the Spirit descends and the voice of God is heard.

At times, we too may be called to act but feel that we are not good enough or fit for mission. We need to have courage and trust that it is the right thing to do, remembering that we do not work alone and that God can transform our actions.

CAFOD campaigns to tackle climate change, defend human rights, cancel unjust debts, build fairer food systems and for an end to conflict. Perhaps there is something we can join in with to make a difference and help build a better, fairer world.

As the new year begins and the days lengthen, we should recall that through our own baptism we have been commissioned to bring the light of faith into the world. Can we be attentive to what God is asking us to do in 2026 and respond in confidence empowered by the Holy Spirit gifted to us in baptism?

**Prayer:**

Lord God, may we listen to your voice speaking to us today and, strengthened by your Holy Spirit, embolden us to put our faith into action. Amen.



**How can we live simply this week?**

**Live Simply**

Wanted your old technology. As many people will be receiving new phones, tablets, computers and chrome books for Christmas, we would love to have your old devices (that are good enough to recycle). We will then recycle the devices and all the money raised will go towards replacing our out of date devices. Help us by recycling your devices and live sustainably and simply - much better for our planet.

Devices can be brought into school at any time. Thank  
you