

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting time in maths this week working on multiplication. They have become experts in recording arrays to match multiplication sentences and have used their reasoning skills to justify their findings.



In theme Year 2 have been learning all about Florence Nightingale. They have amazed us with the facts they have remembered. They produced some interesting sentences about the changes that

Florence made to the life of wounded soldiers and worked hard to include adverbs.

Last week Year 2 were invited to meet Pudsey Bear at Seacombe Ferry, as part of the BBC's Rickshaw Challenge.



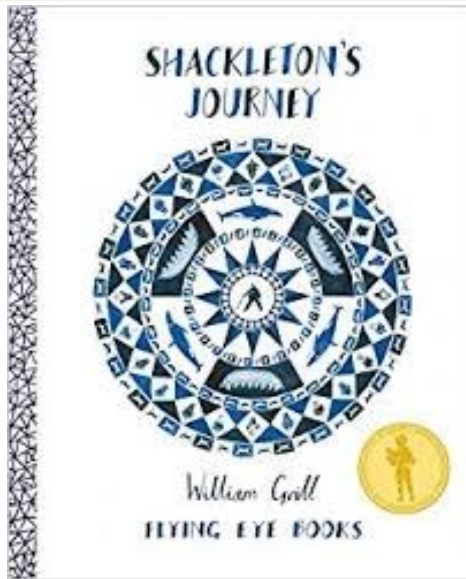
They had a fabulous time dancing with Pudsey and cheered the rickshaw on, as it boarded the ferry.

Miss Last and I were extremely proud of all of the children and are hope you saw us on the television.



CHRISTMAS FAIR
THURSDAY 6TH DECEMBER
IN SCHOOL HALL
FROM 3PM

Working with Year 6 ...



We have been extremely busy in Year Six in the past couple of weeks. We have been reading a fantastic book called Shackleton's Journey, which has taught us all about the heroic man Ernest Shackleton and his quest to explore Antarctica and reach the South Pole by foot. We have written a biography about him and another significant explorer of the same era, Robert Falcon Scott. Next week, we will do our final piece of biography work on a cheeky stowaway on the ship called Perce Blackbarrow! I can not wait to read the children's efforts.

In RE, we have started our justice topic and have discussed how work of charities and organisations such as CAFOD and Fairtrade help to bring justice and fairness to all in our world. We will be learning about many religious and non-religious figures and their determination to make the world a better and more equal place.

In Science, we have been working with Mr Atkinson to learn all about Evolution and Inheritance. We have studied how parents passed on certain characteristics genetically and we really enjoyed learning about how and why dogs are crossbred. We even know that Ernest Shackleton crossbred some dogs in order to take strong dogs with him to the Antarctic!

We are starting to prepare for our big trip to Low Bank Ground in The Lake District. In order to know about the area we are visiting, we will be studying OS maps and tourist leaflets to understand what life is like in the Lake District.



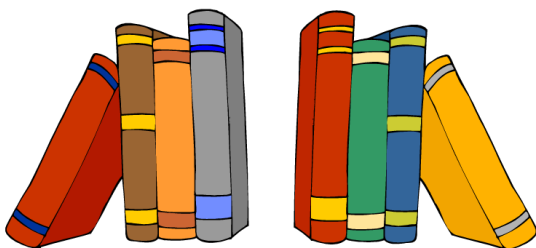
School Library

Open after school until 4pm:

Monday - EYFS and Y1

Tuesday - Y2,3 and 4

Wednesday - Y5 and 6



Families are able to share

School Attendance

Attendance is just below our target. Well done to all who have still got 100%!

And to everyone who has made such an effort this week to be in school every day

It is a key priority for us to ensure that attendance remains at **95% or above**.

Attendance overall including Foundation Stage: 93%

Attendance overall without Foundation Stage: 93%

Those who have already fallen below national average will be invited into Attendance Panel or receive a home visit from our Education Social Worker, Steve Clayton.

CLASS	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Foundation I Miss Salisbury	93%	94%
Foundation 1/2 (am): Mrs Walker	93%	98%
Foundation 2 Miss Howard	83%	93%
Year 1: Miss J Turner	89%	90%
Year 2 Mrs Hollis	99%	95%
Year 2: Miss Last	91%	94%
Year 3 Miss Finnigan	98%	95%
Year 4 Miss Davies	92%	88%
Year 5:Mr Clare	96%	92%
Year 6: Miss Morgan	97%	91%
Year 6: Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	99%	94%

Please Join us

in St Josephs Meeting Room

Cafe Joey

and Raffle

on

Saturday 8th December

from 12 - 3pm

For light lunches, sandwiches and

lots of home-made cakes

All proceeds will be donated to

**Blessed
Sacrament
Seminary**

Parish of St Joseph and St Alban



Messy Church is a fun family afternoon with drawing, painting, cookery, arts, crafts and lots more

Please join us in

St Albans Parish Centre

on

Sunday 9th December

from 3pm - 4.30pm

**Please note that children must be
accompanied by an adult**



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

"Together in faith we nurture, encourage and inspire each other to achieve excellence and become all that Jesus calls us to be"

Headteacher Mrs K Vernon

School Office 26th November 2018



Dear Parents

Sacramental Preparation

Next term we will begin our sacramental programme for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. These sacraments mark such a special and important step on your child's journey of faith. We will be inviting parents to register with school in January if they wish their child to receive the sacraments. The invitation is for all children who are baptised Catholic in year 3 up to year 6. If your child is not yet baptised and you would like them to receive the sacraments this year Baptismal meetings take place on the second Sunday of each month at 2.00pm St Alban's Parish Hall. Please come and see either myself, Miss Morgan or Mrs Airey for more information.



Family Mass

Please come and join us for our special Family mass this Sunday at St Joseph's Church at 11.00. This time it is our Year 5 children who will lead the mass in the special celebration which is Bambinelli Sunday. Children are invited to bring a baby Jesus statue from their crib for a special blessing. The children



will all have a part to play in the mass including leading prayers, singing and taking part in the offertory procession. They will be preparing for the mass through a range of activities this week in school, and are really looking forward to sharing what they have done. We really hope you can join us.

Christmas dates

The festive season will soon be upon us, and we are looking forward to a variety of Christmas events to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please see below for details:

Monday 17th December 2.00pm

Foundation Stage Nativity

Tuesday 18th December 10.00am

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KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 19th December 10.00am

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Thursday 20th December 2.00pm

KS2 Carol Service in Church

Attendance Matters

Unfortunately, we have noticed recently that there has been an increase in the number of families taking holidays in term time. In line with national and local guidance please note that holidays cannot be authorised in term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any requests for holidays must be made in writing to the headteacher. Parents who withdraw their children for unauthorised holidays in term time will be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice and may incur a fine of £60 per parent per child so this can prove very costly. A copy of the school's Attendance Policy is available on the school website.



Lunchtime Assistant

We are looking to appoint an additional Lunchtime Welfare Assistant to join our team. Hours of work will be 2 hours daily, 5 days a week. The post will be advertised this week on the Local Authority website from Friday. However, if you are interested in the position please call in to see Mrs Langton in the school office for further details.

Every blessing

Mrs Vernon

Golden Assembly 30th November 2018

Mrs Walker	Evelyn Jean Rodger
Miss Howard	Lily-Rose Nicholson
Miss J Turner	Lewis Smith
Mrs Hollis	Martin Horncastle
Miss Last	Zak Watkinson
Miss Finnigan	Layton Cooper
Miss Davies	Kacper Wasiak
Mr Clare	John Chen
Mrs Boekweit-Hughes	Alfie Cotgrave
Miss Morgan	Paul Nicholson