

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 29.11.2024– Term 2 -Week 3

Reflection: Luke 21:25-28.34-36 The 1st Sunday of Advent, Year C

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars. Then people will see the Son of Man returning in the clouds with power and great glory. You must always be ready, because only my Heavenly Father knows when this will happen."

"Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours." Pope Francis

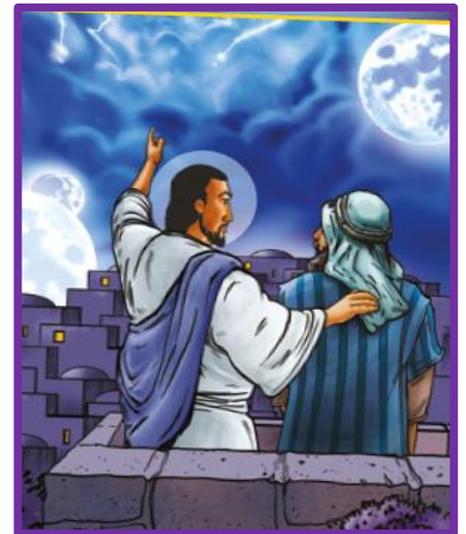
Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world. Let's use this season of Advent to be open to welcome him, to make a fresh start and to draw closer to God, through living a good life!

Advent is the time when we make an extra effort to be more loving towards God and our neighbours.

Advent is an opportunity to be spiritually refreshed and helps us get ready for Christmas.

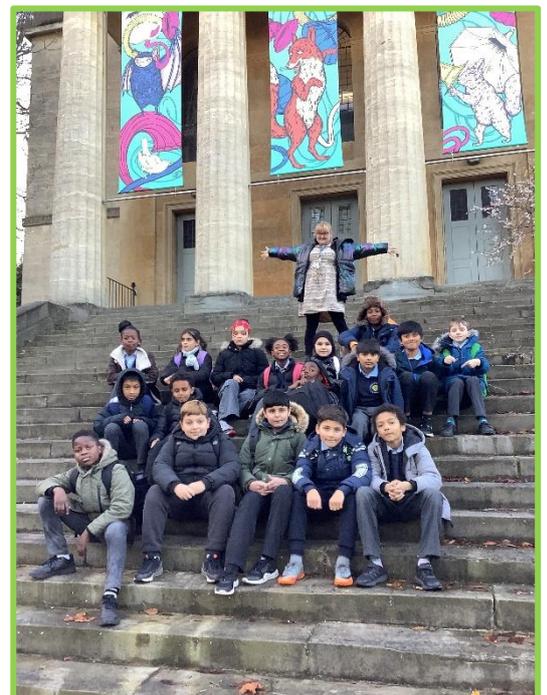
Our School Mission this week is to be more Spiritually Awake!

Dear Lord Jesus, please help us to get ready during Advent to welcome you with joy this Christmas, and when you come again in your glory. Amen.



Year 6 Symphony of the World

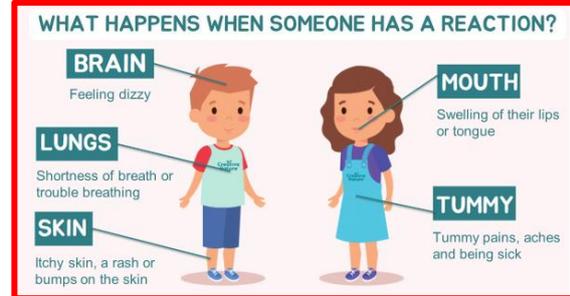
This Monday and the Monday before Year 6 children gave up their time to perform with Bristol Ensemble as part of their Symphony of the World concert. The children performed a song they had written with our Preludes Musicians. They were incredible and did the school proud. Thank you to the children who attended both concerts.



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Allergy Awareness

This week in assembly, we focused on becoming more allergy aware. We spoke about how it might feel for someone who has allergies as well as ways in which we can become more allergy aware as a school. The children gave such thoughtful answers and recognised the importance of becoming more allergy aware to support all children in the school.



St Nicks FC

Our football 1st team took on Easton last night, with a thrilling contest ending 3-3!

Well done to all of our players representing the team for the first time!

Player of the match: Aiden, who scored two goals and ran our midfield excellently despite picking up a knock in the first half



Mini Police Trip to Headquarters

On Tuesday our Mini Police visited Police Headquarters with PCSO Nick. They had such an amazing day. They found out how many 999 calls are made each day – 1.14million and who the different emergency services were. They learnt all about the phonetic alphabet and how to spell their names, the police use this to communicate with each other if they are struggling to hear on the phone.

They were even interviewed on what they had learnt on the trip and how important police take their job roles.

All in all, a wonderful day was had by all. We are so fortunate to have this relationship with our PSCO and to build positive relationships between our children and the police.



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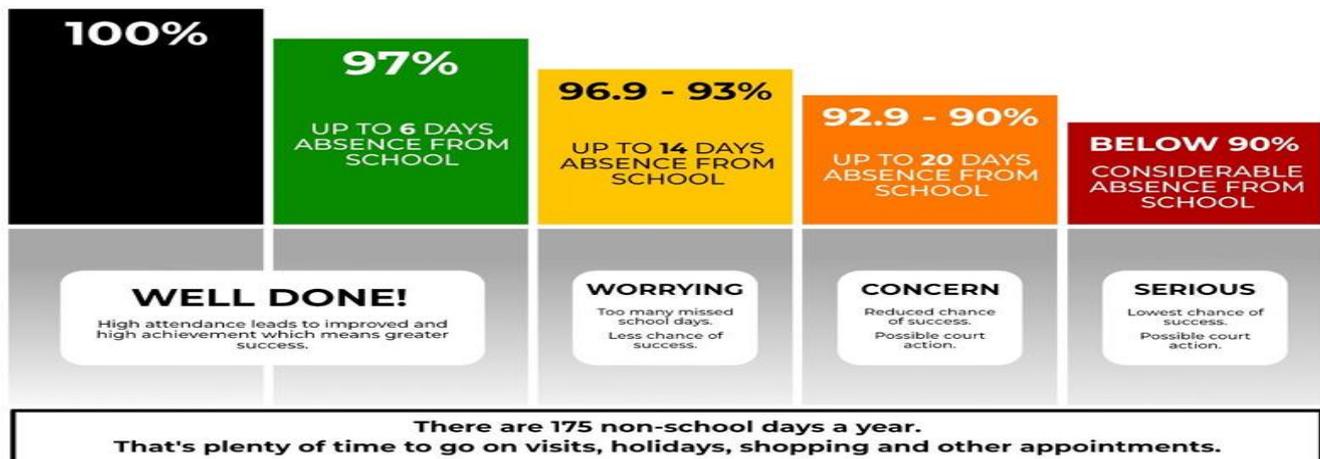
Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

| Class | Yearly Attendance | This week's attendance | Late sessions this week |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Diamond Class | 92.7% | 89.7% | 4 |
| Emerald Class | 94.2% | 91.3% | 8 |
| Ruby Class | 96.4% | 94.2% | 11 |
| Amethyst Class | 95.7% | 95.7% | 9 |
| Sapphire Class | 96.5% | 96.5% | 9 |
| Topaz Class | 95.6% | 95.7% | 16 |
| Total | 95.3% | 94.1% | 57 |

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Dates for your Diary:

Term 2

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| Tuesday 3rd December | Y4 Preludes Music Trip |
| Friday 13th December | Whole School Mass |
| Monday 16th December | 1.30pm – Diamond, Ruby and Emerald Class Nativity at the Church |
| Tuesday 17th December | Beauty and the Beast Pantomime for children in school |
| Wednesday 18th December | 1.30pm – KS2 Carol Concert at the Church |
| Friday 20th December | Last day of Term – Talent Show – Time TBC |
| Monday 6th January | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 7th January | School starts back for all children |

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James