

# NEWSLETTER

## ADVENT

During our assembly this morning, we talked about how Advent is a time of waiting, preparing and looking forward. We lit the third candle on our wreath and discussed how the pink candle encourages us to notice the good around us, to share joy with others and to help make our school and homes brighter through acts of kindness. Well done to the children who were awarded a merit for displaying any of the Gospel Values around school this week.



## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

The annual Christmas Nativity will take place at St. John's Church on Tuesday 16th December and will start at 7:15pm prompt. The children will be meeting in the school hall to get dressed into their costumes at 7:00pm



## CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The Dick Whittington pantomime was a huge success! Thank you to the PTA for organising such a fantastic and enjoyable occasion on Tuesday afternoon. It was lovely to see the children, their parents and even a few grandparents coming together in the community hall to share some light-hearted, festive entertainment.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

We're really looking forward to welcoming everybody from our school community to the Christmas Fair this evening. Doors open at 6:00pm. We still have some raffle tickets to sell and there are some fantastic prizes on offer this year!

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

We are in the process of updating the school website so please bear with us as these things do take time. The term dates have been updated and parents can now find the holiday list for 2026/27 on there.

# Christmas Raffle 2025

1. Free Car Service worth over £300: donated by the Sherwins - AMG Cheshire
2. A free standard will or mirror will for a couple - donated by Clifford and Co. Solicitors
3. £50 voucher for Cure Bistro, Heaton Moor
4. £25 voucher for Hatters, Heaton Moor
5. A free hair cut from Homme Barbers, Gatley worth £17
6. 10 French lessons: donated by Mme Moinien
7. £30 voucher: donated by Littlewoods butchers, Heaton Chapel
8. £20 voucher: donated by Rocksalt, Heaton Moor
9. A meal for two at Heaton Tandoori
11. Moroccan bath and mini-facial: donated by Nadia's beauty centre, Old Trafford
12. Voucher for Moo Boutique (amount TBC)
13. Art class: donated by Lindsey's Art classes
14. Surprise Manchester United gift (TBC)

## YEAR 6 TRIP TO THE LOWRY

The children in Year 6 visited the Lowry Theatre on Thursday afternoon to watch a live performance of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. It was a wonderful performance with fantastic acting, costumes, singing and music. Take a look at our school Facebook page to see some photos of the fun time that they had.



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please feel free to follow us on Facebook and Instagram and like our posts.  
<https://facebook.com/StellaMarisSchool>



## YOGA

We received an expression of interest from 3 parents for the yoga sessions but unfortunately that will not be enough for Mrs Ash to make it worth her while. She has stated that she would be prepared to run the sessions with a minimum of 5 parents with their child. We will leave this in abeyance for now in the hope that some more interest is generated in the New Year.

## CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTINGS

Rev Liz Rowles has asked if we can advertise this event at St. John's Church for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December commencing at 11:15am. All welcome.

## TIDY UP!

The staff have been having a bit of a tidy up around the school this past term. There will be a skip arriving just outside the main gates next Wednesday. Please be aware of this when parking up at pick up and drop off times.

## PARTY DAY

We will be having our annual Christmas Party Day in school next Thursday. This means that the children can come into school wearing their festive party clothes. We won't be walking the Daily Mile that day. The children will be allowed to bring in their own party snack/sweets, but please nothing excessive. A polite reminder that school will close for the Christmas holiday at 12:00 noon.



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for more photos and updates!





**12th December 2025**

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# CLASS NEWS

## Pre-Prep

What a busy week we've had! The Nativity story was very enjoyable, as we learnt about the true meaning of Christmas. We all worked hard on our wish booklets - featuring a wish for ourselves, a wish for our family and a wish for our school. The children had some very thoughtful and caring ideas! We also found time to finish our Christmas tree decorations and began making Christmas cards for our families.

## Year 4/5

This week, Year 4 and 5 have been working hard in Maths and Art. In Maths, we have been practising multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100, and 1000. The children have made great progress and are becoming much more confident with moving digits into the correct place value. In Art, linked to our Ancient Greece topic, the class has started making papier-mâché masks of Greek gods and goddesses. They began by covering balloons with strips of glued paper to form the base of their masks. We look forward to sharing photos once the masks are dry and painted.

## Year 1/2

The children in Year 1-2 have had a lovely week of learning. In Maths, they revisited addition and subtraction, and in PSHE they continued exploring different feelings. In Religion, they learnt about Christmas and Advent and completed an Advent Pledge sheet. In English, the class learnt how to write a letter. They wrote to Duck, a character from their book, to reassure him after his friends were unkind, and then wrote letters to Father Christmas. The children also really enjoyed the Dick Whittington pantomime on Tuesday.

## Year 6

It's been another very busy week in Year 6. The children have been working very hard on their preparation for their entrance exams by completing past papers in Reading, Maths and Verbal Reasoning. They really enjoyed their trip to the Lowry Theatre on Thursday as they witnessed our class reader of The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe being brought to life on the stage.



# Extra Activities

## Monday

Chess Club - Mr Usher - FREE

After-school (3.05pm-3.45pm)



## Tuesday

Computing Club - Mr Brown FREE

After-school (3.05 pm – 3.45 pm)

Gardening Club - Mrs Jones - FREE

(Lunchtime for all ages)



## Wednesday

Multi-Sports Club - An after-school club led by coaches

from Stockport County C.T. - Year 1 and upwards - £3.50 per session (3.05 pm – 4 pm)

Speech Club - Mrs Mesagno - £7.50 per

sessions (Lunchtime for Year 3-6)

## Thursday

Art Club - Mrs Baldwin - £10 per session

(Lunchtime club for all ages.)

Sewing & Craft Club – Mrs Ashworth –

FREE after-school club for all ages ( 3.05 pm

– 3.45 pm)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| Date  | Event                                      | Time and further details                        |
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| Friday 12th December                                  | Christmas Fair                             | 6:00-7:30pm in the school hall                  |
| Tuesday 16th December<br><b>*Note the date change</b> | Christmas concert @ St. John's Church      | 7:15pm start. Refreshments in school afterwards |
| Wednesday 17th December                               | Autumn progress reports go home to parents | 3:05pm  |
| Thursday 18th December                                | Class Party Day                            | 9:30-11:00am                                    |
| Thursday 18th December                                | Break up for the end of term               | 12:00 noon                                      |