

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

What a busy week the children have had, Christmas lunch, the Carol concert and Mass with Father Philip. Well done to KS3 for a beautiful Carol concert. You are all wonderful singers.

**School Council**

The school council have been working together to create decorations for the community tree that was displayed at All Saints church this weekend. The theme for the tree was Noah's Ark.



**This Year's academic Attendance**

Our aspiration target is **97%**

At St Joseph's, we think attendance is extremely important! Attending school helps children to prepare themselves for the rest of their lives.

The higher the attendance, the more opportunity for success!

This week - the class with the highest attendance is **Oak Class**.

**KS1 Nativity**

The children enjoyed showing parents and carers their version of the Christmas Story. What an amazing performance. Well done!



**Thank you**

We would like to say a warm and heartfelt Thank you to Mrs Walsh, who is leaving us after having worked with our children for 6 years. Mrs Walsh has been a big part of our team here at St Joseph's, and will be sadly missed. She has supported and worked with lots of our children and helped them overcome barriers in their learning. Thank you so much Mrs Walsh.

**Gospel Value - Justice**

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, we think about how we can act to ensure that life is fair for others by how we act.

Wishing you all a very Merry and Peaceful Christmas. We hope you all have a wonderful time with family and friends.

On behalf of teachers and staff, thank you very much for your generous gifts.

We look forward to seeing the children on the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

Mrs Stephens

**Diary dates:**

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 Children return to school

**Headteacher Awards:** Rowan Class – Murphy & Albie

**Bronze Awards:** Oaks Class – Everlyn, Timothy, Edie, Michael, Sienna, Isaac, Gracie, Evie; Cherry Class – Lincoln, Lenny; Maple Class – Oto, Freddie.

**Silver Awards:** Rowan Class – Oskar, Yasmin; Sycamore Class – Lily, Ava. Maple Class – Evie K; Willow Class – Layla.

**Gold Awards:** Sycamore Class – Aaron; Maple Class – Poppy.

**Stars of the term:** Oak Class- Eleanor & Guy; Rowan Class – Sofia & Oskar; Sycamore Class – Felicia & Finley; Cherry Class – Eleanor & Adam; Maple Class – Evie K & Rory; Willow Class – Hollie & Quinlan; Beech Class – Daisy & Jacob.