



It's been an extremely chilly week out and about this week but that hasn't stopped our children taking part in lots of activities as usual. Our Yr 1 pupils had a trip on Monday, our science quiz team was in action on Wednesday and our girls' football team play Heavers Farm in the Croydon league after school today. Our pupils were also busy recording an album to celebrate Our Lady's church anniversary as part of our arts' week activities. Next week, our children are working hard on rehearsing their nativity and carol performances and of course there will be lots of fun and learning too. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again next week.

## BECKET ALBUM FOR OUR LADY'S ANNIVERSARY

Well done to all the children for taking part in recording our very own school CD! We enjoyed an awesome day with technician Mark recording our 1964 songs. The children enjoyed singing their songs in our 'Becket Room Recording Studio' and we look forward to seeing all the hard work on our school CD. Thank you to our children and teacher superstars who practiced so hard! Remember to buy our fantastic and unique CD on IRIS ParentMail in the 'shop'.

Congratulations to our Junior and Infant CD cover design winners, Adele in St Cecilia's Class and Oscar C in St Francis class. We had so many entries of such high quality: it was SO VERY DIFFICULT to choose with lots of staff members voting their favourite.

## SCIENCE QUIZ

Our science quiz teams travelled to St Mary's Junior school on Wednesday to take part in the area heat of the national competition. Two teams from St Thomas Becket entered and both did really well.

Overall it was an amazing fun experience and both of our teams did extremely well, coming 2nd and 4th overall. Thanks to Mr Bonnar for preparing us and taking us to the competition.

*Report: (Amuche, Yr 6)*



## FINAL OPEN MORNING OF YEAR

On Monday morning (9.30am) we have our final open session of the term, where prospective parents have a chance to visit our school.

If you have a child who is due to turn 4 after 1st September 2025 please come along. Even if you already have a child at St Thomas Becket school, you must apply through the usual application process and you should fill in a supplementary form which is available from the school office.

The deadline for applications is  
**15th January 2025.**



Adele (Yr 5)



Oscar (Yr 2)



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|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Butterflies | Connie Longhurst        | Ladybirds     | Lolade Bateren      |
| St Joseph   | Sophia Lopes            | St Elizabeth  | Alexander Juuko     |
| St Francis  | Josiah Victory-Rhodes   | St Anne       | Rafael Aguiar       |
| St Peter    | Hettie de Silva-Bateson | St Bernadette | Anaiyah Wright      |
| St Paul     | Kion Hylton             | St Therese    | Tristan van Heerdan |
| St Martin   | Alexia N'Guessan        | St Cecilia    | Oliver Morzyk       |
| St Benedict | Hollie Vaughan          | St Brigid     | Ben Dallas          |



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Please make sure the following dates are in your diary in the coming weeks:

## Infant nativity:

Wed 4th Dec 1.45pm or Thu 5th Dec 9.30am  
(please come to either)

**Junior carol concert (at Our Lady's):**  
Tue 10th Dec at 2pm

**Reception (Ladybirds & Butterflies) carols:**  
Mon 16th Dec 2.15pm



# YR 1 VISIT TO CHURCH

Our Yr1 classes had their first trip of the year on Monday, where they visited our Lady's church to participate in an advent wreath making workshop.



*'We put leaves into the middle of the oasis foam and then we added red scrunched up pieces of tissue paper to be berries. After that our teachers put a candle on top. It was a fun activity.'*

Alec (St Joseph's)

# ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to:

Esther (Yr 4) for her running medal;

Belle (Yr 1) for her swimming green level award;

and Naomi (Yr 1) for her gymnastics achievement medal.

Fantastic effort girls!



## Centenary Calendar 2025



Our church is celebrating 100 years of Addiscombe Parish and 60 years since the opening of our church. Our calendar celebrates and reminisces the activities of our wonderful parish most of which still continue today. If you would like to purchase a calendar for

£10 please contact

Marie Tross on 07774 643 159 or

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# WEDNESDAY WORD

As we approach Advent, please consider taking time as a family (if you don't already) to spend 5 minutes reading the Wednesday Word as a family. It's a great way of sharing and understanding the gospel message at an age-appropriate level as we approach this very special time of year.

## THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024



At Jesus' trial, Pilate called Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied, "Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?" Jesus replied, "Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my followers would have fought to prevent my being handed over. But my kingdom is not of this kind." "So you are a king then?" said Pilate. "It is you who say it," answered Jesus. "Yes, I am a king. I was born for this; I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice."