



Next week is the last week of term, and as you would expect, it's packed with fun and exciting activities for pupils and families. We have an instrumental concert on Monday morning, our junior advent carol concert on Tuesday afternoon, Christmas lunch for all pupils on Wednesday (pupils should wear 'Christmas-wear') the Reception carol concert also on Wednesday at 10am and term ends on Thursday at 2pm. Please note that there is no Canterbury Club (after-school club) available on Thursday.

School Council News

This week the school council had a meeting about Brickfield Meadow with Mr Skehan & Mrs Kiely-Harden. We discussed how it is being underused and how it could be such a nice place if we worked together for ideas of improvements. In the Spring we are going to be meeting with representatives from the mayor's office, Croydon council parks dept, local residents, Sarah Jones MP and other people who can help us to make it a better, safer resource for our school community and neighbourhood. Watch out for further updates on how you can support this initiative.

We also gave ideas on new equipment for our playground. Next term we will also be focussing on how we can improve road safety around the school.

Report by: Finley Year 6



St Thomas Becket Advent Junior Carol Service



Tuesday 19th December 2023, 2pm

All parents & carers of juniors are invited to attend

STBSA Raffle

Don't forget, the STBSA raffle is drawing tomorrow! With 40+ fantastic prizes, including our class hampers, it's an exciting opportunity. Tickets are only £1 each—secure yours now at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stbsa/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=71858>

Shooting Stars



Butterflies
Ladybirds
St Joseph
St Elizabeth
St Francis
St Anne
St Peter

Avery Klein
Sylvie Bulman
Austin Oduro
Bernardo Miorrelli
Ranisha Mukasa
Oscar Abbott
Layla-Rae Lockhart

St Bernadette
St Paul
St Therese
St Martin
St Cecilia
St Benedict
St Brigid

Elowen Parnell
Leon Okoye
Gracelyn Nkrumah
Edith Selles
Eliza Davis
Cruz Montano
Elijah Diaz

STBSA Craft Fair

Thanks to the STBSA team and to all the parents & carers, pupils, choir and stallholders who combined to give us a fun and festive experience on Friday afternoon. The craft fair & Elfridges raised a very impressive £2.5k.



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Wednesday Word

Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

A man came who was sent by God. His name was John, John the Baptist. He came as a witness – as a witness to Jesus Christ. Priests were sent from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" John replied, "I am not the Christ." "Are you the prophet Elijah then – or the Prophet?" they asked. He answered, "No." "So, who are you?" they asked. "What have you to say about yourself?" John replied, "I am the voice of the one who cries in the wilderness: 'Make the Lord's way straight.'" Finally they asked him, "Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John said, "I baptise with water. But someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am." This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the River Jordan, where John was baptising.



From the Gospel of Sunday 17th December 2023 John 1:6-8, 19-28 (the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B)

Which words stood out for you in this Gospel, and why? What does the picture make you think about? Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **JOY**.



Applications for Reception Class 2024

A reminder that the closing date for all applications for Reception 2024 class is 15th January 2024. This is the deadline for both SIF (supplementary information forms) and the online 'e-admissions form'. To ensure your application is ranked as high as possible, SIF forms should be accompanied by the original baptism cert (child & 1 parent, birth cert, proof of address x 2 and priests reference. If you have any questions about the application process please contact the school office.

Key Dates (so far) for Spring 2024

Mon 8 th Jan	Start of Spring term
Thu 11 th Jan	SATS Information evening for parents
Fri 19 th Jan	St Paul class assembly
Fri 26 th Jan	St Therese class assembly
Fri 2 nd Feb	St Anne class assembly
Mon 5 th Feb	Online safety week begins
Fri 9 th Feb	INSET (no school for pupils)
Half term 12 th to 16 th Feb	
Fri 23 rd Feb	St Anne class assembly
Fri 1 st Mar	Ladybirds class assembly
Mon 4 th Mar	Book Week Begins
Wed 6 th Mar	E-safety workshop for all parents 6-7pm *
Thu 7 th Mar	World Book Day (dress up)
Fri 8 th Mar	Butterflies class assembly
Thu 14 th Mar	Parents Open Evening
Fri 15 th Mar	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
Fri 15 th Mar	School disco Yr 3 / 4
Wed 20 th Mar	Passion of the cross service (Yr 5 leading)
Thu 21 st Mar	Parents Open Evening
Fri 22 nd Mar	School disco Yr 1 / 2
Thu 28 th Mar	Easter Bonnet parade / assembly
Fri 29 th Mar	End of term 2pm

Please add 6th March 6-7pm to your diary to your diary for essential information for all parents & carers on e-safety. There will be fun activities on site for all Becket pupils on that evening – further details to follow.

Achievement

Well done to Bella in Reception (gymnastics) Lamont, Yr 3 (football) Celeste, Yr 6 (drama) Azmera, Yr 1 (Gymnastics), Conall, Yr1 (swimming) Devansh, Rec (Becket award), Reuben, Yr 6 (football) and Bernardo (Yr1, gymnastics). Congrats on your varied and impressive achievements.



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