



The focus was very much on music and performance this week as our talented pupils (& staff!) treated us to a number of performances during the week. Our reception pupils performed a very polished and jolly concert on Wednesday and our KS2 pupils helped us to prepare for Christmas with their amazing singing & playing. Have a lovely Christmas break and safe travels to those of you travelling over the festive period. The staff would like to say a very big thank you for the many lovely gifts that have been given this week.

KS2 Advent Carol Service

Our Yr3, choir and other KS2 pupils all participated in our junior carol concert on Tuesday at Our Lady of the Annunciation church. Well done everyone who participated and made it such a special occasion and thanks to Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Frost for their dedication in preparing the choir, who sounded amazing!



Reception Carol Concert

Our Ladybirds and Butterflies pupils treated us to a wonderful concert on Wednesday, retelling the nativity story between a series of very well prepared hymns and carols. The quality of the singing and reading was exceptional for such young pupils. Thanks to the EYFS staff team who helped the children to prepare.



National Computer Science Week

Last week, our school took part in the national Computer Science Week where all pupils in Year 2 and above completed an 'Hour of Code'. The children learnt about different programming languages and how algorithms can instruct anything from games such as Minecraft to AI programs that can detect and collect pollution in the oceans.

The children in Reception and Year 1 focused on physical computing and learnt how to input algorithms into Bee-bots. Please visit <https://code.org/> for many more exciting computer science activities.



Shooting Stars



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

Chimamanda Ikpunuekhai
Devansh Kandi
Nell Pittis
Kian Graham
Darragh Dempsey
Meghana Kandi
Noah Hall

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

Beatrice Davis
Oliver Morzyk
Anneliese Santos Ward
Megan-May Agyemang
Amari Hutchinson
Talia Noor
Maria Silva De Morais

Instrument Concert

Approx 25 of our instrumentalists performed for the rest of the school on Monday. As always, the standard was very high and it was lovely to see such a broad range of instruments and pupils at various stages on their musical journey. Thanks to Mrs Longhurst for coordinating.



STBSA Thanks

Thank you to Sarah, Breege and all the volunteers who made our fireworks, craft fair, disco, jingle mingle and other events such a great social success & fundraisers for our school. There are loads more great events planned for the rest of the academic year, so keep an eye on the STBSA website, school newsletter etc. for details of how you and your children can get involved.



Achievement

Well done to Nell and Kacper (both Yr4) for taking part in the 'Cut Your Carbon' challenge. They both completed a range of challenges such as no-meat days, no-car days, and working with family members to reduce their renergy consumption. Well done to these 2 great stewards of our planet! Delilah in Year 3 achieved her Rainbow distance (20m) badge. She can use a full range of strokes and can complete 20m in each – great work!



Christmas Lunch

Our children enjoyed a yummy Christmas lunch on Wednesday. Thanks to chef Andy and his team for the work they have done in preparing such a great meal, and indeed for their ongoing work during the year.



Staff Panto

The children were treated to a fun staff panto on Wednesday afternoon. Despite their many other commitments at this time of year, the staff worked diligently to learn their lines (mostly!) and fashion their costumes.

