



## Dates for your Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15	Reception Nativity Performance
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9:15	Nursery Christmas Performance
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas jumpers & party day
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1:20pm Dismissal

# Eaglet News

Our Christmas festivities have begun in Early Years and what a better way to get us in the spirit than to have a visitor from The Clumsiest Christmas Elf! The children enjoyed listening to the Christmas story, singing along to songs and helping Effie find Santa's special keys. The room was filled with big smiles and lots of laughter – we even picked up some top tips for our Christmas performances!



## Messages

### EYFS Playground

Please can we ask that when arriving in the Early Years playground in the morning or picking up at the end of the day, families leave the premises promptly and remind their child not to play on or with the resources and/ or equipment.

### Learning with Parents

Reception families are reminded that *Learning with Parents* is up and running. Every two weeks, we set fun and engaging activities that consolidate the maths learning happening in school. This is a great way to support your child's development in maths and find out how maths is taught at St. John's! We encourage adults to view the short video and then complete the activity around the home.



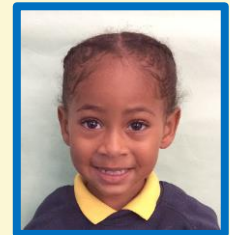
### Makaton Sign of the Week



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## Congratulations to our Stars of the Week

### Nursery – Makyri



### RE – Teddy D



### RM – Kitty



# Reception

## Our learning this week

In Reception, we have enjoyed writing for different purposes. We have been writing letters, cards and stories, whilst developing the skill of reading back our writing to friends.



## Next Week

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We will be exploring the importance of standing up for ourselves; recognising how to resolve conflicts and how to ask for adult support. We will also be performing our Nativity performance with pride and confidence.

### Communication, Language and English

We will be listening to a range of Christmas stories, learning about different traditions and exploring winter activities. In Phonics we will be reviewing the graphemes and HRSW we have already learnt.

### Physical Development

In our PE lesson, we will continue to develop our ability to negotiate space and others.

### Mathematics

We will be consolidating our learning of 2D and 3D shapes, developing our ability to talk about their properties.

### Religious Education

We will be discussing advent, it's origin and what this means for Christians.



# Nursery

## Our learning this week

In Nursery, we have been developing our communication and language skills through different activities. We loved using the pretend telephones to engage in conversations with new people.



## Next Week

### **Personal, Social and Emotional Development**

We are continuing to study the reasons for celebrating Christmas. Children will share traditions that their family share over the holidays.

### **Communication, Language and English**

We will study Christmas traditions through a range of stories and also retell the Nativity Story.

### **Physical Development**

Children will practice big movements as we prepare for our performance on Friday.

### **Mathematics**

We will be talking about positional language; looking at stars on a Christmas tree.

### **Understanding the World**

We will be learning about the different way people celebrate Christmas together in both the past and present.

### **Expressive Art and Design**

Children will be looking at the primary colours and how we combine them to make new colours.