

# Newsletter

## Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



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Dear Families,

It was lovely to welcome Father Jonathan, and our Reception families, in to join our Candlemas Celebration of the Word this morning. Some of our Reception children played the parts of Mary, Joseph, Anna and Simeon brilliantly, to help re-enact the Gospel.

Following the celebration, we were delighted to finally be able to present the children, in Years 1-6, with their very own bible, to use in school. The children were really pleased to receive these, and it was lovely to wander around the classrooms today and see them in use.

This week has been National Storytelling Week. In recognition of this, we have enjoyed coming together, in mixed age groups, to share stories and to read with each other. This was a fantastic opportunity for all our children, and they have reported back what a positive experience it was.

This afternoon, Year 3 had a wonderful afternoon creating wattle and daub walls. Apologies to these parents, your washing machine is certainly going to get a run for its money this evening!

Year 5 have been creative this week, designing and producing some beautiful stained-glass windows, representing baptism through a range of symbols. They look fantastic on the windows, particularly with the sunlight streaming through.

I hope you all have a restful and restorative weekend.

Warm regards, Mrs Lucie Banks

### Dates for your Diary

2<sup>nd</sup> Feb – U11 Boys @ Holy Cross  
 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – U11 Boys @ St Mary's, Ryde  
 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 6 D-Day Museum trip  
 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – Last day of Spring 1  
**12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half Term**



### Certificate Winners!

#### Reception

Albie, Ryan and Rhys



#### Year 1

Kylo and Kourtney



#### Year 2

Felix, Jaxson and Isaac



#### Year 3

Joseph and Milo



#### Year 4

Kairo, Billy and Finola



#### Year 5

Mia, Emma and Gabrielle



#### Year 6

Evie and Fechi



### Church News

Masses this week

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup>** 9am St Thomas's, 11am St David's, 5.30pm St Thomas's  
**Mon 5<sup>th</sup>** 10am St Thomas's  
**Tues 6<sup>th</sup>** 12pm St Thomas's  
**Wed 7<sup>th</sup>** 9.45am St David's preceded by Adoration from 9.15am, 6pm St Thomas's preceded by Adoration from 5.30pm  
**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup>** No Mass today  
**Fri 9<sup>th</sup>** 12pm Mass St Thomas's preceded by Adoration from 11.15am  
**Sat 10<sup>th</sup>** No Mass today



The readings for Sun 4<sup>th</sup>: Job 7:1-4, 6-7, Psalm 146:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23. The Gospel is taken from Mark 1:29-39.

### Attendance

Our target for whole school attendance is **97%**

Holy Cross whole school attendance this week is: **95%**

Reception: 89%  
 Year 1 & 2: 93%  
 Year 3: **99%**  
 Year 4: 85%  
 Year 5: **98%**  
 Year 6: 90%



Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 for exceeding our whole-school target.

### Menu

Just a reminder that school dinners are **£2.75**.

★ Don't forget school lunches are free for all of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and for those pupils who are eligible ★

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Cheese &amp; Tomato Pizza</b> with wedges & vegetables	<b>Turkey Con Carni</b> with wholegrain rice or <b>Macaroni Cheese</b>	<b>Roast Beef</b> with roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy	<b>Sausage Pasta Bake</b> with vegetables & garlic bread	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers or Veggie Dippers</b> with vegetables & chips
<b>Apple Crumble with Custard</b>	<b>Crunchy Chocolate Biscuit</b>	<b>Chocolate &amp; Vanilla Marble Cake</b>	<b>Carrot Cake</b>	<b>Strawberry Ice Cream</b>

### Available daily and comes with the above puddings

<b>Tomato Pasta</b> Penne pasta with homemade tomato and basil sauce	<b>Baguettes</b> A Choice of Ham, Cheese or Tuna	<b>Jacket Potatoes</b> A Choice of Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans
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