

Newsletter

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Dear Families,

A Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to all our children and families. We have been so impressed at how well everyone has come back into school, and at the quiet purposeful learning that's been going on in the classrooms.

Year 1 and 2 have been busy finishing off their DT project making Great Fire of London bakeries, they've also been exploring mini-beasts and their habitats in the copse. Year 6 have been having some great debates in history and have enjoyed putting forward some good arguments for their cases. Year 3 have begun their Stone Age topic today and have loved having a go at creating arrowheads by carving soap! Year 4 were surprised by a life-sized Egyptian sarcophagus to kickstart their new topic, and Year 5 have been immersing themselves in the planet of Pandora as part of their new English journey. Finally, Reception have been wowing us with their beautiful learning behaviours when on the carpet – I popped in and you could have heard a pin drop!

Today, we welcomed Father Jonathan into school for our Epiphany Mass. It was lovely to have Mary, Joseph and the Wise Men from Reception providing an Epiphany scene for us. We will resume inviting parents, in class groups, when we have our next Mass.

Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards, Mrs Lucie Banks

Dates for your Diary

8th January – Year 5

London Parliament Trip

8th January – Year 3

Waitrose Trip

11th January – U11 Boys

@ Northwood



Certificate Winners!

Reception

Wilbur, Marnie and Esme

Year 1

Molly and Jesse

Year 2

Noah E, Quinn and

Cameron

Year 3

Ieuan and Mikayla

Year 4

Ozgur, Ellie and Paige

Year 5

Destiny, Oliver and

Jayden

Year 6

Connor and Lexi

Church News

Masses this week

Sun 7th	9am St Thomas's, 11am St David's, 5.30pm St Thomas's
Mon 8th	10am St Thomas's
Tues 9th	12pm St Thomas's
Wed 10th	9.45am St David's preceded by Adoration from 9.15am, 6pm St Thomas's preceded by Adoration from 5.30pm
Thurs 11th	12pm Latin Mass St Thomas's
Fri 12th	12pm Mass St Thomas's preceded by Adoration from 11.15am
Sat 13th	No Mass at St Thomas's and St David's today



The readings for Sun 22nd: Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71 and Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6. The Gospel is taken from Matthew 2:1-12.

Attendance

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

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

Reception: 93%
 Year 1 & 2: 94%
 Year 3: 87%
 Year 4: 91%
 Year 5: 91%
 Year 6: 90%



Unfortunately, illness and holiday absences have had a large impact on our class attendance.

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
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with wedges & vegetables	Classic Burger or Veggie Burger with wedges	Roast Turkey with roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy	Beef Bolognaise with wholewheat pasta & garlic bread	Breaded Fish Fingers or Veggie Dippers with vegetables & chips
Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit	Original Flapjack	Orange, Carrot & Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream

Available daily and comes with the above puddings

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