



School News

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Message from the Headteacher

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Lucia- meaning light.

The comfort of light in the darkness is common to all humans. However, at Christmas, Christians all over the world particularly remember Jesus as the Light of the World, who they believe can bring comfort and hope to all.

The Prayer

As Jesus brought peace, turn us into peacemakers.

As Jesus brought hope, make us messengers of hope.

As Jesus brought love, rekindle love in us

So that the birth of the baby in Bethlehem

May bring a new beginning to our own lives.

Amen

Hope

3rd Sunday in Advent



Third Sunday Advent

Joy / Радість

In times of despair,
we seek comfort in
your presence.
We wait in hope for you.
Come, Lord, source of joy.

Move us to be good news in
our world
and to stand alongside
our sisters and brothers
in need.
Come, Lord, source of joy.

Lead us in your ways
as together we make a change
so all people may rejoice and
be glad.
Come, Lord, source of joy.

Headings given in Ukrainian as well as English.

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Overseas Development

It has been another truly special week here at Holy Trinity and one themed around the arts.

We began our week with a wonderful Christingle assembly, led by Year 3.

On Wednesday Key Stage One did two performances of their Nativity and it was wonderful! They sang beautifully, spoke so clearly and it was a real celebration of the children's creative talents. A huge thank-you to Mrs Rickard, Mrs Catling and the Key stage one team who have worked so hard to put the show together.

On Thursday we took part in Christmas jumper day and there were so many fabulously festive jumpers. On this day the children, staff and Governors enjoyed Christmas dinner together and had a surprise visit from Santa in the afternoon.

We ended our week with a whole school trip to see Jack and the Beanstalk in Panto at Chipping Norton Theatre, which was a real Christmas treat. A huge thank you to our PTA for funding this.

We are looking forward to celebrating our final week of advent together in school next week, before finishing for the school holidays on Thursday 19th December at 12:05pm.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mass Reminder

On Thursday 19th December, at 9:15am in Holy Trinity Church, we will celebrate our final mass of the Year. Some of our bi-lingual pupils will be sharing prayers in other languages and all are warmly invited to join our celebration. This is a wonderful way to end our term as we reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Masses

Please see below for timings of masses over the Christmas period.

Holy Trinity Chipping Norton

Christmas Eve: 5 pm Vigil of Christmas

11 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas morning 11am

St Teresa's Charlbury

Midnight Mass 8 pm

Christmas morning 9.15 am



Catholic Life

Advent

This weekend will be the third Sunday of Advent. Our third candle is pink not purple. That's because it is the candle of Joy, today is Gaudete Sunday, this word means rejoice. It is sometimes called the shepherd's candle because of the joy Jesus brought to the world.



Pope's prayer intention

The Pope's prayer intentions for December are for Pilgrims of Hope, as we are about to embark on the start of the upcoming Jubilee year. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope. Pope Francis says that "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision." You can watch a video about this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LEs2XA-PuuU>

SEN

On Monday 13th January our Educational psychologist will be delivering a parent workshop at 2:00pm in the school hall. This will be themed around behaviour, emotional regulation and building resilience. This is a great opportunity to come along and seek any advice or ask any questions you may have within these areas. Your child does not need to be on the SEN register in order for you to attend. Please email the office if you are able to make the workshop to give us an idea of numbers. There is no cost for this and we will provide hot drinks and sweet treats.

Following this, on 20th January, we will be hosting our termly SEN coffee afternoon where SENDIASS will also be present.

If you would like to know more about SEN and how to support your child, please see the link below for webinars around different SEN areas.
<https://www.oxpcf.org.uk/webinars>



'Well Done'



to the following pupils who received Learner of the Week awards:

Reception - **Xander** for growing confidence and working hard.

Year 1 - **Ava** for a great attitude in class.

Year 2 - **Finley** for growing confidence in everything.

Year 3 - **Jessica** for going above and beyond in Maths.

Year 4 - **Hamish** for the confidence to challenge himself in all learning.

Year 5 - **Kingslee** for dedication to producing high quality work.

Year 6 **Stanley** for tackling challenging Maths with determination.

Headteacher's Award

Year 3 for being intentional and prophetic in their singing rehearsals.

Attendance Award

Year 2 - 96%.



Christmas 2024



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Michaelmas Term



Monday 16 th December	Reception to Watson Place - Carol Singing
	KS2 Carol Concert (1.30 & 5.30pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	KS 1 to Willow Gardens - Carol Singing
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School End of Term Mass - 9.10am
Thursday 19 th December	School Closes at 12.05pm for Christmas
Monday 6 th January 2025	Back to School
Thursday 9 th January	Whole School Epiphany Mass
Monday 20 th January	SEND Coffee Afternoon
Monday 3 rd February	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check
	Year 3 & 4 Trip - Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Monday 17 th February	Half Term Holiday

Reception Applications for September 2025

If you are a parent or carer with a child reaching the age of 4 between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, they will be due to start primary school in September 2025 and you have until 15th January 2025 to apply for their school place.

Please ensure that you apply in good time as, if you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child.