

St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

A Happy New Year to all our families! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas with your family, had time to unwind and relax, and are ready for New Year ahead. On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your many kind gestures and messages at the end of term. It is so very special to receive the hand written messages or homemade cards that the children made.

The children have returned to school happy, pleased to be back with their friends and teachers and full of stories of their Christmas with their families. Thank you for making sure your children have returned to school with smart school uniform, hair and accessories- most importantly school coats and gloves in this cold weather.

This month we are looking to develop the children's skills to play games together, take turns, be imaginative in their play and have access to a range of 'play' during their lunchtime. It would be really helpful if any family had any un-used but good quality items at home that they would be willing to donate to help us replenish and build our resources for playtimes. We are looking for dressing up outfits (aged 4-7), dolls with accessories including any pushchairs and any simple construction bricks such as duplo. Thank you!

We were delighted that, last month, Mrs Crowe was voted in as the FoSD chair. A huge thank you to the FoSD event team for the wonderful Winter Wonderland and for arranging the Christmas hamper raffle. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated team of parents to organise the varied events and fundraising activities to raise really valued funds for the school.

We look forward to welcoming you all in to school for the Art Exhibition on Friday 7th February. Please do put this date in your diary, further details will follow.

I am sure you will enjoy reading about all of the end of term activities reported within this newsletter. Your children were a real credit to you and the school.

With very best wishes for this new year ahead,
Georgina Morganti

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Activities and Events

EYFS – Mrs H. Robbins: Head of Year and Senior Teacher

Last term our overarching theme for learning was "People Who Help Us". We explored different roles and responsibilities of people in our local community. This was really brought to life for the children by a visit from Woking Fire Service. The firefighters spoke to us about their role in helping



people keep themselves and others safe. The children loved exploring some of the equipment that the firefighters use in emergencies, and even got to try on some of their specialist fireproof clothing.



"We need to call 999 if we need help from the Fire Service". "They can help with lots of other problems too like if a cat was stuck up a tree". Our grateful thanks to Woking Fire Service for such a fun and engaging session that really inspired the children.

Year 1 – Mrs G. Corsini: Head of Year and Senior Teacher



Welcome back and Happy New Year! It is hard to believe how long it has been since the EYFS and Year 1 Nativity at the beginning of December. With no newsletters over the holidays, we wanted to take this chance to say a huge thank you for all your help and support. From practising lines at home to sorting costumes, your contributions made it all happen. The children truly shone on stage, delivering outstanding performances that were full of energy and joy. It was amazing to see their confidence and creativity, especially for those stepping into the spotlight for the very first time. We could not be prouder of their efforts!

The Nativity also tied in beautifully with our R.E. focus, "Prophecy and Promise." During lessons, the children dived into the Nativity story by exploring Bible passages, reflecting on artwork, and discussing events like "The Annunciation" and "The Visitation". They discovered how the Christmas story shares the message of God's love through the birth of Jesus. They were able to retell this important story using some wonderful adjectives.

As we move into this term, there is plenty to look forward to! A highlight will be our captivating animal workshop in March. We are also excited to start our new topic, "God's and My Wonderful World." The children will have opportunities to write diary entries from a first-person perspective and learn about inspirational figures who dedicate their lives to caring for the planet, such as Sir David Attenborough.



Reception and Year 1 Nativity- Mrs G Corsini and Mrs H Robbins



We were so proud of all the children who took part in the Reception and Year 1 Nativity, and we know that you will be immensely proud of them too! We feel that this feedback from a member of the Parish who watched our dress rehearsal summarised our thoughts perfectly:

Thank you so much for such a beautiful Nativity by Reception and Year 1 children last week. It was just glorious, so joyful and so moving. We felt very privileged to be there to share in such precious moments; thank you. The children are truly remarkable, everyone who took part (and there were many!) knew their part, delivered their lines with conviction and clarity; such enthusiasm and yet totally controlled and disciplined. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful school in our parish!

Year 2 – Mrs S. Bradshaw and Mrs J. Knowles: Heads of Year and Mrs R. O’Neill

During December, the children focused on the importance of preparing for Jesus’ arrival in Advent. We deepened our understanding of the Advent Wreath and used it to think about ways we were going to help others during this special time of preparation – helping around the house or donating food and toys to the charity shops. We were also extremely proud to watch the children shine during



all of our Nativity performances. The children were very excited to welcome their parents and grown-ups and they performed beautifully! We enjoyed our Christmas Lunch and loved wearing our carefully crafted crowns to the hall.



We hope you all have had a relaxing and peaceful Christmas with your families and we look forward to welcoming you back for an exciting 2025!

Year 2 & Year 3 – Nativity

Mrs S. Bradshaw and Mrs J. Knowles & Mrs C. Barrett:

The Year 2 and 3 Nativity can be described in just one word: fabulous! The children all played their parts with great enthusiasm and confidence. It was lovely to see many children coming out of their comfort zones in order to make the Nativity story come to life.



The enjoyment shone from the children, they sang beautifully and thoroughly enjoyed their time in the spotlight. I am sure that there were many proud parents and carers in the audience and certainly, their teachers could not have asked for more.



Year 3 finished off the term learning about the visitors that come to see Jesus in the stable and understood why the shepherds came before the Kings.

Year 4 – Miss H. Fail: Head of Year and Assistant Headteacher and the Year 4 team

Year 4 were delighted to be a part of the Advent Service and this was shown by their enthusiasm and commitment to learning their song. The whole year group behaved beautifully and sang joyfully throughout the Advent Service. We are very proud of them!

The children learnt about our journey through advent. They explored Gaudete Sunday, learning that at this time, we express our joy of anticipation at the approach Jesus' birth. We used our knowledge to design some advice for younger children to help them celebrate with us. Other highlights were writing an opening for 'A Christmas Carol' where children have been able to use their skills to set the scene of Charles Dicken's famous Christmas story.

Year 5 – Miss E. Roe: Head of Year and Assistant Headteacher and the Year 5 team

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to welcome the children back and hear about their celebrations with loved ones.

Looking ahead, we will conduct various investigations as part of our exploration into mixtures and solutions. In Maths, we will build upon previous learning within fractions and further deepen skills. We will also be securing our knowledge of multiplication and division and applying them when problem solving. English will see us combining our historical knowledge of the Tudors with new persuasive writing techniques. Lastly, we will be honing in on the children’s sculpting skills as part of Creative Arts Week.

Year 6 – Miss N Johnson: Head of Year

What a wonderful end to last term for Year 6! We are so incredibly proud of all the children for their hard work, dedication, and the sense of teamwork they have shown. The highlight of the term was undoubtedly our Advent Service, which was absolutely fantastic. The children’s singing was beautiful and it was lovely to hear their voices filling the church. It was especially heart-warming to see how flexible our children were, stepping in to fill roles at the last minute when others could not attend



due to illness. Their adaptability and support for one another showed them to be such excellent Year 6 role models.

In class, we have been working hard on non-chronological reports about mountains, where the children have demonstrated excellent research and writing skills. It has been amazing to see their passion for learning and their ability to create detailed, informative reports. Looking ahead, we are excited about the enrichment activities this term, including our WW2 Day and Art Week. These activities will offer fantastic opportunities for creativity, learning, and fun, and we cannot wait to see what the children will accomplish.

We look forward to another busy and rewarding term in Year 6!

Years 4, 5 and 6 Advent Service

It was with great enthusiasm that Years 4, 5 and 6 presented themselves at the Church on both Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December, ready for a very special celebration. The Advent Service is a wonderful time for the older children in the school, to showcase their wonderful talents and this year was no exception.



The theme of the service was Peace. The children shared their message through scripture readings of the nativity story and their amazing singing- showing us that Jesus, the bringer of peace, can support us and guide us. With the turmoil in the world at the moment, their message was made more poignant and showed us that peace is not an indulgence, peace is not easy. We are called to work at creating peace.

This year, we will look at how we can be the light of Jesus, spreading the message of God’s love and peace to others.

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Inclusion and Welfare

Mrs H. Robbins

Young Carers Hot Chocolate Mornings

I am really looking forward to our first Young Carer hot chocolate morning. This will take place in the inclusion room on Friday, 24th January, from 8:10-8:30am. If your child is a Young Carer, feel free to join us. There will also be some fun activities and games to take part in.



News from Woking Family Centre



Parent/Carer Well-being Group

Being a parent/carer can bring a range of emotions and challenges that can impact our mental health. Catalyst and Barnardo’s are running friendly, informal sessions for parents on Tuesday mornings.

Please call 01483 590150 or groups.cc@catalystsupport.org.uk

Illness and Attendance

Please remember that if your child is unwell, you must fill in the online form for every day of absence. It can be found [here](#) on our school website. It is important to explain the nature of your child’s illness on the form in order to safeguard other pupils and staff.

If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school and how long, the Department of Health has published guidance on [exclusion periods](#) for some common childhood illnesses.

Dunstan Bear

Mrs J. Waltham

Dunstan Bear was lucky enough to visit South Africa with one of our Year 4 families over Christmas. He saw many wild animals on safari and spent a lovely, hot, warm Christmas mainly by the pool!



He also took a trip to a famous statue of Nelson Mandela and understood the impact he had as a great leader for the country.



If you would like to take Dunstan Bear on a trip over the February half term, please write a letter to Mrs Morganti telling her what he will be doing and why you would like him to come with you by 12th February.

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Catholic Life and Mission

Mrs K. Willmott - Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator Retiring Collections



At our Reception and Year 1 and Years 2 and 3 Nativities, we collected money for the Cardinal Hume Centre. We want to extend a big thank you to all our families who donated money to this charity; together, we raised over £110. This will bless those children and young people who are facing poverty and homelessness in London. We want to thank you for your continued generosity.

At our Years 4, 5 & 6 Advent Service, we collected money to support those who are unable to fund the pilgrimage to Lourdes. Together, we managed to raise £130



We offer our grateful thanks for your very generous donations to these worthwhile charities.

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Children's Learning

Miss H. Fail and Miss E. Roe – Assistant Headteachers



Reminder: The Spring term information about your child's learning is now Available on our school website. We would like to draw your attention to the rationale, as this explains the overarching theme and purpose of the learning.

[St. Dunstan's Catholic Primary School - Year Group Learning Information](#)

Parent Workshops



A reminder of our upcoming talks:

Friday 24th January – 2.30pm – 3.00pm
Supporting struggling readers at home

Miss Fail will lead a talk about how to support fluency and comprehension difficulties in reading so that consistent strategies can be used between home and school.

Friday 31st January – 2.30pm – 3.00pm
Sayers Croft briefing for Year 4 parents

Miss Fail will lead a presentation about the upcoming residential visit to Sayers Croft and answer any general questions you may have about preparing your child.

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Clubs

Mr A. Coyle – Assistant Headteacher

Once again, it is fantastic to see the enthusiasm for both teacher led and externally led clubs. We wanted to remind you of the club dates for this term:

Spring Term 2024

Wk 1: 07/01/2025 – 10/01/2025
Wk 2: 13/01/2025 – 17/01/2025
Wk 3: 20/01/2025 – 24/01/2025
Wk 4: 27/01/2025 – 31/01/2025
Wk 5: 03/02/2025 – 07/02/2025
Wk 6: 10/02/2025 – 14/02/2025

Last week of teacher led clubs

Half Term (17th February to 21st February 2025)

Wk 7: 03/03/2025 - 07/03/2025 - all clubs start
Wk 8: 10/03/2025 - 14/03/2025
Wk 9: 17/03/2025 – 21/03/2025
Wk 10: 24/03/2025 - 28/03/2025 – **Teacher & External Led clubs finish**

***INSET DAY 06TH JANUARY 2025 (Make up session on Monday 31/03/2025)**

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Governors

Admissions to St. Dunstan's School Reception Classes in September 2025

AN URGENT REMINDER: the school Supplementary Information Form and accompanying documents must be completed and received by 15th January 2025, **even if you already have a child at this school.** If you have already submitted your supplementary information form to the St. Dunstan's Parish Priests, please also ensure that you submit the documents as listed below directly to the school (please do not post or email these):

Proof of Baptism/Christening (if appropriate)

Proof of your child's date of birth: passport or birth certificate

Proof of your current address (Council Tax Statement or Tenancy agreement)

The Supplementary Information Form is available to download via the [Admissions](#) page on the school website.

You will also need to complete a Surrey online application form by **15th January 2025** by visiting <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

Please contact the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on **0300 200 1004** for further details.



For any further queries, please get in touch with our Admissions Manager, Mrs E. Chamberlain. Either via the school office or echamberlain@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

Governor's Maintenance Fund Contributions 2024-2025 – Mr J. Dunne (Chair of Finance & Building committee)

Our annual letter regarding contributions for this academic year is due to be sent out via Schoolcomms. To assist you in making your contributions, we have a CAF account set up, which accepts online payments and collects Gift Aid on our behalf. <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18812>

You can set up regular or one-off payments and complete the necessary details for Gift Aid if you are a taxpayer. By completing the Gift Aid details, you will enable CAF to claim **an additional 25%** from the Government on each contribution. Using the CAF online system to donate will reduce the use of paper and admin time in the school office.

Those of you who currently have a standing order set up with your bank and are happy to continue with this contribution method do not need to make any changes. We can also accept payment by cheque- please get in touch with the school office for the appropriate forms.

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Houses

Mr A. Coyle – Assistant Headteacher

Over the past term, all of the children in Key Stage Two have been earning points for their house. The children earn these through classroom dojo points, PE competitions and house competitions. Last term, Years 3 – 6 took part in orienteering house competitions which are always exciting and allow the children to show their competitive nature.



Our house and vice-captains have also launched competitions throughout the term so the children can not only win personal prizes, but also points for their houses. Our first competition was a house logo design competition. We had some amazing entries and well done to the winners, whose designs will now be used throughout the year for their house.

Just before Christmas, we held our annual Christmas decoration competition. Again, the level of entries were so high it made judging the competition incredibly hard. It is lovely to see the effort and imagination that go in to these designs, our thanks to the parents for enabling the children to take part. Huge congratulations to our winners, it was lovely to see the pride shown as the winning decorations were hung on the tree.

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Information from Subject Leaders

Creative Arts Week – Mrs M. Weedon and Mrs K. Richmond



This year's Creative Arts Week is from Monday 27th - Friday 31st January. Our Creative Arts Week Exhibition is on Friday 7th February, which is a special day for the children. They will have a special 'picnic' lunch with their class and then have the opportunity to walk around the exhibition to see their own work on display and explore other classes' art skills.

This year's Creative Arts Week theme is Community: building a community, we want to live in. Through art, we want to celebrate how our communities can come together to help and show love and respect for one another. The children will explore the idea of patterns, shapes, textures and colours to produce a collaborative final product that will be shared with the local community.

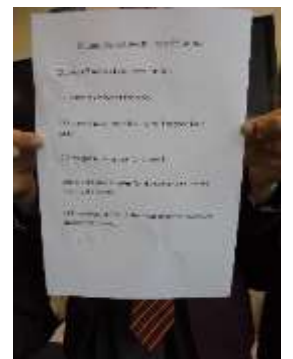
We look forward to inviting you to view the children's artwork at the exhibition on Friday 7th February from 2.45pm to 4.15pm.

Eco Committee – Mrs J. Knowles and Mrs C. Allen



Thank you so much to all the families who supported 'Cut your Carbon Month' in November. We have submitted our data to Eco Schools. We were so pleased with how many people got involved; thank you, and keep up the good work!

We are very excited to receive some wonderful homemade bird feeders in school, and by the time you read this, our winning feeders will be in our outdoor areas, attracting the birds!



Please do try to support 'The Big Garden Birdwatch' 24th-26th January – sign up [online](#).

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March 2025 - Miss L. Turner

We are delighted to announce that our next World Book Day will be a dress-up day for the whole school, and our theme will be 'Classic Children's Literature'.

This year's World Book Day theme celebrates classic children's literature for its rich language, enduring moral insights and timeless lessons. These treasured stories open gateways to the past while showing the present moment in a new light. If you would like to share a beloved classic from your country, we invite children to bring their copy to school to share with their class. This is a perfect opportunity to appreciate the diversity of stories from around the world.

Younger children may like to choose well-known characters from classic children's stories such as The Tiger Who Came to Tea, The Tale of Peter Rabbit and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Older children may take inspiration from classic stories, such as Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. As always, you can bring a prop or wear a single item of clothing to represent your chosen character.

Online Safety - Mr A. Coyle – Assistant Headteacher



What is Swiggle?

Swiggle is a search engine designed to provide a safer environment for kids taking their first steps on the road to safe online searching.

Powered by Google Custom Search, the results are filtered using Google Safe Search and educational resources prioritised. Swiggle also filters the search terms to check that the search engine is not being used to search for inappropriate content.



Designed for Children

A safe place to develop search skills before progressing on to more general online search engines.

Safe Search Technology

Developed with Google Safe Search technology, search results are education focussed and actively block inappropriate search queries.

Browse the Internet Safely

The browser extension provides a screen cover widget with a reporting tool, so you can block inappropriate content.

Pupil Voice – Mrs S. Zalaf

It has been lovely to see our elected pupil voice leaders sharing their class's voices and opinions this term. The children's views are always crucial in helping the staff plan and shape our school. The children all participate in meetings with excellent contributions and ideas.

This term, one of the topics we discussed was that of online safety. This information will now help the school to shape its approach to supporting children and their families feeling safe whilst using the internet. It has shown us the websites and platforms the children have access to and what areas we need to target when making sure our children gain the most from the internet. Part of the feedback will allow us to target areas in the upcoming internet safety talks with parents.

The other topic the children discussed was that of History and Geography. All information was fed back to Miss Johnson and Mrs Gentry, who lead on these topics. They will now be able to use this vital information to support the curriculum at St. Dunstan's

Safeguarding – Mrs G. Morganti



As a community, we all have a responsibility to look out for the welfare of all children. If you are concerned about the welfare of a child, you speak to one of the Deputy DSLs or use the link <https://forms.office.com/e/ZVuuKpJdxJ>






You can also make a direct call yourself to the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000** or the Surrey Children's Single Point of Access (C-SPA) on 0300 470 9100 Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm or out of hours in an emergency 01483 517898.

If a child is in immediate danger, you should call the Police.

If you, as an adult, feel at risk in your home or you are concerned about another adult, you may find the following information useful:

<p><u>Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board</u></p> <p>https://www.surreysab.org.uk/ Phone: 0300 470 9100 or out of hours 01483 517898 Text: 07527182861 Email: ascmarsh@surreycc.gov.uk</p>	<p><u>Your Sanctuary (for victims of Domestic Abuse)</u></p> <p>Your Sanctuary Helpline Telephone: 01483 776822 Email: info@yoursanctuary.co.uk http://www.yoursanctuary.org.uk</p>
<p><u>Mental Health for Adults</u></p> <p>Samaritans 116 123 Anxiety UK 03444 775 774 CALM 0800 585858 Papyrus 0800 068 4141 Crisis text line (Text SHOUT to 85258)</p>	

The Designated Safeguarding Team

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL's) are:				
				
<p>Lead DSL: Mrs G Morganti Headteacher</p>	<p>Deputy DSL: Mr A Coyle Assistant Headteacher</p>	<p>Deputy DSL: Mrs H Robbins Inclusion Leader</p>	<p>Deputy DSL: Miss H Hughes SENDCO</p>	<p>Deputy DSL: Mrs M O'Riordan Senior Office Assistant</p>

SEND: (Special Education Needs and Disabilities)

Miss H. Hughes - SENDCo

Sending warm wishes for the New Year. I hope you all had time to rest, enjoy the festive period and spend time with people you love.

Woking Family Centre are offering their online Parenting Puzzle. This **free** course is a tried and tested programme that can help and support you in dealing with the challenges of family life. It is designed to be informal and fun and is a great chance to connect with other parents. For more information or to register your interest, please email wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk.



RE: RED topic: Galilee to Jerusalem – Mrs R. O'Neill and Mrs K. Willmott - R.E. Team



EYFS, Years 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be using the new Religious Education Directory and will be following Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. The children will begin to learn about Jesus' ministry and his teachings through Gospel stories and parables. We will also learn about Jesus' disciples and how we are called to follow him and do his work.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Year 3

JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ

Year 4

COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of Churches.

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EYFS

We celebrate Jesus, God's Son, and His birth at Christmas, who came for everyone. His mission is to demonstrate God's love and to welcome all. The "Glory Be" prayer is our response to Jesus' arrival. We are called to emulate Jesus by showing love in our words and actions and by assisting the needy. We Show love to everyone, like Jesus.

Year 1

The focus of this branch is for pupils to develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that through Jesus' work, some people recognised him as the Son of God. They will follow Luke's accounts, meet Anna and Simeon, and recognise them as special people. They will continue to follow Jesus' journey as an ordinary little boy and then a man and begin to learn about his ministry and purpose.

Year 2

In this branch, pupils will deepen their knowledge about who Jesus is and understand how he teaches us about the nature of God through parables and miracles. Pupils will begin to understand the nature of water and why is it used in Baptism. They will also begin to deepen their understanding of sin and the importance of being sorry and saying sorry to God, knowing that he is always there to welcome us back.

Year 5

In this branch, pupils will follow the Gospel writers Matthew and Luke. They will be introduced to the beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount, and through the parable of the Good Samaritan, children will recognise how the law of Jesus is lived out. Pupils will continue on the journey with Matthew, where they learn about what happens at the transfiguration, where Jesus reveals his divine glory to his disciples for a moment and the origins and importance of the 'Our Father' prayer.

Year 6

Year Six will look at John's Gospel, understanding that God inspired the authors of Sacred Scripture, which we appreciate both literally and spiritually. Our church community, including the Parish priest and laity, pass on the teachings of Jesus through the sacraments. The seven sacraments, each serving as a meeting point with God, bring individuals closer to Him and the wider Church community. These sacraments, such as baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist, are visible signs of God's presence and action in the life of a Catholic.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about special places where we find Jesus.

- Tabernacle
- Word of God
- Through prayer and praise.
- When we light a candle and invite him to be with us.
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Allow the children to spend some time in silence, just being in the presence of Jesus.

Talk about your family's experience of the sacraments and share photographs. Talk about what we learn about Jesus when we share these.



Go out as a family and look for at light sources. A candlelight, lamp light, early morning light. Take time to contemplate how this makes you feel and why Jesus is called the 'light'.

As it is the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis would like us to be Pilgrims of Hope. CAFOD has many resources to help you and your child understand the meaning of Jubilee year and how we can go out into our communities and share God's love.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/jubilee-2025>

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Liturgy and Worship

Catholic Life and Mission Mrs R. O'Neill and Mrs K. Willmott - R.E. Team

Whole School Mass for the beginning of the Spring term.

Our opening Mass for the spring term, celebrating the start of a new year, will take place on Friday, 17th January, at 10am in the Church, led by Year 4. Years 2 to 6 will attend Mass.

Families are very welcome to join us at the Church for Mass.

Lower School will have their own 'start of the new term' liturgy in school.



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Parish Links

Parish Carol Service

Just before we broke up for the end of term, our Liturgical Choir participated in the Parish Carol Service on Sunday, 15th December. They sang "A Star Shone Bright", and two of our pupils also read in the service. Many thanks to the children for their beautiful singing and reading. Seeing so many families join the service was lovely, which helped everyone spiritually prepare in the last few days of Advent.

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Parent-Teacher meetings - Spring Term 2024

Mrs G. Morganti

The dates for the Spring Term Parent-Teacher meetings are **Wednesday, 26th February, and Thursday, 27th February**. The evenings will run as they did in the Autumn Term, starting at 3.45pm with the last appointment at 6.45pm. For children in Years R to 3, the meetings will take place in the classroom and for children in Years 4 to 6, the meetings will be in the school hall.

Please help the teachers keep to time; if you feel you need further time to discuss a query or concern, you can arrange this with the school office.

We hope to see the Year 6 pupils at the parent-teacher meetings. If you need to bring your other school children to your appointment, please be aware that there will not be staff to supervise them whilst you attend the meeting with the class teacher.

We will send a Schoolcomms message to all parents with the link to School Cloud and details of how to make your booking. The bookings will go live on **Wednesday, 5th February, and close on Wednesday, 12th February**.

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Parking and Traffic

A reminder: Please do not park, wait, or drop off on the yellow zig-zag lines during drop-off and pick-up times of the school day.


Please make this the term to park and stride and stay clear of Onslow Crescent.



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School Office

School Office: polite reminder please phone or email if possible

 Could we please ask that you telephone or email the school office with your messages/requests, if possible? The number of people coming into the main school office on a daily basis has increased significantly. Whilst we understand it may be more convenient for you to go into the office in person, we have to accommodate many requests which could be addressed via the Annual Calendar or by phone or email. Thank you for your understanding.

School Office - 01483 715190 or info@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs E. Chamberlain - echamberlain@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

*PA to the Headteacher
School Admissions
Clerk to the Governors*

Mrs M. O’Riordan - office@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

*School Lunches
Absences and changes to end of day collection of collection
Clubs*

Mrs N Hammond - trips@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

*School trips and visits
Bikeability*

Mrs N Hammond - wraparound@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

Wraparound Care (Early Birds breakfast club and Stay and Play after school club)

Mrs C. Hughes - office2@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

*Governors' Maintenance Fund
FoSD Liaison
Class Reps
Medical*

Ms A. Madden - office3@stdunstans.surrey.sch.uk

*Sporting Fixtures
Swimming (Summer Term)*

Wraparound Care – Years 3 to 6 – Mrs N. Hammond

If you have a child in Year 3 or above, you can apply for a place at Early Birds breakfast club and/or Stay and Play after School Club by completing a registration form via the link on the [school website](#).

We do currently have limited spaces in breakfast club on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings** and very limited space on **Monday and Friday afternoons** at our after school club.

A reminder that a half-term’s written notice should be provided if you wish to withdraw your child from a regular booking at breakfast or after school clubs.

PLEASE NOTE: At the beginning of each half term, parents will be able to log into their Scopay account and see the amount due for the current half term. As per our terms and conditions, fees are payable within **7 days** of the first day of term.

Lunch money for Spring Term 2024– Mrs M. O’Riordan

School dinner costs for Spring Term are as follows: first half term £81.20, full term £165.20. Please remember that, should you wish to change your child’s meal choice from hot to cold or vice versa, one week’s notice is required in writing. We have had a number of occasions when parents have changed without notification to the school office. Not only does this cause an administrative difficulty when numbers do not tally but also means that the school is liable for the cost of the food order.

Therefore, if you change your child from school dinners to packed lunches without notification you will be liable for outstanding monies due to Surrey County Council. The amount due will be up until the date change comes to the attention of the school office staff in writing.

PLEASE NOTE We no longer send invoices for School Lunches. At the beginning of each half term, parents will be able to log into their Scopay account and see the amount due for the current half term. Lunch monies are payable within **7 days** of the first day of term.

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Sport & PE

Sporting update – Mr A. Coyle

Year 4 Greenfield Football



On a lovely sunny, chilly afternoon, our Year 4 boys took part in a football six a side at Greenfield school.

The boys played amazingly well all afternoon. They won all three of their group matches and qualified for the semi-finals.

It was heartbreak for the boys though, narrowly missing out on a place in the final after losing a sudden death penalty shootout.

Well done to all the boys who took part though, it was a fantastic effort!



Year 5 football festival

On Friday 29th November, we hosted a football six a side for our Year 5 footballers. With other WASPs schools in attendance, we played a carousel of matches against all other teams.



The other schools in attendance were Beaufort, St. John's, Goldsworth, Hermitage and New Monument/Broadmere.

Both teams played tremendously well, winning, losing and drawing games. The passion and commitment never faded and everyone had a fantastic afternoon.

A special mention must go to our Year 6 boys who came out to referee the matches. They were calm, disciplined and very helpful, supporting every single team. True ambassadors for the school. Great job!

Year 4 HSA netball

On Monday 2nd December, some of our Year 4 netballers took part in the rearranged Halstead St. Andrews netball competition. Playing as a team for the first time, Mrs Wayte was blown away with how well they performed. Working hard to support each other, attacking, and defending as a unit the team finished runners up. Having a lovely tea of sausages and hot chocolate afterwards, was certainly the icing on the cake! We look forward to more netball events in the coming years.

Year 5 girls' county cup

Our Year 5 girls bowed out of the county cup at the quarterfinal stage on Tuesday 3rd December. Taking on a very strong and well-drilled St. George's team, the team were always competitive in an even game.

It was not until late in the second half that St. George's found a breakthrough, with the second goal coming courtesy of an unfortunate deflection of a St. Dunstan's defender.

Despite the result, the girls should be immensely proud of their performances and the team are fast developing.

Well done to all girls involved.

Year 6 boys' county cup

Our last fixture of the month took place on Friday 13th December when our Year 6 boys took on Manor Park School for a place in the quarterfinals of the county cup. On a pitch that was very wet and sticky



the boys found a great rhythm from the first whistle and settled well in to the game.

Scoring some amazing goals, the boys ran out 7-1 winners and now eagerly await other results to find out who our opponents in the next round will be.

Well done to all the boys and good luck in the next round!



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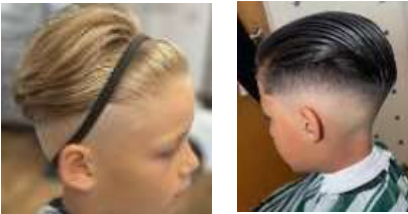
Uniform

Hair

Please can we remind parents that school uniform policy does not allow extremes of fashion hairstyles to be worn in school. This includes hair that is cut below a grade 2, very long fringes over hanging the eyes, tramlines, hair that is long on the top and very short around the sides.

Please keep these styles for holidays and keep any form of distraction away from school so we can concentrate on what is really important.

Hairstyles not appropriate for school



Hairstyles appropriate for school



A reminder that any hair, which is shoulder length or longer must be tied back at all times with plain burgundy, blue or black hair accessories. Thank you.

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Dates for your Diary



For your information: - a reminder that the term dates for 2024-2025 are available to view on the [school website](#)

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Friends of St. Dunstan's (FoSD)

FoSD committee

Dear Parents, Carers, and Friends of St. Dunstan's,



We hope you all had a great Christmas break. FOSD closed the year with a great event; the Winter Wonderland fair was full of enjoyment, delicious treats and our very own Santa's Grotto! Those who arrived early would have seen the grand opening by The Major of Woking Cllr Louise Morales and Mr Christopher Biggins.

We also thank all the class reps who created hampers for our Christmas raffle, resulting in 23 winners taking home one of our amazing hampers.

We are now excited for our spring activities. January starts with a Y3 Cake Sale, including a Happy School Bag and Preloved Uniform Sale.

The FOSD committee is pleased to welcome Mrs Crowe as the new Chair of FOSD. We are grateful that she has joined and look forward to great fundraising activities this year.

Don't forget about the monthly Jackpot for a chance to win a £50 prize each month. Interested?
Email: stdunstansschooljackpot@gmail.com.

Once again, thanks to everyone who stepped forward to volunteer with FOSD.

Sincerely, FOSD Committee



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