



Year 2 – school week beginning 01.12.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful long weekend. Year 2 started this week immersed in the Sprit of Christmas. We completed lots of fun, creative activities on Christmas Art Day and continue to practice our Christmas carols. At the Care home, residents thoroughly enjoyed our singing, and the message of Christmas Joy was shared with everyone there!

Wednesday 10th December – DT day – all resources will be provided by the school

Thursday 11th December- Sponsored Elf Run (see details below)

Tuesday 16th December at 2:30pm- 3:00pm- Christmas Liturgy

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas dinner day – Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper and hat with their school uniform.

Friday 19th December – Christmas Mass – 9:15am

Please see details below about the Christmas Art Competition and The Travelling Crib.

This week's homework update:

Maths homework will be set on Friday and due in the following week.

TTRS – Children should practice the times tables they are working on at home and will be quizzed weekly.

Spellings will be set on EdShed. Children will be quizzed on Friday.

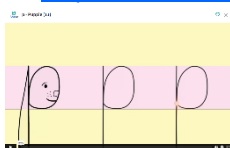
This week's spelling pattern: words ending in 'il'.

pencil, fossil, nostril, pupil, April, gerbil, lentil, evil, anvil, basil

Please look at this week's handwriting videos and practice the correct formation at home!



<http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/41q3Cyts/sj0wdSal>



Reading - As part of their homework, we ask that children read every day with an adult. If your child has a reading record (phonics), please record their daily reading. If your child is on **Master Reader**, they should complete one quiz on Accelerated Reader per week. The link can be found [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Bellapaisiotou

Mrs Murphy



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NATIVITY SCENE PAINTING COMPETITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 4-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:



- NATIVITY SCENE OF OUR LORD
- WRITE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE THAT BEST RELATES TO YOUR PAINTING
- THE COMPETITOR'S ENTRIES WILL BE OF THEIR OWN FREE HAND DRAWING AND COLOURING PRODUCTION.
- THE USE OF PRE-PREPARED TRACINGS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
- THE ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED SIZED EITHER A4 OR A3 ON PAPER OR CARD OF A QUALITY AND COLOUR OF CHOICE.
- THE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE CAN BE WRITTEN ON THE PAINTING, ON THE REVERSE OR ON ATTACHMENT.



AN ENTRY WILL ONLY COUNT IF **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING ARE PRESENTED CLEARLY: **CHILD'S NAME. AGE. DATE OF BIRTH. SCHOOL YEAR GROUP. NAME AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL. REMEMBER TO ALSO INCLUDE THE BIBLE VERSE!**

INFORMATION:

Submission Deadline

8th December 2025

FREE ENTRY

Prizes

Winner: £30

2nd place: £20

3rd place: £15



Children should bring their nativity scene to school by the deadline and we will organise a collection with Brother Brian McDermid.



December 2025

Dear parents and carers,

We would like to invite you to take part in our special project called 'The Travelling Crib'.

Each night one family from the class will play host to the 'Holy family' in the form of a nativity set. This is to help us remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem, and as a family take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.

The night you have the crib in your house we ask you set up the crib scene and switch on the candle. After that follow the script in the accompanying leaflet and take a few moments to be silent and reflect on what Christmas means to you. The enclosed prayer can then be said. The following morning the crib must be packed up and returned to school so that it can be passed on to the next family.

As you can imagine, with so many children to get through, it is imperative that the crib is returned safely the following day.

The cribs will be sent out to three children at a time, starting on 3rd December, so please keep an eye out.

May God bless you and your family.

Deb Walker

Catholic Life and Mission

1. Mary and Joseph

Mary and Joseph, don't be afraid,
God's chosen you for the plan that he's
made,
He knows what to do, he'll look after you,
Mary and Joseph, don't, don't be afraid.

**2. Bethlehem is Barmy
Tonight!**

Bethlehem's gone bonkers,
Bethlehem's gone mad,
Everywhere is busy and the queues are really
bad,
Tons and tons of people,
It's a crazy sight!
Bethlehem is barmy tonight!

It's busy, busy, busy,
There's something in the air.
It's busy, busy, busy,
It's chaos everywhere.

3. Hello Shepherds

Hello, hello shepherds!
Hello, don't be afraid!
Hello, hello shepherds!
We've got some special news to tell you all
today.

And it's GOOD it's GREAT,
It's news that cannot wait,
God has sent his son.
It's GOOD it's GREAT,
It's news that cannot wait,
He's been born for everyone!

**4. Tell Me A Story Shining
Star**

Tell me a story, shining star,
Tell me where you've been,
Travelling both near and far,
Places that you've seen.

Sing me a song oh winter star,
Sing it loud and true,

Lullaby my listening ear,
Then I'll sing to you!

5. Follow That Star!

Follow that star,
From wherever you are.
Follow that star,
From wherever you.
It burns like an ember,
It's the heart of December,
So follow that star!

Follow that light,
Let it lead through the night.
Follow that light,
Let it lead through the night.
It shines like a beacon,
To the faith that you're keeping,
So follow that light.

It burns like an ember,
It's the heart of December,
It shines like a beacon,
To the faith that you're keeping,
So follow that star,
Follow that star,
Follow that star,
Follow that star,
Follow that star.

6. We Wanna Shout

We wanna shout about this baby,
We wanna tell the world His name,
We wanna celebrate this Christmas time,
The things we've heard today.

Bring praises to Jesus,
Clap your hands for him (*clap, clap, clap*)
Bring praises to Jesus,
Stamp your feet and sing (*stamp, stamp, stamp*).

7. Away in A Manger

Away in a manger,
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky

Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my side,
'Til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus,
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there

8. Jingle Bells!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh,
Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a one horse open sleigh.

Dashing through the snow,
On a one-horse open sleigh
O'er fields we go,
Laughing all the way (ha! Ha! Ha!)
Bells on bob tail ring,
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing our sleighing song tonight! Oh!

9. Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

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You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and vixen
Comet and Cupid, Donner and Blitzen
But do you recall the most famous reindeer of all...

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose.
And if you ever saw him,
you would even say it glows.
All of the other reindeer
used to laugh and call him names.
They never let poor Rudolph
join in any reindeer games.

Then one foggy Christmas Eve
Santa came to say:
"Rudolph with your nose so bright,
won't you guide my sleigh tonight?"
Then all the reindeer loved him
as they shouted out with glee,
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer,
you'll go down in history!

10. Mince Pies

PART 1:

Mince pies, mince pies, I'm making mince pies,
I'm getting in a mess, but I couldn't care less,
Because I'm having a lovely time.

PART 2:

Pour in the brandy, pour it in,
Pour in the brandy, pour it in,
Pour in the brandy, pour it in,
Pour it in.

PART 3:

Sprinkle in some raisons, sprinkle in some raisons,
Sprinkle in some raisons, sprinkle in some raisons,
Sprinkle in some raisons, sprinkle in some raisons,
Sprinkle in some, sprinkle in some raisons.

11. We Wish You A Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding;

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding and a cup of good cheer

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some;
We won't go until we get some, so bring some out here.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas;
We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
Good tidings for Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Date: Wednesday 3rd December till Monday 8th December
Pope Francis Hall
3.15pm

Scan the QR code to pay online!

This Christmas the school is taking part in a sponsored **Christmas Run** to raise vital funds to support **Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care** ...because every day is precious

As the Christmas season draws near, our school is embracing the spirit of giving and your child will be taking part in a sponsored run – a fun, festive event to support the incredible work of Phyllis Tuckwell. Phyllis Tuckwell provides vital palliative and end of life care to patients, their families and carers across our community. This sponsored run is a moment where the children can come together, dressed in festive cheer, to make a real difference to those approaching the end of life.

Your child will be given either a set of reindeer antlers or an elf hat to wear on the day of their run, which they can then take home with them.

They have also been given a sponsorship envelope to take home to try and raise as much money as possible for Phyllis Tuckwell before their run. We know this time of year can be busy and budgets can be tight, but even the smallest donation can have a big impact. Your support helps fund nurses, counsellors, therapists and doctors who support families when they really need it.

Please use the sponsorship envelope that your child has been given to make a cash/cheque donation or you can visit phyllistuckwellhospicecare.enthouse.com/christmasruns or scan the QR code on the envelope to donate online.

The NHS/Government only cover about 25% of costs for Phyllis Tuckwell, which means they have to raise over £25,000 a day to be able to offer all of their services, free of charge, to patients, their families and carers. Your donations will mean that they can continue to be there when needed the most.

Clifton Ingram Solicitors (incorporating Bell's Solicitors) are the sponsor for the Phyllis Tuckwell Christmas Runs this year. As a local law firm, Clifton Ingram is dedicated to supporting the local community. In addition to their sponsorship, they've also supplied fun colouring sheets for the children to take home, with the chance to enter a prize draw to win a Nintendo Switch!

Return the colouring sheet along with the sponsorship envelope on the day of the run.

Thank you for your support!

£10 could pay for two days' worth of aromatherapy oils, bringing comfort and relief to patients worn down by the effects of radiotherapy and chemotherapy.