



Coming Up

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Tuesday 3rd Jan	Back to school	Flute lessons
	Swimming Y1	
Wednesday 4th Jan	Drum lessons	Y1-6 Multiskills club 3.15-4.15pm
Thursday 5th Jan	Guitar lessons—TBC	Y6 Forest School
	3.15-4.15pm Gymnastics trials	Boccia—Selected children
Friday 6th Jan	9.15am Epiphany Liturgy	

Notices

• Warm Space

Due to the rising costs of energy, Churches Together in Rutland are offering Warm Spaces where people can keep warm if they are struggling. St Joseph's is offering a warm space on Mondays between 2-5pm.

• Back to School

We are back in school on Tuesday 3rd January.

• Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for their kind Christmas gifts, messages and cards for staff.

• Social Media

Make sure you follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter! Click on the icons below for our accounts.



A Wiggly Nativity

A huge congratulations to Y1&2 for their amazing performances in this year's Wiggly Nativity! It was fantastic to be able to put on a performance again and they did an incredible job learning all the lines, songs and dances!



Mass in School

Thank you to Canon Peter who lead our Christmas mass in school this morning. Thank you to the children who read and to everyone who attended.





Message from Mrs Chambers



Thank you for all your support as parents/carers during our advent terms. The children have all been amazing, using their virtues to shine brightly, and inspire us in so many ways. The run up to Christmas has been busy but exciting, and I just wanted to reflect on all that has happened.

During the advent period it has been wonderful to engage with the other schools for the first time in our new trust through the Menphys concert at the De Montfort Hall. Children in early years thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas extravaganza with families, and the KS1 children performed their nativity so confidently and with so much enjoyment. KS2 children sang beautifully for the carol concert and many of our children also showed their singing skills at the town's late night shopping event. We invited in members of the parish for a Christmas celebration which was really well received, and we have delivered gifts to the elderly at Crown House and Rutland Care Village. We have also collected much needed items for the local foodbank which will also be delivered. All of our children loved the Christmas afternoon planned for them by FEM, and it was great to see how the children worked together supporting one another in their houses.

Today we finish the term with our Christmas Mass, and look forward to the New Year and term ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy, love filled Christmas time where you can enjoy much needed time with one another and extended families. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday January 3rd.

Mrs Chambers.



Birthdays



Happy Birthday to all the children who have celebrated their birthdays recently and who will celebrate over the holidays.

Y1—Luke D, Abigail, Mia-Rose

Y2—Mabel, **Y3**—Harry, Adam

Y4—Elizabeth, **Y6**—Phoebe

Christmas Carols at Late Night Shopping!

Some of our KS2 children got everyone in the Christmas spirit at Oakham Late night shopping by singing some Christmas carols! Well done everyone! Thank you to Rob Persani for his help with the music!



KS2 Carol Concert

Thank you to everyone who came to the KS2 Carol Concert at St Joseph's on Thursday. It was wonderful to be able to do it again after a two year absence. The children sang beautifully.





Parishioner Party!

On Tuesday afternoon we welcomed parishioners into school for a Christmas party! They enjoyed performances from our Menphys Choir and songs from the Y1&2 Nativity. They decorated gingerbread men with the children and enjoyed a mince pie with a cup of tea! They were also presented with a gift from our reverse advent calendar.



Y2 go to Elf School!

Miss Humphrey's class spent the day in Elf School on Wednesday! They started off with elf training— learning to roll snowballs, dodge them, pass presents and feed the reindeer! Once they had passed their training they got to work, wrapping and loading presents, making reindeer food and Christmas cards. They worked really hard to help Father Christmas while his elves are poorly! Well done everyone!



Christmas Lunch!

Thank you to Mr Tinkler and Mrs McConnell for our delicious Christmas lunch! The staff served the lunch to the children and they enjoyed listening to Christmas songs while they ate!



Guitar Assembly

The children were treated to some amazing performances from our guitarists on Thursday at the Christmas guitar assembly. The children enjoyed singing along to some well known songs! Well done everyone and thank you to Mr Joyce for his support.



Fruit Kebabs in After School Club

The children had fun constructing and eating fruit kebabs in after school club recently! They also made some fantastic peg snowman decorations!



FEM News

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Elfnoon and Hamper raffle. The total amount raised was:



£790!



Prayer of the week

We think of people feeling lonely at this time of the year.

Help us not to be selfish at Christmas, but to spare a thought for others.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Presents for Care Home Residents

Your generous gifts for the care home residents were delivered today to Crown House and Rutland Care Village. Thank you for helping spread some Christmas cheer!



St Joseph's Church

Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#).

