

Local Parish Mass Times	St Peter's	English Martyrs	St Augustine's
Saturday	6pm		6.30pm
Sunday	9am 10.30am 5.30pm	9am	11am

### **CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

The table below details what your child will be learning from Monday

Year Group	Maths	English	Science
Reception	Length	Writing all document sounds in longer words	Features of Winter
Y1	Immersion Week for the new topic 'The Big Freeze'		
Y2	Multiplication & Division	The Egg Box Dragon	Animals including Humans
Y3	Topic Immersion and Animals including Humans		
Y4	Multiplication	Stories from other cultures	Forces
Y5	Solving number problems	Poetry	"Stargazers"
Y6	Area and Perimeter	Poetry	Evolution and Inheritance

*Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year*



### **The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

On Sunday, the priest will light the fourth candle, the 'CANDLE OF LOVE' which symbolizes Christ's love for us. The lighting of this last purple candle also reminds us that our preparation for Christmas is almost finished. Today we remember Mary's great act of selflessness and devotion to God. We thank her for becoming the mother of Jesus and for sharing her Son with the world. The final candle on the advent wreath (the white one) will be lit on **Christmas day** – this candle celebrates Jesus as the light of the world – when we rejoice at the birth of our Lord and Saviour. We give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus.

### **Advent Mass**

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Mass this morning. It was a joyful celebration. The children sang and read beautifully and Anya's trumpet playing was amazing. We finished Mass with a lovely presentation to Fr. Liam of cards from each class and a bottle of something 'smooth' from the staff. On behalf of all the staff and Governors we wish you a very happy, holy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. Enjoy the family time together!

### **GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOYS' CHOIR (Y5, Y6, Y7 & Y8)**

Gloucestershire Boys' Choir will be starting on Sunday 20th January 2019 with a FREE TASTER SESSION from 2.15pm-4.30pm at Christ Church, Cheltenham. This will be led by Ben Sawyer, co-director of Gloucestershire Youth Choir, conductor and vocal tutor to the choristers of Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum. All you need is a love of singing and an ability to carry a melody. Interested? Then watch this promotional video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4HwwcQs-5R0&t=9s>. Interested parents can get more information from Ben's website: [www.bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir](http://www.bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir). The aim of the choir is for the boys to sing a wide range of music from different styles and genres. Following the free taster session, rehearsals will be around every six weeks.

### **TWO STAFF VACANCIES IN SCHOOL**

There are two vacancies available - one for a Cleaner and one for a Play Team Member (formerly Midday Supervisor). Please see the school website for further details and application form.



### **ADMISSION TO RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2019**

If you have a child due to start reception class in September 2019, you should have already received a letter from Gloucestershire Local Authority explaining how to make your application. If your child is baptised Catholic please submit a copy of your child's certificate. If you have any queries about this process, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Gina Harris at the school, by phone or email. The closing date for applications and the baptism certificate is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.



### **ATTENDANCE FIGURES FOR THIS WEEK**

Please find below the attendance figures for your child's class – how did they do this week?

RJB	98.3%
RAE	87.7%
1LD	96.0%
1AH	94.6%
2SP	95.3%
2VM	95.0%
3KM	91.7%
3RM	95.0%
4SD	97.7%
4EI	97.0%
5HC	98.0%
5MD	98.4%
6CJ	90.0%
6YW	95.3%



### **CORE VALUES**

As part of learning about democracy and how to vote, children in years one to six voted for the core value they wanted to be in focus next term. The results are: Courage – 104, Wisdom – 88, Perseverance – 85 and Service - 52. There were 11 spoilt ballot papers.

Therefore, our Core Value next term will be COURAGE – we shine when we show courage. Courage and bravery are ideas we often hear about, but they are usually linked to some dramatic act of heroism. It is much rarer that courage and bravery are related to the ordinary life experiences of ordinary people – and even rarer the ordinary experiences of children. Next term we will help the children to recognise that true courage is not only heroic acts in extremely unusual situations but may be the simple fact of surviving through difficult circumstances each and every day or facing the challenges and opportunities that each new day brings with determination, hope, optimism and bravery.



### **GOOD TO BE GREEN (GTBG) BEHAVIOUR SYSTEM**

At the end of our second term in school 320 (89%) children in Years 1 to 6 were awarded an orange postcard. Children in RJB and RAE will join the reward system in January. A letter will go out to parents of children in RJB and RAE once the behaviour system has been introduced to the children.



## HOUSE POINTS (to 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018)

Congratulations to Wind for winning the weekly cup and accumulating the highest number of house points over the Autumn terms.

Weekly Totals		Cumulative Totals	
Wind	156	Wind	2436
Water	142	Earth	2387
Fire	118	Fire	2208
Earth	104	Water	1938



## DINNER MENU – w/c 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Quorn Chilli & Rice	Jacket Potato with Beans
Tuesday	Chicken Curry & Rice	Macaroni Cheese	Jacket Potato with Cheese
Wednesday	Roast Pork	Quorn Roast	Jacket Potato with Tuna
Thursday	Beef Lasagne	Vegetable Sausage & Mash	Jacket Potato with Beans
Friday	Fish Fingers	Cheese & Tomato Quiche	Jacket Potato with Cheese



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School	Start of the New Term	8.40am for 8.55am
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y4	Living Rainforest Trip	8.10am returning by 3.15pm
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Y3	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1	Bristol Zoo Trip	8.30am returning by 3.10pm
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Parents' Evening	3.30pm – 6.00pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day		
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term Break		
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Start of the new term	8.40am for 8.55am
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Whole School	St David's Day	Wear yellow accessory
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	Life Education Bus	During the school day
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1	Class Assembly	9.15am and 2.30pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	St Patrick's Day	Wear a Green accessory
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Whole School	Palm Sunday Service	9.05am All welcome
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	Maundy Thursday Service	
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	Good Friday Stations	9.15am
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Finish at 1.00pm		

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