



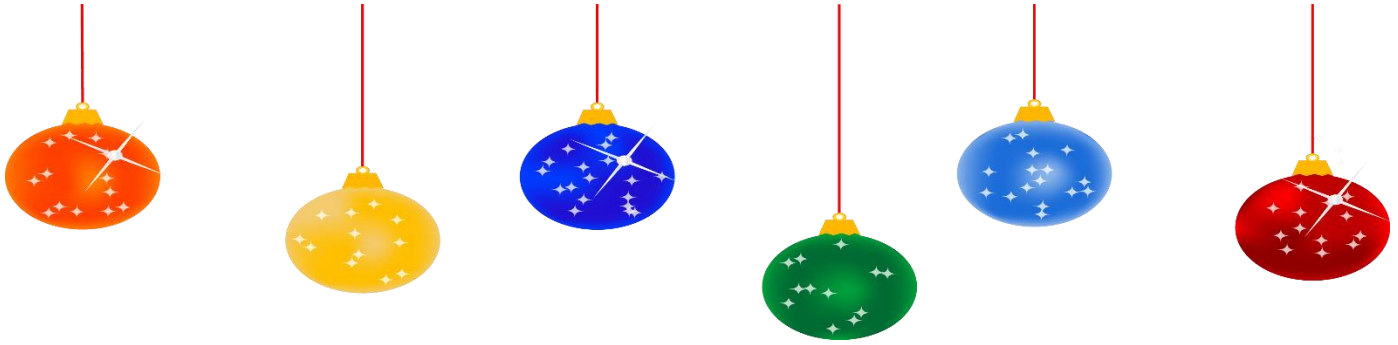
"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women." – Pope Francis

On Monday we celebrated our Advent mass with Father Leo and he blessed our school wreath. This weekend will be the second Sunday of Advent and the second purple candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. This candle represents Peace and is also known as the Bethlehem Candle; it reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem

Early years and KS1 Theatre trip- The Snowsmith

Monday 9th Dec

Please send your child in normal school uniform for Monday's trip



CHRISTMAS 2024

Monday 9th December – Key stage 1 theatre trip to Gulbenkian for “The Snowsmith”

Children will be travelling via coach. They will be collected at 9.30am from school and will return to school by 12pm, they will have lunch as normal.

Wednesday 11th December – Dolphin and Popokotea Nativity

There will be two performances on Wednesday 11th Dec, 9.30am and 2pm. Due to risk assessment and hall capacity, there will be a maximum of 3 people per family that can attend. We also advise that each person views only one performance. If you have attended in the morning, please do not then attend again the afternoon.

Email the office to book your tickets; office@st-josephs-aylesham.kcsp.org.uk

Thursday 12th December at 2pm– Sun bear’s Christmas showcase

Early years Christmas Showcase performance. Parent’s invited into school at 2pm.

Friday 13th December at 2pm – come and see learning/stay and play

Parents are invited in to school at 2pm. Years 1 – Year 6 will be “come and see learning”. Sun bear’s will be “stay and play”.

Monday 16th December at 2.30pm – i-Rock concert

Parents of i-Rock performers invited in to school at 2.30pm for concert.

Tuesday 17th December at 2.30pm – Class medal winner’s assembly

Class medal winner parents/families will be notified and invited into assembly at 2.30pm

Wednesday 18th December – Whole school Christmas dinner/Christmas jumper day

Christmas jumper day! Children may wear a Christmas jumper over their normal uniform. £1 donation towards “Save The Children”. Taking place at normal lunchtime hours, children will be having a special Christmas dinner. Filled with Christmas music and festive cheer!

Thursday 19th December – afternoon – Christmas Class Parties

All children will have parties after lunch within their classrooms.

Class part food lists will be available with teachers nearer the time.

Children may wear party clothes to school for the day.

Friday 20th December at 9.30am – Christmas Mass in school

Parents/families are invited to school for Christmas Mass at 9.30am in the hall.

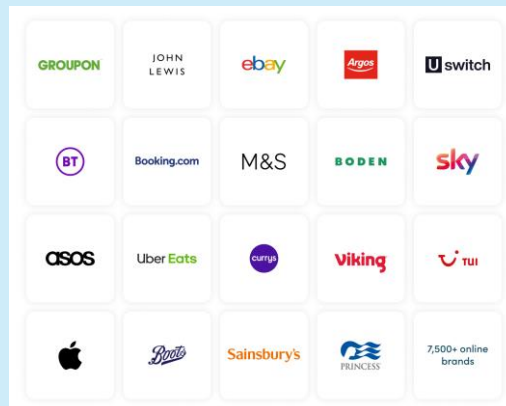
SCHOOL WILL FINISH AT 1.30PM ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER. Please ensure arrangements are made for early collection.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?!

It's not always easy to ask for donations these days, so we've started using easyfundraising!

It means you can help us reach our target really easily – simply shop with any of over 7,000 online brands including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S, and when you make a purchase, the brand will send us a free donation at no extra cost you. It's as simple as that!

Please visit our new easyfundraising page at <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>



Christmas Fair

Many thanks to Mrs Lloyd-Yates for organising our successful Christmas Fair. Congratulations to all our prize winners and many thanks to all those who supported with prizes, it is much appreciated.

Sports Club

Just a reminder that if your child is attending sports club on a Thursday morning, they need to arrive promptly at 8.15 and their parent/carer needs to ensure that they have registered with Ellen.

Social Media Workshop

Our local PCSO visited Penguin Class this week to support the children with their understanding of social media and how to stay safe online.



Christmas Post

There is a post box outside Popokotea Class for children to post cards for their friends. Please ensure that cards are marked clearly with the child's name and class; unfortunately we are unable to give out class lists of names.

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This gives all families as much opportunity for extended members to view this year's Nativity.

As always we appreciate your understanding and co-operation.

We hope you all enjoy!

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