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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

Dear All,

Thank you all for your support and hard work this term, it has been a very long second half! The children have been amazing and this week has been filled with a lot of laughter and fun.

Many thanks to the 'Friends of St Joseph's' PTA who came in to deliver Christmas gifts to all the children and set tables for their Christmas dinner. We were all quite emotional watching the children's faces as they came into the hall and then into their classrooms. What a fabulous surprise!

I am looking forward to the next term and all the joy that teaching and learning brings and wish you all a very peaceful Christmas with family and friends.

Stay Safe and Christmas Wishes

Mrs Dedman

## Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
08.01.24	Children Return to school
08.01.24	Epiphany Mass at School 2pm
10.01.24	M & M Productions in school - Robin Hood
11.01.24	Heights & Weights
16.01.24	Year 6 at St Paul's
19.01.24	Y2 Lunch with Adults

## Advent Prayer

God of all, you sent the angel Gabriel as your messenger to Mary. Help us to be your messengers in the world today. Amen.



In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendant of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!"

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel's message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, "Don't be afraid, Mary; God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the king of the descendants of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end!"

Mary said to the angel, "I am a virgin. How, then, can this be?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and God's power will rest upon you. For this reason the holy child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing that God cannot do."

"I am the Lord's servant," said Mary; "may it happen to me as you have said." And the angel left her.

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/children-s-liturgy>

## Staying Safe in the Holidays

### What to do if you are concerned about a child

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. Child protection means protecting children from physical, emotional or sexual abuse or neglect. It also means helping children to grow up into confident, healthy and happy adults. If you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a child in Leicester city, then please contact Leicester City Council or the Police, on the following telephone numbers.

**If you are concerned about the safety and welfare of a child in Leicester, please contact us by calling 0116 454 1004 (24-hour service) or the police on 0116 222 2222**

## Online Safety

**Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES**

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them well. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's your rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

**IPHONE**  
If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the Settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can establish and implement settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

**ANDROID**  
With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, search 'Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify which apps they can use, restrict their apps, block profane content and more.

**PLAYSTATION**  
You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unboxed... At any account being done, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make an exception to allow games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

**IPAD**  
iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate on other devices, the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young users can only use the app that's currently open.

**XBOX**  
The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's parental controls are on, your child can't alter your choices later. For Xbox, there's the option to restrict or set up, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

**NINTENDO SWITCH**  
Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide when they can be permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

**WINDOWS 11 PCs**  
On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account on the internet. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and other users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the web) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

**CHROMEBOOKS**  
Chromebook's parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike on desktop devices, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can remember what they're up to via Family Link.

**MACS**  
Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the first step is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account. Then, while on that position, use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, single and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

**SMART TVS**  
Smart TVs typically have their own in-built parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on that, you can control the content available to your child in the settings menu, under Restrictions; you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even BBC's iPlayer, however, some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

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# Attendance at St Joseph's

Class	Class attendance YTD
Mrs Bailey	93.2
Mrs Abel	94.7
Mr Crewe	94.8
Mrs Spencer	93.3
Mr Challoner	95.4
Mrs Darby	93.1
Mrs Stack	95.2
Mrs Murray	96.7
Whole School (This year so far)	93.9
National Average YTD (Year to Date)	94.4

## Persistent Absence at St Joseph's

A persistent absent student is defined as a student who has 10% or more absence and who is aged between 5-15 years old.

At Present there are currently **18.8%** of children at school who are classed as Persistently absent. This equates to **40** children out of 213. This is above the National Average.

To find out what your child's attendance is - Please have a look at your Arbor App or ask in the school office.



The Tables below show where we have more persistent absence in comparison to National Data. The areas that are below National Data are still too high. Please let us know if we can help you to reduce our attendance concerns.

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