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GOSPEL READING

First Sunday of Advent - Year A

Luke 24 : 37 - 44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood, people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept it all away.

'It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields, one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house.

'Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY + CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY WEDNESDAY 14th DECEMBER

Please remember to order your child's Christmas Dinner online as soon as possible!



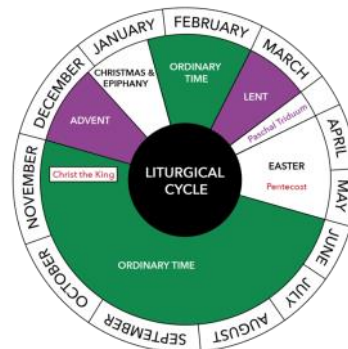
Got old Christmas Jumpers you no longer need?

Mrs Masterson is organising a Christmas Jumper collection - donated jumpers will be resold for £2. to raise funds for a new Community Larder

(Please bear in mind that Mrs Masterson is in Wales next week if you are sending in donations)

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent, and also the first Sunday of the new liturgical cycle. There are 3 years within the cycle, each with a different primary gospel. In Year C, which we have just finished, this was the gospel of Luke. In Year A, which we are just starting, most of the gospel readings will come from the gospel of Matthew.



On Wednesday Fr Gaston joined us to celebrate Mass in school. Huge congratulations go to Kornelia and Haris who have joined the team of children responsible for taking on the important ministry of reading at Mass.

Wednesday evening saw the long-awaited return of our in-person Pyjama Night storytelling evening for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1. It was a fabulous evening - thank you to everyone who came, and a special thank you to Miss Amin and the EY/KS1 staff for making it possible!



Thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fair this week. We know that lots of people wanted to get home as quickly as possible on Thursday because of the heavy rain, so we are hoping to open it on Monday evening as well to make up for the "lost" day.

Miss Simpson is due to start her maternity leave early next term. Following interviews earlier this term, we are delighted to announce that Mrs Stephanie Hallifax, an experienced Year 2 teacher, will be joining the Year 2 team in January.

Please keep our Year 6 children in your prayers as they head off to Rhos Y Gwaliau on Sunday. We know they will have a fabulous time and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return on Friday.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome Brian Grady, Director of Education at Brighter Futures for Children to our school this afternoon. He really enjoyed meeting children and staff from Nursery to Year 6, and was very impressed by their confidence, enthusiasm and courtesy.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Doberska - Headteacher

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DIARY DATES

Sun 27 Nov	Yr 6 to Rhos Y Gwaliau
Weds 30 Nov	<i>St Andrew's Day - Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers + Rainbows may wear group uniforms to school</i>
Fri 2 Dec	Yr 6 return from Rhos Y Gwaliau
Weds 7 Dec	EYFS Roe Red Tie Ceremony 9.00am
Thurs 8 Dec	EYFS Gwyn Red Tie Ceremony 9.00am Parents/carers welcome to attend these
Tues 13 Dec	Year 2 Nativity afternoon performance
Weds 14 Dec	Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumpers Year 2 Nativity evening performance
Thurs 15 Dec	Year 1 Carol concert (2.30pm)
Fri 16 Dec (2.30pm)	Nursery + Reception Carol Concert
Tues 20 Dec	End of Term 2
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Wednesday 21 Dec - Tuesday 3 Jan	
Weds 4 Jan	Start of Term 3
Fri 6 JAN	INSET DAY - school CLOSED to pupils

REMINDER CHANGE OF INSET DAY

The INSET (In-Service Training) Day
originally scheduled for

WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY

will now take place on

FRIDAY 6TH JANUARY

School will **RE-OPEN** after the Christmas Holiday on
Wednesday 4th January
(rather than Thursday 5th January)

School will be **CLOSED** on Friday 6th January.



Led by Miss Brookes + Mrs Pattle

Assisted by Aidan, Isabella, Megan + Natalia

Merit + Courtesy Awards

Year 1 Rigby: Jessica K (merit) + Ben (courtesy)
Year 1 Ward: Lily (merit) + Melina (courtesy)
Year 2 Barlow: Amelia (merit) + Jesse and Mykyta (courtesy)
Year 2 Lawrence: Natan (merit) + Sisi (courtesy)
Year 3 Morse: Miriam (merit) + Thenul (courtesy)
Year 3 Sherwin: Marcel (merit) + Daniel (courtesy)
Year 4 Almond: Mia (merit) + Jeffrey (courtesy)
Year 4 Arrowsmith: Leo (merit) + Stephanie (courtesy)
Year 5 Line: Blanka (merit) + Vanessa (courtesy)
Year 5 Mayne: Maria (merit) + Noah (courtesy)
Year 6 Evans: Holly (merit) + Jayden (courtesy)
Year 6 Stone: Tommy (merit) + Megan (courtesy)

Head's Award - Daniella, Isabella, Megan + Tamar (Year 6)

Deputy Head's Award - Veronika, (Year 4)

TA Award - Kornelia + Haris (Mass Readers Team)

Golden Broom (tidiest classroom) - Year 1 Rigby

HOUSE POINTS



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Mass Times

SATURDAY : 6.00pm (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY : 9.00am
: 11.30am
: 5.00pm

MON-FRI : 9.30am
(10am Bank Holidays)

SATURDAY : 10.00am



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CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT



In aid of Alexander Devine
Children's hospice

Date: 10th December 2022

Time: 7pm

Location: English Martyrs church hall,
Liebenrood Road, Reading, RG30 2EB

Ticket price: £10 (Includes snacks and coffees)
Raffle draws



Use QR code to pay or call
07586 670 203 to buy tickets
in advance, or you can pay on
the day at the Hall

Reading Football Club's 2nd School and Grassroots Fixture of 2022-23!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 2nd School and Grassroots fixture of 2022-23!



When?

Reading vs Coventry City
Saturday 10th December, 3pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium



How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 2nd schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#EnglishMartyrsCatholicPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.

We hope to see you all on Saturday 10th December!

Come on URRRZZZ!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Collins

Head of Ticketing
Reading Football Club