

# ST. DOMINIC'S Gazette



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Our **SEAL**  
word of the week  
commencing  
9th December  
is  
Solution.



### Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 96%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 98%.

Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8985 0995 (option 1) to report their absence. Please do this before 9:00am on each day of absence.



### After School Club

Please note that there will be **NO** after school club next **FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**.

Please ensure that your child is collected on time at 3.30pm



### School Council Elections

Last Friday, as part of U.K. Parliament Week, we held our School Council elections. We are very pleased to announce the elected members below.

Class	Elected Members
1A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ava</li> <li>Jayden</li> </ul>
1B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinonso</li> <li>Saimon</li> </ul>
2A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chidera</li> <li>Victoria</li> </ul>
2B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Isla</li> <li>Patience</li> </ul>
3A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angelica</li> <li>Nuala</li> </ul>
3B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annabel</li> <li>Jo-ann</li> </ul>
4A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bradley</li> <li>Edrea</li> </ul>
4B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seedorf</li> <li>Azael</li> </ul>
5A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zion</li> <li>Kelly</li> </ul>
5B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rachel</li> <li>Khayden</li> </ul>
6A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Betsy</li> <li>David</li> </ul>
6B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ryan</li> <li>Odayle</li> </ul>

The School Council will have an important role to play in promoting democracy and representing the interests and views of all pupils in the school. We are looking forward to working together to hear their ideas, opinions and suggestions.



### Christmas Raffle

Tickets for our Christmas raffle are now on sale at the cost of £1.00 per strip.

Be sure to come along to our school office to purchase your raffle tickets. You've got to be in it to win it!



### Nativity and Carol Service

Our KS1 Nativity performance will take place on **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.30pm in the KS1 hall.

For KS2, we will be holding a carol service on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** at 2.30pm in the Immaculate Heart of St. Mary and St. Dominic's.

All parents and families are warmly invited to join us on both occasions as we celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into the world.



### Carol Service

The year 7 pupils from Cardinal Pole school will be holding a Carol Service in the Immaculate Heart of St. Mary and St. Dominic Church

on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 4.30pm.

Parents and carers are welcome to attend the event to celebrate Christmas and the joy of the season.



## Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December we are inviting all children to donate £1.00 so that they can come to school in their Christmas jumpers. If you prefer, you could decorate any jumper you have with baubles, tinsel, cut-out Christmas puddings, reindeer or snowflakes ... the choices are endless! All money raised will be donated to Save the Children who aim to 'make the world better with a sweater'. For more information on the work of Save the Children and to see how your donations will be spent you can visit their website at

<https://christmasjumperday.org>



### Big Give Christmas Challenge

Apollo Music Projects, who work with our year 5 are taking part in the @BigGive#ChristmasChallenge19. All donations made between 3<sup>rd</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December will be doubled, thanks to the @ChildhoodTrust. You can help Apollo Music to inspire more children through the magic of live music by donating at:

[donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign](https://donate.thebiggive.org.uk/campaign)



### Advent Mass

The season of Advent began last weekend and we are busy preparing to spend the Christmas period with loved ones.

Good deeds and generosity have always been an important part of preparation for Christmas. Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy such as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, volunteering at a soup

kitchen, visiting the sick in hospital, or simply inviting people into your home who may have no friends or family.

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am we will be holding our Advent Mass in the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St. Dominic. All parents and families are very welcome to attend.



### School Christmas Dinners

In the last week of term, Lavina and her catering team will be serving up a variety of seasonal delights with their special festive menu.

Our special Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. All meals will be at the usual price of £2.10 per day.

If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a school dinner on one or more days please put your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the day(s) you are paying for in the payment box next to the office.



### Class Christmas Parties

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December all classes will be having their Christmas parties in the afternoon. Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes.



### School Holidays

The school will close for the Christmas break on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

The school will re-open on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 9am.



### IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date details

Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence.

If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



### Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week.

Reception	John Francis
Year 1	Shenice
Year 4	Callum
Year 5	Bridget



### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF Advent

#### Second Sunday of Advent.

John the Baptist was the son of Elizabeth and Zechariah. He was chosen by God to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus. He told them that they must be sorry for all the things that they had done wrong, and try to live better lives. In Sunday's Gospel we will hear how and where he lived, and about the message he shared.

#### Prayer

Heavenly Father,  
You sent John the Baptist to prepare the people for the coming of your Son.

As Christmas draws closer, help us to prepare too, so that we may be ready for Christmas Day.

Amen.