



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of our Autumn term and school is filled with Christmas songs and Nativity performances. It is always a special season, and we wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. We will see you back on Tuesday 6th January.

Reception Applications

A reminder that all reception applications need to be in by January 15th! Please ensure you have applied in time, as late applications risk losing their places.



Year 6's fundraising to name the Reindeer, won proudly by Lorenzo in Year 3, saw them raise enough money to buy gifts for local children through Play2Give

CHRISTMAS!!!

»Panto

Peter Pan came to school to perform an amazing pantomime. The children loved the performance, and I know some staff look forward to it all year.



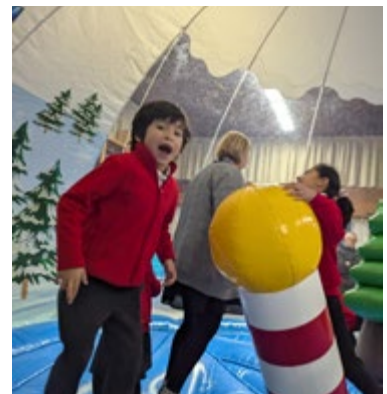
»Santa Run

I decided to up our game a little this year for the Santa Run, and with the help of Mrs Pudwell we covered the school in snow! We also introduced a giant inflatable finish line. The children had so much fun running laps of the school through the snow and raising money!



»Bazaar

A Christmas Bazaar was a fun and enjoyable evening for all, raising money for the school through FOSJF. The addition of the giant snow globe bouncy castle was a fabulous new experience for the children. Thanks to all who arranged and attended.



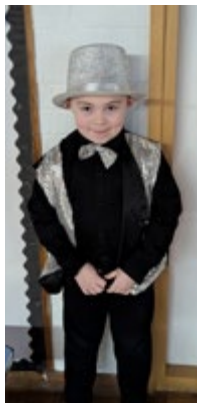
»Carol Concert

Mansfield College hosted our Carol Concert again this year for what was an incredible show. The venue really complements the performance. The children sung beautifully, and I feel the work they put in with their teachers really shone through.

»Nativity

Our Nativity performances this week were incredible, the children performed wonderfully; singing, dancing and acting their hearts out. As always a big thankyou goes to all of the staff who made this happen – and to Romeo the donkey who made it that extra bit special.

Hopefully families enjoyed the invitations, refreshments and chance to take photos after which were introduced to try and make the event feel more family friendly.



»Catholic Virtues

Bambinellis

Fr Harry visited school to accompany us in worship last week and blessed our Bambinellis. These are to be opened first thing on Christmas morning to remind us Jesus is the greatest gift of all.

Story Telling Day

We welcomed the Story Museum into school for a Grimm's fairytale story telling day for all our EYFS and KS1 children. It was an inspirational and enjoyable day for all.

History of Science Museum

Year 2 visited the History of Science museum as part of our Mansfield College partnership where they were led in an amazing workshop focused on Science in Oxford

STEM Day at Trinity College

Our Year 6 children took part in a STEM learning day at Trinity which taught them all about careers and opportunities in STEM subjects which could change the world. AMAZINGLY, one of our children won a Laptop in a raffle they ran where you got a ticket for asking a good question!

**Our virtues this term are:
Learned and Wise**



>>New Baby Group at St John Fisher

Peep run free baby and toddler groups across Rose Hill, Littlemore and the Leys, next term we will have a Wednesday afternoon group for babies in St John Fisher, scan the blue QR code to register.



Pregnant? Peep also run an antenatal class. Scan the yellow QR code to register for Free Antenatal Classes in Littlemore.



>>Caretaker Role

Mr Ball has stepped down from his caretaking duties this term, we thank him for all of his hard work over the years at school, he will stay on in his cleaning roles, so you will still see him around school.

This means we are advertising for a new caretaker, this is a 15 hour per week position, and we would love to recruit from within our school community– more information on this position can be found on the school website.



» Littlemore Youth Council

St John Fisher's Faith Leaders joined forces with The Oxford Academy, St John Henry Newman and Emmanuel Christian School to form the first Littlemore Youth Council. This begun with a meeting at TOA and involved speeches from our local MP and councillors.

» Cross Country

The last few weeks saw us take part in the Oxford Schools Cross Country Championships - with 15 schools and over 100 pupils in each race. Our children performed fantastically on a muddy and boggy course, with strong improvements in all races. Our Y3/4 girls came out victorious in the event, the first time in a generation for this school and will go on to represent the City at the county games. Congratulation all!



» Tesco

Thanks to the staff at Tesco on the Cowley Road, we have been able to help families with Christmas food and gifts – lots have been given out to individuals, but last week we were able to put some out for all to take also



» Diary Dates

05.01.2026	Inset Day – School Closed
08.01.2026	Epiphany Mass – 09:30 Blessed Dominic Barberi
10.01.2026	FOSJF – Leon Romero
15.01.2026	Football v Frideswide (U9 Boys)
20.01.2026	Indoor Athletics Y5/6
23.01.2026	Small Schools Final
02.02.2026	St Bridgid Mass – At School 1:30
11.02.2026	Translation Workshops
12.02.2026	Y3 Hill End
15.02.2026	HALF TERM



» Parish News

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

Sacred Heart Church <https://sacredheartoxford.com/>

Blessed Dominic Barberi Church <https://www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk/>

Our Lady Help of Christians <https://olhoccowley.co.uk/>

God Bless,
Mr Higgins and the SJF Team

