



# THE SOHO SCOOP

News and Views from

Soho Parish CofE Primary School

4<sup>th</sup> December  
2023

Dear Families,

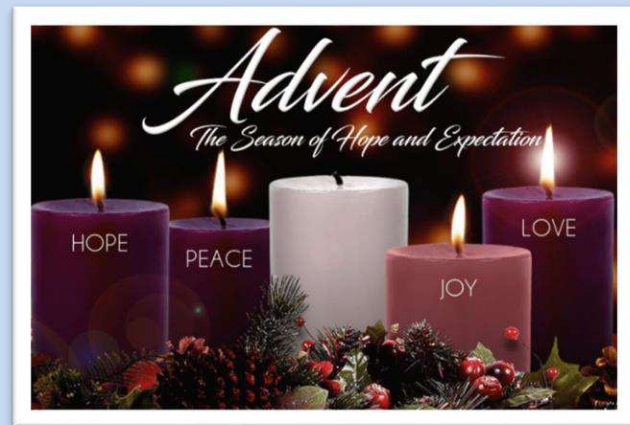
We are now in the build up to Christmas. This means our school becomes even busier with activities as we come together to celebrate, which fills our school with joy and love. It is important to keep note on the times, dates and information linked to events. This update provides much of this for you

## Advent and Christmas Church Service

We have now entered the season of Advent – ‘Advent is a season of waiting, expecting and hoping that helps us prepare for the coming, or ‘advent’ of Christ at Christmas.’

Each week we will light our advent candles and discuss the meaning of each candle; Hope, Love, Joy and Peace.

On Friday we lit our first candle - Hope - and learned about the prophet of Isaiah and preparing people for the Messiah’s birth.



## Christmas Church Service

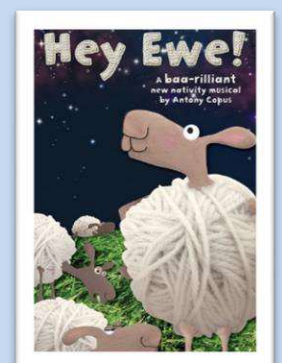
Our school service is tomorrow (Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec) at St James’ Church Piccadilly at 10.30am, with all parents and carers invited to join us as we start the journey of Advent.

During the service we will have performances from our school choir, readings, prayers and talks provided by Rev Ayla, Rev Simon and Rev Martha.

It would be lovely to see many of you there.

## KS1 Nativity rehearsals

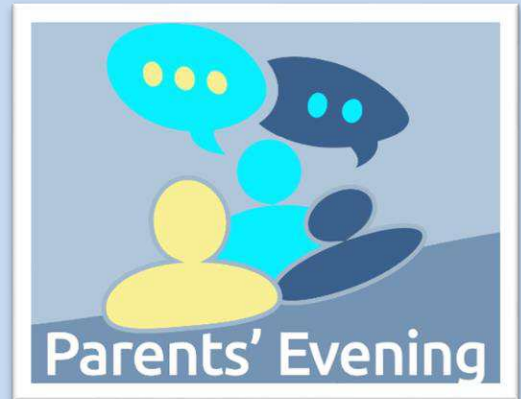
It was lovely to get a sneak speak R1 & Y2 rehearsing their upcoming Nativity play – *Hey Ewe!* All are welcome to see their performance on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December in the BB Hall at 2.30pm.



## Parents' Evening

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, we would like to share with you your child's learning and progress. This will be tomorrow **from 2-6pm.**

If you have not already signed up for a 10 minute slot to meet your child's class teacher; sign-up sheets are with James in the office. Either pop in or call him to book a slot.



## KS2 Reading

On Friday and with much excitement, your child was given their colour band reading book. This is following a personal and individual assessment which tells them where they are with their reading. This is both fluency and comprehension.

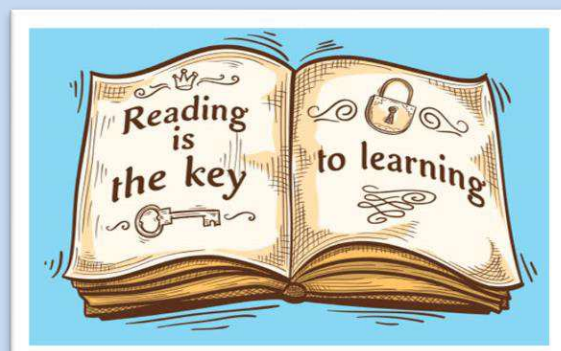
This book will be read both at home and school, so please remind your child to bring their book every into school.

Thank you for your patience as we roll this out, I know many children (and parents) were asking when this would happen.

From January, we will introduce a reading record book. This will be a

form of communication between home and school relating to your child's learning, as well as your children reflecting on their reading skills.

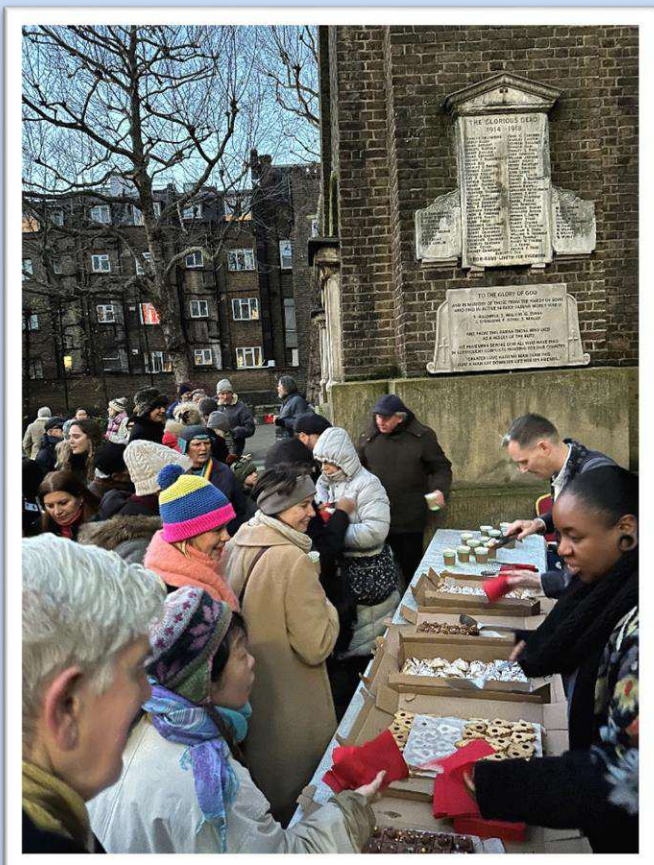
For more information on this and all things related to reading I will be holding **KS2 coffee morning this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> Dec) at 9am** in the BB Hall to explain more.





## St Anne's Church

Last Thursday, we were invited to join in the annual switching on of the Christmas tree lights in St Anne's church garden. Our choir gave a festive and beautiful performance, thanks to Amy - our music Lead and Christine - the school's choir chorist. Those who attended were treated to mulled wine and hot chocolate along with mince pies and another tasty treats. Thank you to Rev Simon and all those at St Anne's.





## School Choir



As the next term approaches, we are excited to invite child to join our school choir!

The choir is led by Christine, St Anne's Church chorist, and piano teacher Lucy. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to:

- Develop their vocal skills and musicianship
- Learn about different genres of music
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Experience the joy that singing together brings

In addition to these benefits, choir members may also have the opportunity to perform in public at various events throughout the year, such as:

- School concerts and assemblies
- Community events and church services

These performances are a great way for choir members to share their talent with others and gain valuable experience in performing in front of an audience.

No prior experience is necessary to join the choir, and all are welcome. We have a place for every voice!

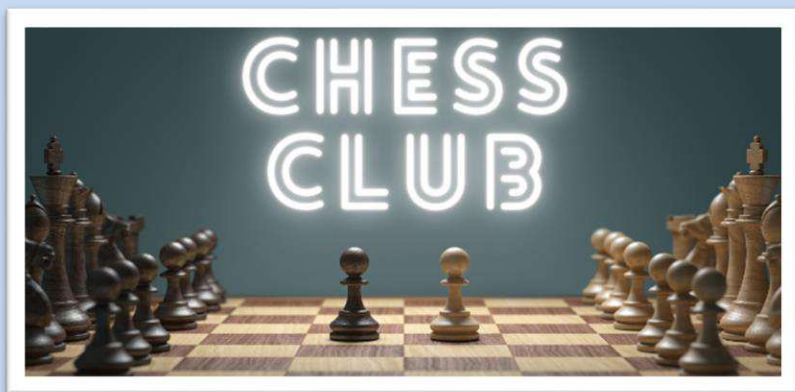
**Choir will be held every Tuesdays from 3.30 to 4.30pm.**

We encourage you to talk to your child about the choir and encourage them to join. If you would like more information about the choir, send an e-mail to James at [office@sohoparish.co.uk](mailto:office@sohoparish.co.uk).

We look forward to hearing your child's beautiful voice in the choir!

## After school clubs

This term we started a new club – taekwondo; which has been a huge success. It is a Korean martial art involving punching and kicking techniques. Thank you goes to our Taekwondo teacher - Master Rienzi. We have two budding taekwondo experts (Lilli & Max), who support Master Rienzi, seen below wearing the formal attire and colour belt.



Next term, we are relaunching our Chess club for KS2 children. This has been a popular club in the past and Sharon (School Learning Mentor) will be running it every Tuesday in the school library from 3.30-4.30pm.

If your child is interested in joining or would like more information, either speak with Sharon on the school gate on Tuesdays or Thursday, or contact James at the office.



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

All children were welcome to come to school wear a festive and Christmassy jumper. £1 donation – all money goes to Save the Children.



With Christmas just around the corner, don't forget we have secured an exclusive allocation of £8 tickets to see *Finding Santa* at the Bloomsbury Theatre.

Offer valid 7th - 13th December  
Use discount code **SANTAGOLIVE!**



# Join the PTA!



**MANY HANDS** MAKE LIGHT WORK

If you are interested in joining our supportive and loyal PTA – please speak to one of the following parents:

Melissa (Islay Y6 & Jura R1)

Pedro (Martha Y5)

Mary (Tom Y5)

Malin (Lilli Y5 & Max Y3)

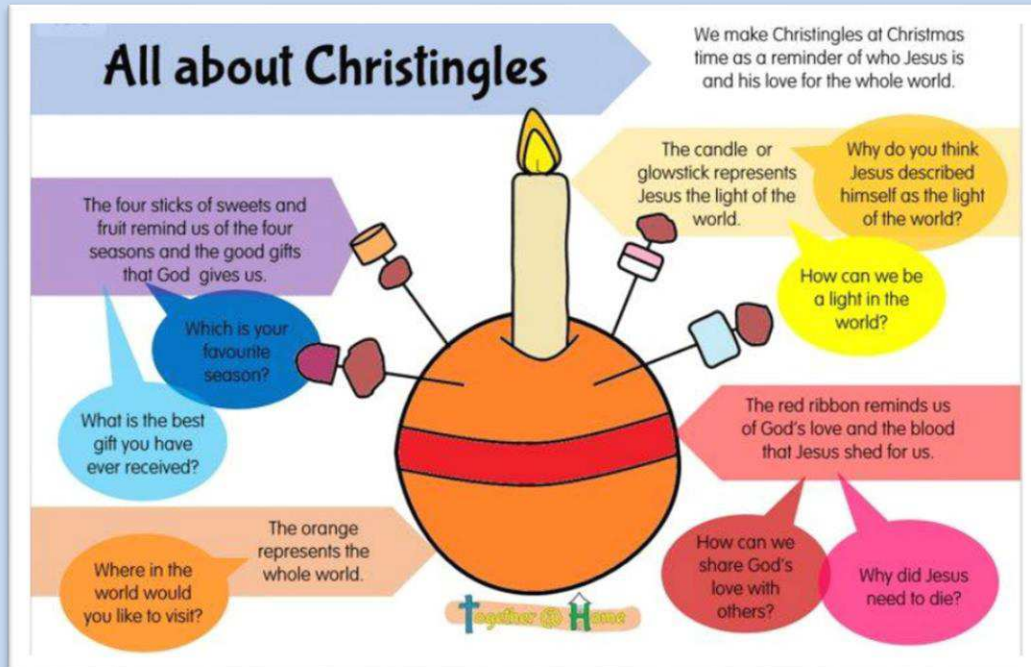
Jana (Tao Y6)

The PTA is made up of parents and teachers who work together to make Soho Parish a better environment for children to learn. They raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more!



## Christmas Preparations

To begin the countdown to Christmas, we invite children to be creative at home and make a Christingle. If your child does and you are happy for them to appear in our next newsletter - please do take a photo and send it via email to James at [office@sohoparish.co.uk](mailto:office@sohoparish.co.uk).



## Attendance

It is very important that children attend school every day when they are well to ensure that they are reaching their full potential and maximising all of the learning opportunities on offer. Below I have included the percentages for each year group, see how your year group compares and think if you can help to improve your class percentage. This week, some classes reached the 70% bracket - the lowest this term.

Reception	74%
Year 1	75%
Year 2	76%
Year 3	89%
Year 4	76%
Year 5	83%
Year 6	74%
Whole school	<b>78%</b>



Getting your child to school on time really matters		
If in a school year your child is late everyday	Your child would have lost approximately	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 days from school	16 lessons lost
10 Minutes	5 days from school	32 lessons lost
15 Minutes	8 days from school	48 lessons lost
20 Minutes	11 days from school	63 lessons lost
30 Minutes	16 days from school	95 lessons lost



## Key dates

3<sup>rd</sup> December – St Anne’s Sunday Service with Soho Parish (11am)

30<sup>th</sup> November – Switching on the Christmas Lights at St Anne’s

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Parents’ Evening (2-6pm) in person

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas service at St James’ Church (10.30am)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children charity)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fete (4-6pm)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Nativity performance (2.30pm)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of term: **school finishes at 1.30pm**

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**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – INSET (school closed)**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January – children return to school

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Coffee morning for R1 parents and school nurse (9.00am)

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## Public Holidays

Christmas Day - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Boxing Day - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023

New Year’s Day - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Good Friday - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Easter Monday - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

May Day Bank - Holiday Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Spring Bank Holiday - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024

August Bank Holiday - Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Have a wonderful week!

Oliver Knight (*Head of School*)