

DIARY DATES

Monday 8th January INSET Day staff only

Tuesday 9th January Term 3 starts

Upcoming Events

Year 6 Transport Museum Trip

Year 5 PwC Pantomime

Year 4 Mary Seacole Statue Walk

We would like to wish the St Matthew's community a very Happy Christmas, a restful break and a New Year filled with peace and joy.

PTA

The Christmas Market was a huge success! Each class ran a stall where they sold the beautiful decorations that they had made. The PTA provided a wonderful chocolate tombola with the extremely generous donations from our families. There were delicious cakes and an incredible raffle! The profit from this event was a massive £978! **This calendar year the PTA has raised an enormous £4799 and donated a huge £5498!** Our thanks again go to all of our wonderful PTA members for all their hard work and dedication to the children of St Matthew's.



BELONGING

Key Stage Two sang beautifully in their very special Poetry and Carols performance in St Matthew's Church. Here, Year 6 illustrates how much they belong to our school, church and community.

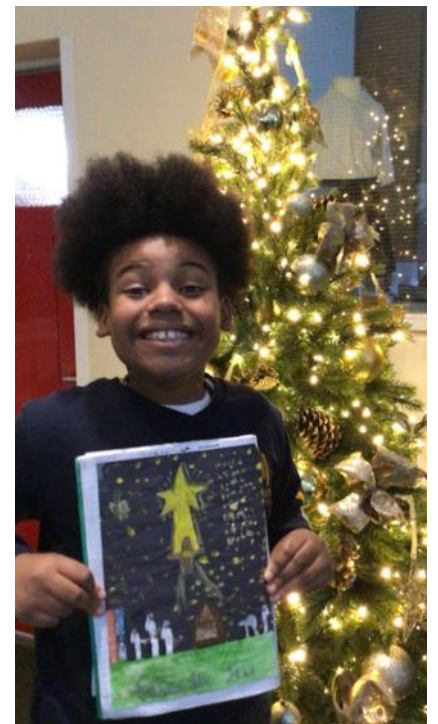
BELIEVING

Our shepherds and kings really encapsulated 'believing' as they followed the shining star that led them to the lowly cattle shed where the baby Jesus lay. Well done Early Years and Key One!



ACHIEVING

Our congratulations go to Kacy in Year 5. His entry in the LDBS e-Christmas card competition was highly recommended. It is also on the front cover of this year's Christmas order of service! What a great achievement! Well done, Kacy!



PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Please place your nominations in the box in the school office. The closing date is **12pm on Monday 15th January 2024.**

If there are more nominations than vacancies, an election will be held and all parents will be sent a voting paper which includes a 200 word statement from each of the nominees. School is very happy to support any parent in writing their statement if needed. A written statement must not hold any parent back from application to the post.

Please see page two for information regarding holiday food vouchers.