

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

19 December 2024 Newsletter



CHRISTMAS BREAK

A reminder that the last day of school for children is tomorrow - **Friday 20th December** at the **usual finish times**. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the Christmas break at 8:30am on Monday 6th January 2024.

THANK YOU

Mrs Lynn

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Lynn.

Mrs Lynn has worked in the school as a member of the support staff team since 2007 supporting children across the school with their learning. We are grateful for Mrs Lynn's positivity and for how she has shown love and care to our children. We wish her all the very best as she begins her retirement. We will all miss her.



Mrs Baptiste

We also say farewell to Mrs Baptiste. We would like to thank Mrs Baptiste for the great start she has given our Swans children in Year 1 and wish her all the very best for the future.



Miss Rushbrook

We all wish Miss Rushbrook, our School Secretary, lots of rest over the next few weeks as she starts her maternity leave. We wish her all the best with her growing family.



"REVERSE" ADVENT CALENDAR

Thank you for the generous donations so far for our annual "reverse" Advent calendar, which supports the local Bexley Foodbank.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES AND NON UNIFORM DAY

On **Friday 20th December**, the last day of term, children are invited to come in wearing their own clothes. Please ensure the children have appropriate shoes for break and lunch and will be warm enough throughout the day.



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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please see below the information for when the different Christmas Services are in Our Lady of the Angels.



Date	Program	Time
Friday 20 th December	Advent Reconciliation	7:30 PM
Tuesday 24 th December	Children's Mass	5:30 PM
	Carol Service	10:30 PM
	Midnight Mass	11:00 PM
Wednesday 25 th December	Christmas Day Masses	8:30 AM
		10:30 AM
		12:30 PM (Polish)
26, 27, 30 & 31 December	Weekday Morning Masses	10:00 AM
Tuesday 31 st December	Adoration (Holy Hour)	10:00 PM
	New Year's Eve Mass	11:00 PM
Wednesday 1 st January	New Year's Mass	10:00 AM



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year 2025!

CLASS TEACHER VACANCY

We are currently looking to appoint a Class Teacher to start from September 2025. If you would like to apply for this position please complete an application form that you can download from our website: www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk/vacancies or if you would like an initial confidential conversation with the Executive Head Teacher, Mark Hannon, please email: head@st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk or phone- 07763 142903.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2025

Our children *"love attending this school. They flourish and thrive here."* Ofsted Inspection Report 2024

If your child was born between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021 you can now apply for a place in Reception for September 2025. Please note that if our child attends St Fidelis Nursery, or has a sibling already at the school, you must still apply with St Fidelis and Bexley. Applications can be downloaded from our website or collected from the School Office.

Our final open event will be on Friday 10th January at 9.30am.



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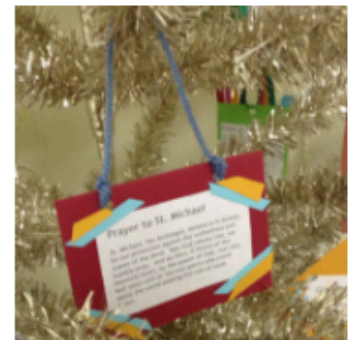
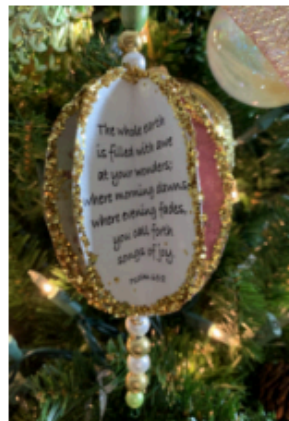
ST FIDELIS UNIVERSITY CHRISTMAS LEARNING CHALLENGE

Children from Years 1 - 6 are automatically a part of St Fidelis University. They receive hours from participating in clubs, extra curricular activities and by completing learning challenges. Please see the end of the newsletter for December's learning challenge in full. This month we are asking for children to create a Christmas ornament with scripture or a prayer on, for our Christmas tree next year. We can't wait to see your decorations.

Decorate our Christmas Tree in 2025 December Learning Challenge

This December we would like you to create an ornament for our Christmas tree next year. It must have either a prayer or bible verse which links to Christmas on it and we would love for it to be decorated. You may want to include a drawing of the nativity, it is up to you.

We would like to display as many of these as we can next year when we put our tree up in school, so as well as uploading a photo onto google classroom for your hours, please also bring the ornament / bauble into school. It needs to have a way of being attached to our tree.



Feel free to use whatever you want to make your ornament, you could use cardboard and string. If you would like for your ornament to go on the Christmas tree next year please do not make it too big as we need space for other children's work too.

Enjoy making them, we can't wait to see them.

The closing date is - **Friday 10th January**. Please upload a photo of your Christmas Learning Challenge onto google classroom to earn up to 5 hours and remember to bring your ornament in (with your name and class on).

CLUBS FOR SPRING TERM 2024-2025

Clubs will be resuming for the spring term the week beginning 13th January 2025 and finishing the week beginning 24th March 2025. Please make payment for all clubs for this term online via www.mychildatschool.com to secure your child's place as spaces are limited (cash/cheque are no longer accepted).

Day	Club	Year Groups	Time	Venue	Cost	Spaces
Wednesday	Mixed Football	5 & 6	3.20-4.30	In school	£50 - 10 sessions	3
Friday	Boxing Fun Fitness	3, 4, 5, 6	3.20-4.30	In school	£45 - 9 sessions	12
Friday	French	2, 3, 4, 5, 6	3.20-4.30	In school	£45 - 9 sessions	10

SPANISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB IN THE ANGELUS CENTRE

The Spanish after school club starts again on Wednesday 15th January in the Angelus Centre from 3:30 to 4:45pm for children from years 2 to 6. Email sophiechaise@yahoo.co.uk for more information.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2025

If your child was born between 01.09.2021 and 31.08.2022 you can now apply for a place in Nursery for September 2025. Applications can be downloaded from our website or collected from the School Office.

Our open events are detailed below;

- Thursday 23rd January at 9:30am
- Wednesday 5th January at 9:30am
- Thursday 27th February at 9:30am
- Wednesday 19th March at 9:30am

ASSEMBLIES

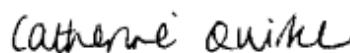
Below is a list of all the class assemblies which we have next half term. Please note these are always on a Friday, starting promptly at 2:45pm. Parents are more than welcome to attend their child's class assembly which will be held in the school hall.

Friday 17th January	Year 4 Hawks
Friday 31st January	Year 2 Jays
Friday 14th February	Year 2 Swallows

Yours sincerely,



Mark Hannon
Executive Head Teacher



Catherine Quirke
Head of School

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RECEPTION 2025 ADMISSIONS

(For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021)



Current Open Events

Wednesday 6th November 9.30am

Friday 15th November 9.30am

Thursday 21st November 5.00pm

Friday 29th November 9.30am

Monday 2nd December 9.30am

Friday 10th January 9.30am



Our Children "love attending this school. They flourish and thrive here."

Assessment outcomes are *"well above average"* and *"achieve very well across the wider curriculum i.e art, music, sports."*

Our school values of *"compassion, challenge and excellence are deeply embedded in school life."*

Ofsted Inspection Report 2024 (Graded Outstanding)

"St Fidelis is an outstanding Catholic community where Gospel Values thread through every decision that is made."

Diocesan Inspection Report 2017

"99% of St Fidelis parents would recommend our school."

"99% of parents feel their child is happy at St Fidelis".

Annual Parent Survey 2024 Core Findings



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with Nursery Unit

NURSERY 2025 ADMISSIONS

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 and you would like to apply for a place at St Fidelis Nursery for September 2025, it is important that you submit your application soon.

Parents and carers will need to collect and return a supplementary form to the school office by the closing date of **Wednesday 26th March 2025**.



The open mornings for admission to Nursery for September 2025 will take place at the following times:

- Thursday 23rd January 9:30am
- Wednesday 5th February 9:30am
- Thursday 27th February 9:30am
- Wednesday 19th March 9:30am



Each open morning tour will begin promptly at 9:30 am (for approximately 30 minutes) and will provide visitors with an opportunity to view the Nursery during a normal working day. Parents and carers will be taken on a guided tour of our Nursery where we will be delighted to show you what our Nursery is like and what we think makes our school Nursery unique.



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Class Teacher

September 2025

St Fidelis is a high performing school in the London Borough of Bexley. The school employs specialist teachers for music and PE who work alongside our class teachers to ensure every child receives a broad and balanced curriculum.

You will work alongside a year group leader in our two-form entry school to plan, teach and assess children's academic development so that every child makes progress.

You will be articulate and positive, able to work in an atmosphere characterised by our mission of compassion, challenge and excellence.

You can apply for this position by completing an application form that you can download from our website: www.st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk/vacancies or if you would like an initial confidential conversation with the Executive Head Teacher, Mark Hannon, please email: head@st-fidelis.bexley.sch.uk or phone- 07763 142903.

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The closing date for applications will be Monday 20th January 2025
St Fidelis is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
All offers of employment are subject to an Enhanced DBS check.

This post is considered to be a customer-facing position; as such it falls within scope of the Code of Practice on English language requirement for public sector workers. The school therefore has a statutory duty under Part 7 of the Immigration Act 2016 to ensure that post holders have a command of spoken English sufficient for the effective performance of the job requirements. The appropriate standards are set out in the person specification. These will be applied during the recruitment/selection and probationary stages.

