

Diary Dates:
Sharing Assemblies
 Maple Tree Class
Tuesday 14th
January

Palm Tree Class
Tuesday 28th
January

Cherry Tree Class
Tuesday 11th
February

Swimming Spring 1
 Elm Tree Class
INSET Day
 Monday 6th
 January

Children Back to School
 Tuesday 7th
 January

Our Attendance Award for the w/c 9th December went to:

MAPLE - 100%

Well done to **Maple Tree Class** for their high attendance.


Rights Respecting Article for w/c 6th January
Article 5
 Parental Guidance
 Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide and advise their child so that, as they grow, they learn to apply their rights properly.

The British Value for the week is:
 Individual Liberty

GOLDEN CUPS for Behaviour for the w/c 9th December went to:

 **WILLOW & PALM CLASSES** 

Spanish word of the week:

 **Orejas**
 Ears

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SJB Parents and Carers,

Our first term is coming to an end and what a way to end it. As always, we have been very busy and if you attended any of our Christmas concerts this week, you would have seen all the hard work and determination of our children pay off. The concerts were a joyous celebration and showed off our talents and the lovely support from our families. It was a pleasure to watch the different stories and hear the beautiful songs that they have been rehearsing. Well done SJB!

It was also great to see so many parents for our Parent Consultation evening last Tuesday. We hope you found the meetings with your child's teacher to be helpful and has provided you with a sense of the progress in their learning. Thank you also for the many surveys and chats on the evening.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this term. It has been wonderful to see parents and families involved with the school - from helping us with donations to attending our events. The SJB community is a very active and giving one. I hope it continues to grow this way.

Have a lovely break, full of mince pies, presents and lots of Christmas cheer. We will see you all in the new year and the new decade - 2020!

Best wishes,
 Toni Mason

St John the Baptist Belief of the Week for w/c 6th January 2020
Determination
 Work hard and try our best so we can be proud of ourselves and our work.
'Christ gives me the strength to face anything.'
Philippians 4:13



St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

Ufton Court



Our second residential for Ufton Court left on Monday and returned yesterday. They have been very active. They have been building shelters, getting to know different animals at the farm, archery and starting their own fires. They also enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner and loved going to breakfast in their pyjamas.



Pantomime



Last week the whole school was treated to a Pantomime held in school. The children absolutely loved watching 'Beauty and the Beast' being performed by West End Pantomimes in School. It was a wonderful experience for every class - lots of engagement, laughing and excited screaming.

Christmas at SJB!



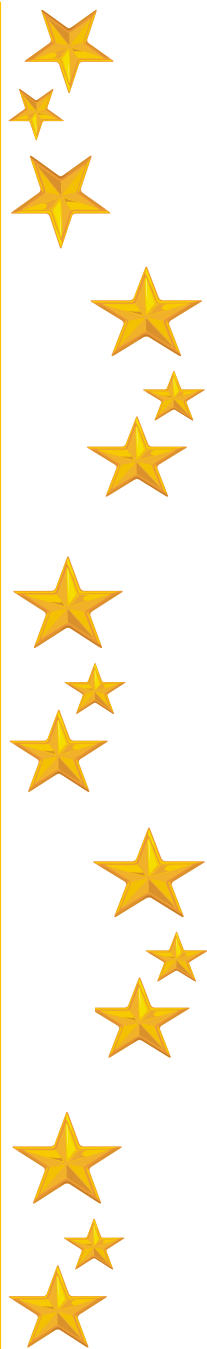
The school Christmas Bazaar last Friday was fun and full of the Christmas spirit. We had a Bottle Tombola, Reindeer Head Throw, Santa's Grotto and of course our Raffle. A huge thank you to everyone who donated towards the bazaar and to the parents who helped out with the refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who donated towards our Christmas Jumper Day. We managed to raise over £100 for Children in Need and lots of food donations for the Hackney Foodbank.

We had our delicious Christmas Dinner on Tuesday. There was roast turkey, vegetable tart, roast potatoes and of course carrots and Brussel sprouts. For dessert, there was Christmas pudding, mince pies and Arctic roll!

Christmas at St John's Church

- Christmas Family Movie Night - **Friday 20th December, 6-8:30 pm**
- Scratch Nativity - **Sunday 22nd December at 9:30 am and 11:30 am** (Come dressed up!)
- Crib Service - **Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm**
- Christmas Day Family Service - **10:30 am**



Christmas Concerts



Our Christmas concerts this week were a spectacle and were amazing to watch.

We had the Years 1, 2 & 3 Christmas Concert on Monday afternoon where they told the story of a lost Robin who found her way to a very special place by following a bright star. She found her way to the stable where Jesus was born. Throughout the story, the Robin comes across some important figures from the Nativity.



The EYFS Christmas Concert yesterday morning did a beautiful retelling of the Nativity. We had Mary and Joseph along with the Shepherds, the Three Wise Men and lots of angels.

Years 4, 5 & 6 had their Christmas Concert yesterday afternoon and told a story of two children who



travelled back in time to when Jesus was born, with the help of an angel. They learnt about Jesus's birth and the journey that Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and Three Wise Men

took.

We would like to thank all our families who came to support the children and watch their performances. They have been working so hard with their lines and songs. A special thank you to the staff as well for their effort.

On behalf of everyone at SJB, we wish all our children, families and community a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope you all have a wonderful break.