

***The children and staff at St John's have had a lovely week, and have been getting into the festive spirit with our new book advent calendars and St Nikolaus Day!***

## **Celebrations!**

We have all enjoyed our Celebration Assembly this morning.

We have also enjoyed welcoming the parents/carers of those children who were awarded the Star of the Week award. They joined us to see their child presented with the award. There were some very proud faces in the crowd!

This week's Stars of the Week are listed below:



<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Aiden
<b>Squirrels</b>	Eva-Maria
<b>Orangutans</b>	Bilal
<b>Pandas</b>	Nathan
<b>Giraffes</b>	Isabella
<b>Koalas</b>	Emma L
<b>Lions</b>	Ameliya
<b>Tigers</b>	Sapphire
<b>Badgers</b>	Courtney
<b>Foxes</b>	Tommy
<b>Meerkats</b>	Shanley
<b>Zebras</b>	Sophia

## **Prayer of the Week**

Dear God, thank you for the festivities this time of year brings, and let us use them to become closer to one another in our communities.

Amen

## **Reading Celebrations**

This week's reading award, going to the class with the highest average accuracy level from their accelerated reader quizzes this week, goes to **Pandas!**

Our individual reader award, for a child who scored 95% across five book quizzes this week, goes to **Nathan in Tigers!**



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## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 11th December

9:10am in the Hall - KS1 Christmas Performance dress rehearsal to the school

2:15pm in Nursery - Nursery Christmas Celebration (families welcome) - **Group A**

### Tuesday 12th December

2:15 in the Hall - Reception Nativity Performance (no tickets needed)

### Wednesday 13th December

9:30 in the Hall - KS1 Christmas Performance to parents and carers (Year 1 and 2 involved, no tickets needed)

2:15pm in Nursery - Nursery Christmas Celebration (families welcome) - **Group B**

### Thursday 14th December

Christmas Jumper Day

9:10am in the Hall - Christmas Carol service

Christmas Lunch

### Friday 15th December

9:10 in the Hall - Music concert for children lead by Mrs Gillett-Khan



## St Nikolaus Day

The children of St John's were treated to a visit from St Nikolaus this Wednesday!

The children had each made and decorated a paper boot, which they left on their desks or by their pegs on Tuesday before they left school.



The children were delighted to find that St Nikolaus had come overnight to deliver a selection of treats, which had been used to fill up each of their boots!



The children were all very grateful for gifts, and there were many happy faces as they showed their parents and carers what they had received.



**We hope you all had a wonderful St Nikolaus Day!**

## Attendance Award

This week's attendance award is going to Hedgehog Class, who had an attendance of 96% this week! They will get to enjoy a non-school uniform day on Friday the 15th of December as a reward for their amazing attendance.

**Well Done Hedgehog Class!**



## Choir Performance

This Monday the school choir will be performing at a Christmas Concert at the Gulbenkian Theatre. The performance starts at 7pm, and the choir would love to see some familiar faces in the crowd. Tickets are available on the Gulbenkian Theatre Website, so if you are available it would be wonderful to see you there!

**Thank You and Good Luck to the Choir!**

## Nativity Hunt

We have received the following flyer for a Christmas themed 'Nativity Hunt' taking place around Westgate Gardens on Saturday the 16th of December.

Please see below for more details.

**Emmanuel Church CANTERBURY**

**NATIVITY HUNT**

Saturday 16th Dec 2023  
2-4pm, Westgate Gardens

Come and join the fun hunting the nativity characters in Westgate Gardens! Follow the map and gather the clues before meeting back together at 3pm for FREE refreshments, some carol singing, a short Christmas talk and to claim your PRIZE!

PLEASE PRE-BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THE HUNT BY SCANNING THE QR CODE BELOW:

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## Food Bank

Canterbury Food Bank has sent the following flyer regarding their services, please note that the Food Bank will be closed between the 22nd of December and the 2nd of January.

**We all struggle financially at times**

...but food has been donated by your local community, so that you can still eat when things get tough

If you live in Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay or the surrounding area, call or email us. Our friendly team will make sure that you don't go hungry and signpost you to further help. If you know of someone who might need support please pass on this leaflet

We always try to cater for dietary and religious needs, or if you have limited cooking facilities. We may also be able to help with pet food, baby items and toiletries/cleaning products to help reduce the cost of the weekly shop

Find out more on our website, including information on how you could donate to your community when you're back on your feet

If you need support, please call 01227 936450 or email [info@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:info@canterburyfoodbank.org)

[canterburyfoodbank.org](http://canterburyfoodbank.org)

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