



# Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

## Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a really busy Celebration and Worship this morning – in addition to the gold stickers and outside awards, a special “well done” to the children who took part in the Nailsea Festival at the weekend. Thank you to Mrs Jeffery for her work with the children.

## School News & Updates

### Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your donations for the Royal British Legion which raised almost £400!

### Headlice & Nits!!!



Despite our request a couple of weeks ago, the nits and lice are back in school. It needs everyone to do their bit to help stop them spreading.

### Sports Clubs

Signature sports will be continuing with their after-school activities in Term 3

Mondays Years 1 & 2 – Multisports

Thursdays Years 3-6 – Football

Please book directly with them:

<https://www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk/school/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school>

## School Reminders

### ParentPay Charges on the System

- Yr5 Egyptian Day (deadline 5.1.24)
- Yr3/4 swimming contribution (This is a voluntary charge to help pay for coach travel rather than walking to the pool.)
- Yr6 Evacuee workshop (deadline 18.3.24)

### Spare Shoes in School

Now that the weather has improved and there has been less rain, we will hopefully be allowing the children to use the field for lunch playtimes.

**Your child must have an old pair of trainers or welly-boots in school to go one the field in the winter. Please make sure they have a named bag to hang on their peg in the school corridor.**

## PTFA

### TOMORROW – SATURDAY!



Please support this lovely festive event. We are looking forward to seeing you all!

Many thanks,

The PTFA

### PTFA Christmas Discos



You can purchase tickets for the Christmas Discos on ParentPay.

You need to log into ParentPay, give consent for your child to attend and make payment for the tickets. **There will be no payments on door! The deadline for purchasing tickets is 4th December 2023.**

EYFS and KS1 disco: Arrival and check in 4:15pm. Starts at 4:30pm and finishes at 5:30pm.

Preschool children are able to attend the EYFS and KS1 disco but must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the disco.

KS2 disco: Arrival and check in 5:30pm. Starts at 5:45pm and finishes at 7pm.

### Bags2Schools

Please remember to save your items for collection in December! If you are having a clear out before Christmas, the PTFA can raise additional funds by collecting your donations.

## Reuse, Recycle, Reduce

TUE  
12  
DEC

Drop your bag before 9am on the morning of Tuesday 12th December

#### What to pack?

- Only "good quality" items
- Items must go into black bin or waterproof bags
- Drop your bag in the designated car park area



#### Do's

- Men's, Ladies' & Children clothes (coats, belts, lingerie, socks etc...)
- Scarves, hats, gloves
- Ties
- Shoes tied together
- Bags/ handbags
- Soft toys
- Bedding
- Towels
- Curtains

#### Dont's

- Duvets, & blankets
- Pillows & cushions
- Carpets, rugs or mats
- Soiled, painted, ripened, wet clothing
- School uniforms with & without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

**£1450 raised**  
in the last 2 years



All proceeds go to St Joseph's Catholic School PTFA

## Christmas Mass Times

Please note the following times of Masses for Christmas this year:

### Saturday 23rd December

No Morning Mass

6.00pm St Joseph's – 4th Sun of Advent

### Sunday 24th December

9.00am St Joseph's – 4th Sun of Advent

11.00am St Francis' – 4th Sun of Advent

4.30pm St Francis' – Christmas Vigil Mass

6.30pm St Joseph's – Christmas Vigil Mass

11.00pm St Francis' – Christmas Night Mass

## Monday 25th December

9.00am St Joseph's – Christmas Day Mass

11.00am St Francis' – Christmas Day Mass

## Tuesday 26th December

12noon St Francis' – Feast of St Stephen

### Church News

Here is the link for this weekend's church newsletter:

<https://cdn.filestackcontent.com/7GFWogUXSRKj6Daa0usX>

### Blessing Of Bambinelli

17th December - This is a beautiful Advent Tradition - Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing the Christ Child - which has been celebrated in Rome for over thirty years and helps children and young people to prepare for Jesus. Each family will bring the Christ Child from its own crib or Nativity scene and the Pope blesses it during the noon Angelus that day. It is a wonderful way to bring family and parish together. Following that tradition, I encourage families to bring the baby Jesus from their own cribs to church on the Third Sunday of Advent and, at the end of Mass, I will bless the Bambinelli which have been brought to church. Everyone is welcome to take part – young and old alike. Fr Richard

### Advent Service

Our joint parish Advent Service will take place on Friday 8th December at 6.30pm in St Francis Nailsea. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to read at the Advent Service, please email me to let me know. Thank you. Anne-Marie

### Advent Christmas Crafts

Craft activities for all the family, everyone welcome. Bring and Share lunch. St Joseph's 10.30am-12.30pm on Saturday 16th December St Francis after Mass, 12noon – 2pm on Sunday 17th December

## Advent Prayers

A message from Anne-Marie about the attached family prayer resource:

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am delighted to send you this resource for family prayer for the first week of Advent.

I hope you can find some time, this week, to pray together as a family.

Take care, Anne-Marie

### Local News, Events & Services

*We are asked by local groups and organisations to share events and activities which might be of interest – we include this for your information if you are interested.*



**December trips  
for 11-16 year olds**

**7TH DECEMBER 7.15PM-9.45PM**  
Portishead Players Panto  
Hansel and Gretel at Somerset Hall  
A modern take on a classic fairy tale full of fun and laughter!  
£20

**20TH DECEMBER 2PM-5PM**  
Ice skating at The Tropicana, WSM  
A festive trip to show off your skills on the ice to include skate hire and minibus transport  
£27

FUNDED SPACES AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN  
IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS OR  
PUPIL PREMIUM

Email [maileportisheadyouthcentre.co.uk](mailto:maileportisheadyouthcentre.co.uk)  
for a booking form

**PORTISHEAD  
YOUTH CENTRE**



children's hospice SOUTH WEST

Raise festive cheer in your Christmas gear!

# Santas on the Run

Charlton Farm

Walk, jog or run 2k at Charlton Farm in North Somerset on Sunday 3 December 2023

Sign up today [www.chsw.org.uk/santas](http://www.chsw.org.uk/santas)

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NORTH SOMERSET TENNIS ACADEMY

# North Somerset Tennis Academy Christmas Tennis Camp

**FUN WITH FRIENDS**  
**PRIZES TO BE WON**  
**JUST £10 PER DAY**  
**ALL PLAYERS WELCOME**

Why not come along to one of the NSTA camps!

Lots of fun, learn new skill, from drills to team events.

Available to all children from 4 - 16 years of age.

9 am - 12 pm - £10 per day

DECEMBER 2023 : WED 20TH - THU 21ST - FRI 22ND - THU 28TH - FRI 29TH  
JANUARY 2024: TUE - 2ND - WED - 3RD

Clevedon Seafront Tennis Courts

**TO BOOK SCAN THE QR CODE!**

For more information Contact Head Coach Stuart  
07593456869 [stuart@somersettennis.com](mailto:stuart@somersettennis.com)

## And Finally...



Have a great week.

Mr Bath

Headteacher