



Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School

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1st December 2023

Dear Parent,

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

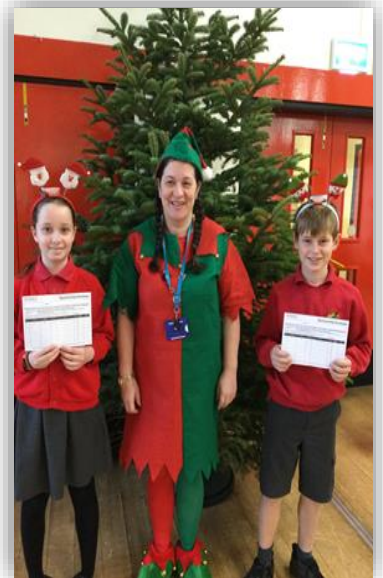
Year 1 enjoyed their **'Walking Nativity'** at **Chester Cathedral** – they even spotted our beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Well done to the **girls' football team**, who played against local schools in an under **11's tournament**.

Year 4 entertained us during their **samba concert** on Monday – all parents were extremely impressed with their rhythm, teamwork and instrument knowledge. Guitars or brass next!

Kelly the Elf came to visit on Wednesday. We can't wait to take part in the **Hospice of the Good Shepherd sponsored Fun Run**. Sponsorship forms will go out next week.

Thank you to **Year 6 and Mrs. Carty** for a wonderful **Collective Worship** on Thursday – it was lovely to have so many parents and grandparents join us.



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Why not follow us on Facebook to see what Guiden Sutton Church of England Primary School get up to on a typical school day?

Thank you for your responses to **'What Makes Our School Exemplary?'**. Mr. May has very kindly created a **'Wordle'** celebrating answers from pupils, staff, parents and governors. I couldn't be prouder!



What makes our school exemplary? Pupils' responses.



What makes our school exemplary? Governors' responses.



What makes our school exemplary? Staff responses.



What makes our school exemplary? Parent responses.

The **post box** will be found in the main reception area if anyone would like to bring in **Christmas cards** to be delivered. Please remember to write the **full name and class** on the envelope.

We are still in the **Ofsted** 'window'... 2024 might be our year!?

As already mentioned in previous newsletters, the 'Outstanding' judgement continues to be extremely hard to attain. The children are at the heart of everything we do, and, as a school, we will continue to maintain and further develop our exemplary practice as we strive to be acknowledged as 'Outstanding'.

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Just a reminder of our school priorities 2023 – 2024.

Key Priority 1:

To further refine and enhance writing throughout the whole school.

This term we have continued to focus on presentation and introduced a new handwriting and spelling programme. Key Stage 2 are now using 'Pathways to Spell' to investigate spelling patterns and rules; Key Stage 1 use ELS Spelling (Essential Letters and Sounds) to consolidate new learning. All staff have worked closely with The Literacy Company to moderate writing and amend 'Gold Dust' sheets that are used during writing assessments.

Key Priority 2:

To inform all stakeholders of the Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Framework so that it embodies the whole school vision, allowing all to articulate it confidently.

We are expected to have our [SIAMS](#) Inspection in Autumn Term 2025. All staff and governors are working through each question/statement, gathering evidence so that they are answered in full.

Key Priority 3:

To inform all stakeholders of the Ofsted Framework (including Grade Descriptors) in preparation for pending inspection.

All staff and governors continue to work together to keep abreast of the Ofsted framework, discussing Grade Descriptors and gathering evidence that will help everyone to answer questions when the time comes. The September INSET Day was the perfect start to the academic year so that everyone was aware of our 2023 – 2024 school priorities.

Key Priority 4:

To further strengthen the (Senior Leadership Team) SLT structure.

This term, clear roles and responsibilities have been established and agreed as a result of the question 'What makes a successful SLT?' Mrs. Cawley and Mr. May are an asset to our school and have supported me enormously throughout this first term. We challenge and question decisions, and continue to have high expectations alongside having mutual respect, trust and the same shared vision which will continue to move the school forward.

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School Lane Christmas Lights

Our Christmas Light display at 26 School Lane is now better than ever, with more lights and a bigger selection of songs. The lights are on every evening until New Year, with a collection of festive songs and sequenced lights.

We are raising money for Reverse Rett, more information about the charity is available at the show. Card, cash and online donation options are available.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/school-lane-lights-2023>

<https://lights.simonandlisa.co.uk/>



Attendance continues to be a high priority. Moving forward, we will keep you informed every half term if your child's absence falls below 95%.

Please click on the link to visit <https://www.guidensutton-plemstall.church>

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Save the Date:		
Saturday 2 nd December 6:00pm – 7:30pm	Guiden Sutton Village Light Switch On!	
Tuesday 5 th December 2:00pm	KS1 Performance for Reception families.	
Wednesday 6 th December 2:00pm	KS1 Performance for Year 1 families.	
Thursday 7 th December 2:00pm	KS1 Performance for Year 2 families.	
Friday 8 th December	Christmas FUN DAY!	
Monday 11 th December 2:30pm	KS2 Carol Concert!	
Tuesday 12 th December 1:00pm	KS2 Christmas Party!	
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner! KS1 Christmas Party!	
Friday 15 th December	PANTO! (Oh yes it is!) Christmas Jumper Day Hospice of the Good Shepherd – Festive Fun Run! Break up for Christmas	
Wednesday 3 rd January 2024	Children return to school	

If you are affected by the cost of living crisis and need any support from us as a school, please pop in for a confidential chat. We are here to help!

Please see the attached flyers for your information.

Have a fabulous weekend,

Theresa Rainford

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