



# School Newsletter

## A Happy and Holy Christmas

### Music and Magic

There is a wonderful Advent atmosphere just now: school is full of song and dance, not just with the magic of Christmas concerts underway, but also weekly dance sessions rock the building with "Footloose" and other classics!

The children's generosity with pocket and even birthday money going into the CAFOD pots, is breathtaking. At this rate, we will be breaking all previous records in support of those in dire need this Christmas. Thank you.

### Yuletide Cheer!



### Thank you PTA!

The Christmas Fair raised a fabulous £2000.00 + this year, funding much-loved enhancements to our infant playgrounds.



All proceeds from Christmas performances will be used to buy microscopes and drums!



### Advent Reverence

Our oldest children brought great reverence and poignancy to their carol service at church. Pure voices rang out in song and word, retelling the most-told story with solemnity and grace.



The youngest children bring admiration as we see how they have grown in stature and confidence. Their first telling of the Christmas story warms the heart.

### At Midnight, In the piercing cold...

We are using St Andrew's Novena daily throughout Advent.

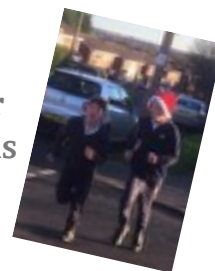
Hail and blessed be the hour  
and moment  
in which the Son of God was born  
of the most pure Virgin Mary,  
at midnight,  
in Bethlehem,  
in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



### 'Mile a day' for Christmas!

Our quest for healthy minds and bodies goes on.



Children running and wishing local people a 'Happy Christmas' brought smiles to many of our local residents this month.

## PARENT CONCERNS?

Please contact us with any concerns.  
[schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk](mailto:schooloffice@ourladyofpity.co.uk)

## PARENT COUNCIL

Are you interested in working to enhance learning? Contact [amaney@ourladyofpity.co.uk](mailto:amaney@ourladyofpity.co.uk).

## ESAFETY

[thinkuknow.co.uk](http://thinkuknow.co.uk)  
 Visit for latest guidance.

## PARENT VIEW

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Let us know if you need documents in another language, or if a translator would help.

# Top Twenty School... again!

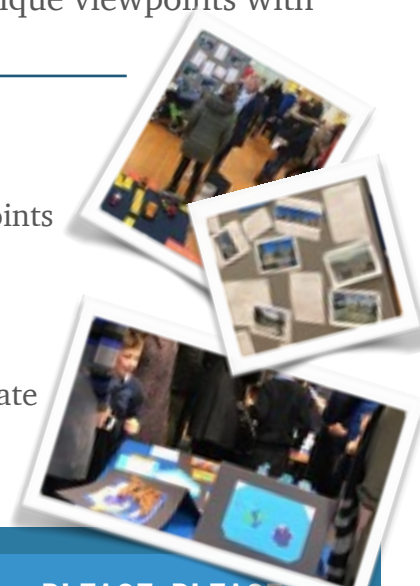
Our Lady of Pity has hit the broadsheets once again as one of only two primary schools listed in the top twenty schools in the North West. We continue to support other schools across the region as we develop mastery principles in practice.

Your children do you proud. Their responses to the richness of the curriculum demonstrate their ability to think deeply at every age.

The children delight in active learning which opens up their curiosity; they explore their world and express their unique viewpoints with confidence.

Thank you - for your tremendous support of this term's curriculum presentations! It has been fantastic to welcome so many to these sharing points and feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

Each year group, from 1 to 6 has now invited parents to share part of their learning and celebrate the quality of work produced along the way.



## GERM-ALERT!

Keep germs at bay -  
 no lip balm please -  
 children love to share!

Medicinal creams in  
 labelled tubs please.

## Hoods not Hats!

Thank you for helping us keep corridors clear.

## [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org) for Internet Safety Advice

Want to know how to set up devices safely for children using the internet?  
 Visit [internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org)

PLEASE, PLEASE,  
 PLEASE  
 PARK SAFELY AND  
 CONSIDER OUR  
 NEIGHBOURS.

## Must-reads!

What are YOUR best-loved books?

## Must-plays!

What are YOUR best-loved games for Christmas time?

**Baboushka**

A beautiful Russian folktale, of an old woman's endless search for the Christ child.

**Wonder**  
 AJ Palacio  
 9+ years

Poignant and powerful, we see how being different challenges and transforms.

**Shut the Box!**

**Chess**

**Bananagram**

As with many schools, we are now using our Facebook page to post in-the-moment photos and updates.

Please like our page: **Our Lady of Pity RC School.**

