



St. Mary's & St. Peter's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our themes for collective worship this week have been dignity, showing kindness, compassion and respect for all; and wisdom, using our talents wisely. Year 5 playground buddies are to be congratulated as they have been using their newly learned skills wisely to best support the children in KS1 at lunchtime, playing some great games. With Advent Sunday this weekend, we are busy preparing for all our Christmas festivities and look forward to seeing you in the coming weeks for the year group special events.

Wrap up warm for the Christmas Fair tomorrow and Christmas tree sale on Sunday.

With warm wishes,
Ms Helen Swain
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates

December

2nd Christmas Fair

4th Y6 Tech Rehearsal for KS1

5th Y6 Dress Rehearsal for KS2

6th / 7th Y6 Madagascar Production

7th Y2 Christmas Journey

8th School Christmas Lunch

8th Pre-School Cake Sale

11th Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

12th KS1 Nativity

13th KS1 Nativity

14th Reception Nativity

19th Y3&4 Sing Up

19th Y5 Carol Service

20th Y3&4 Sing Up

21st End of Term @ 2pm

January

8th INSET Day

9th First Day of Term

Year 5 Opera Workshop

When we got into the classroom, the chairs were in a circle with the tables pushed to one side. We were told we had a visitor and her name was Mrs Logan. She asked us to guess what she was going to talk about. After many guesses we eventually got it in the end. She was going to talk to us about opera as Italy is our specialist country in Year 5. First, we did a warm up where we chanted "Opera, here we go, take it easy, take it slow!" Then we added actions to the rhyme. We watched clips of opera and learned the names for different singers, e.g. Soprano, mezzo soprano, tenor, baritone and bass. Then we heard Mrs Logan sing and then it was our turn. Then we had to say goodbye to her. It was really fun!

- Jenni and Zinnia (Year 5)



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robust

adj. strong and tough

CAN YOU FIND A SYNONYM?
(WORD WITH THE SAME MEANING)

CAN YOU FIND AN ANTONYM?
(WORD WITH THE OPPOSITE MEANING)

CAN YOU USE THE WORD
IN A SENTENCE?

SPORTS:NEWS

Tag Rugby League

On the 14th of November, some of us went to play a match against St Richard Reynolds, Stanley and St Mary's where we won all three matches! Even though it was raining at the start, we were all still in a competitive mood to win. We can't wait until our next match!



Girls' Football Tournament

We were all really excited about our first football tournament this year. Everyone played really well as a team and we made it through to the quarter finals!

Netball vs St. John the Baptist

On Tuesday, our netball team played a match against St John the Baptist Junior School. Although they didn't win, they played fantastically and were part of a very exciting match! All the children demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship. They had a brilliant time and should be very proud of how they represented SMSP.



Book of the Week

Fablehouse

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Fablehouse is a children's home like no other. It's a safe haven for Heather and her friends, sheltering them from a society that won't accept the colour of their skin.

But soon that is not the only danger that threatens them. When mysterious spirits infiltrate the house, stealing away some of the children, the friends must follow them to the heart of the underworld. There they find a magical court from Arthurian legend, where bewitched creatures are hatching a plan to take over the human world.

With Pal, the gallant Black Knight, by their side, Heather and friends must resist the glamour of the Fae and battle the Champion. Can they find the inner strength they'll need to save their home?

December Kindness 2023

MONDAY



4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about

11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank

18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving

25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!

TUESDAY



5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely

12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today

19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated

26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature

WEDNESDAY



6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find

13 See how many different people you can smile at today

20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need

27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat

THURSDAY



7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today

14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one

21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you

28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy

FRIDAY

1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others

8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member

15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day

22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed

29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people

SATURDAY

2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are

9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead

16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to

23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness

30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why

SUNDAY

3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment

10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them

17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you

24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh

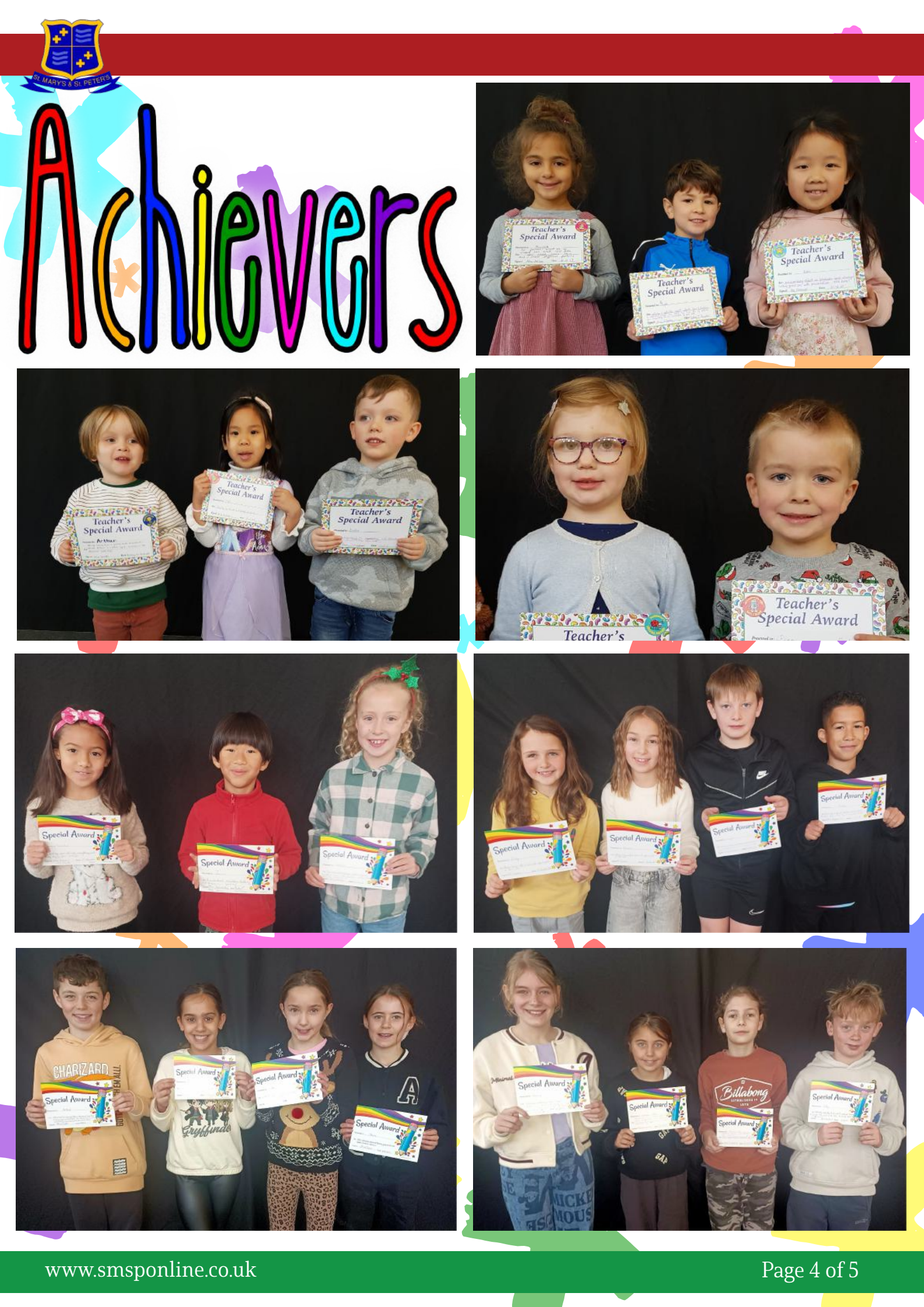
31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2024



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together





Achievers



NOW WITH ADDITIONAL DATES!

Meet Father Christmas!

An immersive magical adventure comes to life at the Landmark Arts Centre!

- Craft a special card for Father Christmas.
- Discover the Secret of the Reindeer.
- Meet Father Christmas and make it onto the Nice List.
- Receive a quality wooden toy to take home.
- Keep the magic alive with a secret surprise!



BOOK NOW

8,9,17,18

& 22 of DEC

TICKETS:

CHILDREN: £14.95

ADULTS £3.95

*children must be accompanied by an adult

All proceeds go to charity.



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