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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week.

We have had a wonderfully festive week filled with Christmas cheer - nativity performances, Christmas lunch, jumper day, and the Christmas fair. It has been a busy but joyous time for the school. A huge thank you to the Reception and KS1 staff for putting on an excellent nativity. The children were amazing, and the costumes were particularly impressive this year – well done, parents!

FOSJ Christmas Fair

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the amazing parents and carers who supported Alice, Petuch, and Kerry in making the day so special for our children. Your dedication and effort played a vital role in creating a truly memorable experience.

These events not only help raise funds for the school but also create cherished, lifelong memories for our children. Your generosity and commitment to our school community make such a difference.

A special thank you for braving the cold, windy, and wet weather to ensure the day was a success. Your support, rain or shine, is deeply appreciated and does not go unnoticed.

Christmas lunch

A huge thank you to Beverly, Janett, Bella, and Tracy for preparing such a delicious and festive Christmas lunch for the children and staff. This incredible effort doesn't happen overnight; it requires meticulous planning well in advance and an early start to the day to ensure everything is perfect. Their dedication and hard work are truly appreciated. Please see our newsletter for the pictures.

The meaning of Christmas workshops

To all the wonderful parents who have come in this week to run workshops with every class, helping our children understand why Christians celebrate Christmas — thank you. Your time, effort, and enthusiasm mean so much to us.

A special thank you goes to Kirsty, Jo, and Emma, three amazing mums who not only organised the activities but also took care of purchasing all the resources. Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated, and we are so grateful for everything you do to support our school community. Thank you again!





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Biblical timeline

Thank you to all the children who created a picture for the timeline. In every RE lesson, we refer to the timeline as it provides a structured, chronological framework for understanding the sequence of key events, figures, and narratives in the Bible. It helps the children see how different events and stories connect, forming a coherent narrative rather than a collection of isolated stories.

The winners are:

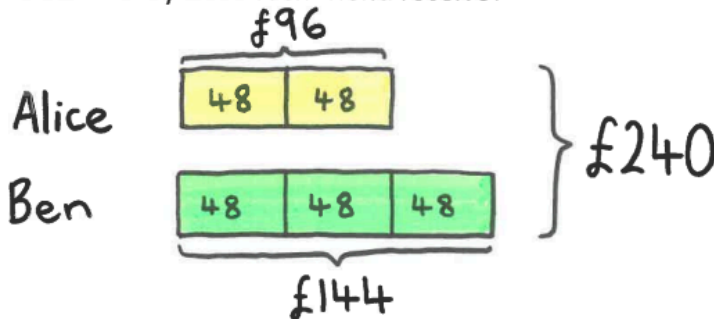
- **God** – Eliza (Y5)
- **Creation** – Mark (Y4)
- **The Fall** – Nina (Y3)
- **People of God** – Octavia (Y1)
- **Incarnation** – Martina (Y5)
- **Gospel** – All of Y5
- **Salvation** – Rei (Y2)
- **Kingdom of God** - Nova (Y2)

Please check the newsletter to see the winning pictures. These pictures will be used in every classroom.

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Last week, I wrote to you and asked you to try answering two questions. Let me know how you got on.

Two friends, Alice and Ben, share £240 in the ratio 2:3. How much money does each friend receive?



$$\begin{aligned} 240 \div 5 &= 48 \\ 48 \times 2 &= 96 \\ 48 \times 3 &= 144 \end{aligned}$$





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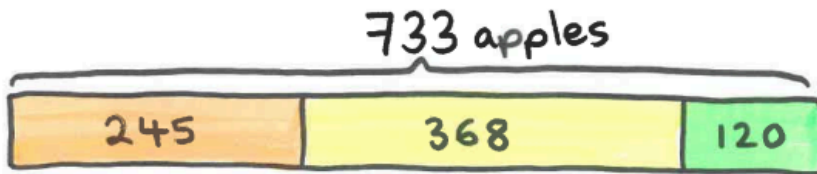
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A fruit shop sold 245 apples in the morning and 368 in the afternoon. By the end of the day, they had 120 apples left. How many apples did the shop have at the start of the day?



$$245 + 368 = 613$$

$$613 + 120 = 733$$

Key Dates for next week

Sunday 15th - Choir at St Augustine's Church (9.30 am - 9.45 am) - Please join us if you can.

Monday 16th - Music concert KS2 (9.30 am)

Tuesday 17th - Christmas Service 2:00 pm at St Thomas' Church

Thursday 19th - Kidz club finishes at 5:00 pm

Friday 20th - Carols around the tree (9:00 am)

Friday 20th - School finishes at 1:30.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend filled with relaxation and enjoyable moments, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

With warm regards,

Ms. H. Khan

Head of School

