

# St Andrew the Apostle School Weekly Newsletter



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15 December 2023

## Apostle News - Archbishop Nikitas Interview

Two lucky students and editors of the Apostle News visited the Archbishop Nikitas at his residence to interview him. You will be able to access the full interview very soon in their next edition.



## Message from the Headteacher

We have had another hugely busy but enjoyable week in the lead up to Christmas. On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday we briskly marched through Bethune Park, en masse, to St Katherine's for Christmas Services. Father Damian talked about Bethlehem and the meaning of the word in Hebrew and Arabic ('House of Bread' and 'House of Meat', respectively) as well as discussing how the advent of our Lord and Saviour, 'the Bread of life', changed the history and ethics of humanity forever, freeing mankind from the Law and offering new hope to the world. He spoke passionately, too, about the urgent need for the world, and particularly the Middle East, to turn to the Prince of Peace in prayer and how through prayer and open-heartedness we can all make a difference, even from our little corner of Barnet.

On Tuesday afternoon I had the privilege of travelling with our student reporters, Bella and Antonio, and Mrs Casey for an interview with His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas. His Eminence was on excellent form as he regaled us with learned answers on topics as disparate and diverse as the coronation of King Charles, the Parthenon marbles and the importance of wise stewardship of the environment. You will be able to read the interview in full in the next edition of *Apostle News*!

As I write I am really looking forward to our Christmas Concert and to seeing many of you there in the hall this evening!

Our buildings continue to soar to the skies in spite of the weather. On Monday I will be visiting the site with some intrepid student volunteers, so watch this space for photos of that.

As Christmas draws near you will have received a letter from the school detailing our closing and opening times: do make please sure that your child has plans in place for our early closure on Thursday 21 December at 12.35pm next week, the last morning of term.

**Philip Hills**

## Christmas Events

- Tuesday 19 December – Sixth Form Christmas Fare
- Tuesday 19 December – A level and GCSE Award Evening
- Tuesday 19 December – Trafalgar Square Performance
- Wednesday 20 December – Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
- Thursday 21 December – Last day of term 12.35pm finish

## Upcoming Dates and Information 2023 - 2024

- Please click [here](#) to access term dates.
- Please click [here](#) to access school calendar.

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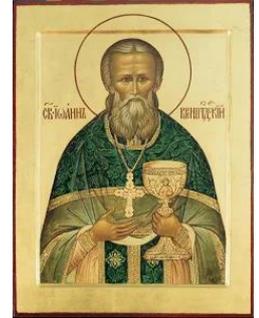
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## Faith



### St John of Kronstadt: 20 December

St John lived in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. He was poor and struggled at school, until one night he prayed to the Lord and things began to change. He was full of love and compassion for others and he spent his days preaching, teaching and caring for the needy. He helped people to turn their lives around through trusting in the Father. Through his prayers many sick people were healed. He was able to see Christ in other people, saying, 'Remember that the Lord is in every Christian. When your neighbour comes to you, always have great respect for him, because the Lord is in him and often expresses his will through him.'



## Christmas Church Visits

Students attended St Katherine's Christmas Church Services throughout last week. Y7 & Y8 attended on Monday and Y9 & Y11 on Wednesday, while Y10, Y12 & Y13 attended on Thursday. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and the Headteacher and others gave readings during the services alongside Father Daimian.



## Christmas Lunch

We are pleased to inform you that the school Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday 20 December. This is always a lovely event with the vast majority of our students choosing to take part. Please see menu below:

### CHRISTMAS FEAST

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Pigs in Blankets  
OR  
Vegan Soya Bean & Cranberry Wellington

Both Served with Seasonal Vegetables,  
Roast Potatoes & Gravy

&

Christmas Pudding with Vanilla Sauce  
OR  
Stained Glass Window Shortbread



## Christmas fund Donations

Parents will see an item for donations if they sign in to ParentPay to pay for items.

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## Senior Football

The senior football team played JCOSS on Monday 11 December in the quarter final of the borough cup. The side contained players from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13. Special mentions must go to Theo C, Jonatan Q, Daniel D and Jayden K who all played three years above. JCOSS showed no mercy to a team getting to know one another and took a 2-0 lead. The team grew in confidence and stature, and goals from Year 11 students Aleks OP and Jerome S saw the team level at half time.



Captain and senior player Georgi I gave a rousing speech at half time, supported by Raphael C who unfortunately came off injured. JCOSS had the better of the second half, but STA defended well with Freddie P leading the backline. In the last minutes of the match Jerome S hit the cross bar after chipping the goalkeeper from outside the box. This was the defining moment of the game for STA, JCOSS scored minutes after to win 3-2. The team voted Year 10 student Jonatan Q player of the match after an exceptional performance in defence. The Year 10 and 11 side have football quarter-final and semi-final matches after the Christmas holidays.

Mr Browell (Head of Year 10 & PE)

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### Location 1

Holiday Inn Brent Cross  
Tilling Road, Brent Cross, London,  
NW2 1LP

Time: 09:30am - 14:30pm

Ages: 11 - 16

Dates: Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th  
January 2024 (4 Days)

### Location 2

Holiday Inn Express Golders Green  
58 Regents Park Road, London,  
N3 3JN

Time: 09:30am - 14:30pm

Ages: 11 - 16

Dates: Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th  
January 2024 (4 Days)

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## Safeguarding

At St Andrew we have a team of colleagues ready to remove or reduce any barriers to students learning or wellbeing. If you have any concerns about your, or any other child in school please contact us. This should include:

- Their physical safety, such as their travel to and from school or the environment they are in outside of school.
- Their mental wellbeing, such as any concerns about anxiety, loneliness, bereavement or other mental health concerns.
- Their social development, such as concerning friendship groups or worries over gang involvement.
- Any other concerns such as obsession over gaming or being on the internet too much.

Please contact us through the staff contact form on our website, even if we cannot help directly, we can signpost families to local organisations and charities.

In particular, please contact the safeguarding leads below, or any other adults.

Your Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Martin, Ms Walt and Ms Viala



• Ms Awotona or Ms Henshaw – Devall



## Extra Curricular Clubs Timetable Autumn Term

	Lunchtime	After school
<b>Monday</b>	Y7 and Y8 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 - 1.20pm)	All Years Dodgeball (3 - 4pm) KS3 (Y7 - Y9) STEM Club - SC4 (3.05 - 3.45pm) Homework Club - ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games - MA3 (12.35 - 1.10pm) Y9 Drama Club - DR1 (12.50 - 1.20pm)	Homework Club - ICT1 (3.3.50pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Strategy Club: Chess, Connect 4, Backgammon, Card Games - MA3 (12.35 - 1.10pm)	Dance - B5 Changing Rooms (3 - 4.30pm) Art Club - Art1 Sign Up Only (3 - 4pm) Homework Club - ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Guitar Club - MU1 (12.35 - 1.20pm) MFL Speaking Club - CR11 (12.35 - 1pm) A Level girl Club - EN6 (12.35 - 1.15pm) Apostle News Writing Group (12.35 - 1.15pm)	All Years Basketball - B5 Changing Rooms (3 - 4pm) Netball - B5 Changing Rooms (3 - 4pm) Choir - MU1 (3 - 3.50pm) Homework Club - ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)
<b>Friday</b>		Homework Club - ICT1 (3 - 3.50pm)