



# Saint Nathaniel's Academy

## November 2023 Newsletter



We are now approaching a very busy time of the year, where lots of activities are being planned and prepared for in preparation for the upcoming festive period. There are lots of dates to take note of for December, and we hope that you will be able to join us for many of them.

### Remembrance Service

Thank you to the children and staff from Year 5 who shared a very special Remembrance service with the school and parents this month. A very fitting tribute was delivered and the children showed a good understanding of why Remembrance Day is such a special day during the year. We were also very grateful to be invited by Swan Bank Church to take part in a Remembrance service at the cenotaph in Burslem on the Monday following Remembrance Sunday. Six of our Year 5 pupils took part and shared a poem to mark the occasion. They were a credit to the school. Well done Year 5!



### A Potential Premier League Star!

A recent article in the Guardian newspaper highlighted a potential Manchester City and England star in the making, who started his footballing journey right here at St. Nathaniel's Academy! If you have not heard of Joel Ndala, you probably soon will. He has just finished playing for England at the Under 17 World Cup, where he even scored against Brazil. As a pupil at our school, his footballing talent was spotted by a member of staff who then recommended him to Port Vale, and he has not looked back since. Congratulations to Joel for all that he has achieved so far. Hopefully he may come back to visit one day to inspire the many children who would love to follow in his footsteps!

[https://www.theguardian.com/football/2023/nov/26/englands-bright-spark-joel-ndala-primed-to-follow-in-fodens-footsteps?CMP=Share\\_AndroidApp\\_Other](https://www.theguardian.com/football/2023/nov/26/englands-bright-spark-joel-ndala-primed-to-follow-in-fodens-footsteps?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other)

### Christmas Performances

Our EYFS pupils along with pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 are busy preparing and rehearsing for their Christmas performances this year. EYFS will be hosting their Christmas Nativity on the afternoon of Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December and the morning of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Year 1 will be inviting parents in to help make Christingles in class on the afternoon of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December, which will be followed by the Year 1 Christingle Service in the hall that same afternoon. Meanwhile, Year 2 will be hosting their Christmas performance on the afternoon of Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, and on the morning of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Please speak to the relevant class teachers if you require tickets to the performances.

### E-safety

E-safety is an ongoing message that we share with pupils in school each week. It is vital that we teach pupils how to stay safe online and what they can do to create a safe online environment. It is therefore just as important that you have conversations with your children at home about how they can protect themselves online. The following link from the government provides parents and carers with advice about how to keep children safe online, the different types of online safety issues that exist, as well as some useful resources to use:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

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### Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas lunch will take place for all pupils on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### Peer Chaplains

At the end of last year, 8 of our children, along with children from across our other Trust schools, were trained to be Peer Chaplains. They had a day of working together, discussing what makes them happy, and talking about how they can help and support others in school. This year, they have been rolling out activities for the school to join in with and have been talking about what they do during our morning worships. Recently, Reverend Rob from one of our other Trust schools, came in to see how they were doing and to share some new activities for them to do with everyone in school. They talked so positively about what they do and their roles, and Reverend Rob was very impressed with the work they are doing. They were also presented with their new Peer Chaplain badges. Well done to the children involved.



### Attendance for September

We continue to monitor attendance very closely at school. To the right are the latest attendance results for each class for last month. The national average for attendance which we strive to achieve is 96%.

	<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>		<u>Lates</u>	<u>% Attendance</u>
<b>R1EP</b>	40	94%	<b>3DY</b>	10	94.4%
<b>R2SP</b>	29	93.1%	<b>4EP</b>	26	89.8%
<b>1AT/ZB</b>	59	93.4%	<b>4RT</b>	38	94%
<b>1MB</b>	57	89.7%	<b>5HH</b>	18	94.8%
<b>2DF</b>	29	95.6%	<b>5SB</b>	43	91.5%
<b>2AB/ET</b>	33	98.3%	<b>6ES</b>	19	94.3%
<b>3CH</b>	38	94.6%	<b>6TG</b>	41	96.9%

**Congratulations to Class 2TB** for having the highest attendance during that month!

### Diary Dates

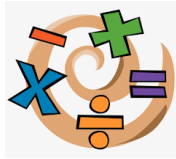
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Y2DF visit to Matlock Farm
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Y2AB/ET visit to Matlock Farm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (afternoon) – Yr 2 Christmas performance
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December (morning) – Yr 2 Christmas performance
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (afternoon) – EYFS Nativity
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (morning) – EYFS Nativity
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December (afternoon) – Yr 1 Christingle service
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – School closes for Christmas & Christmas jumper day
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – School opens for pupils

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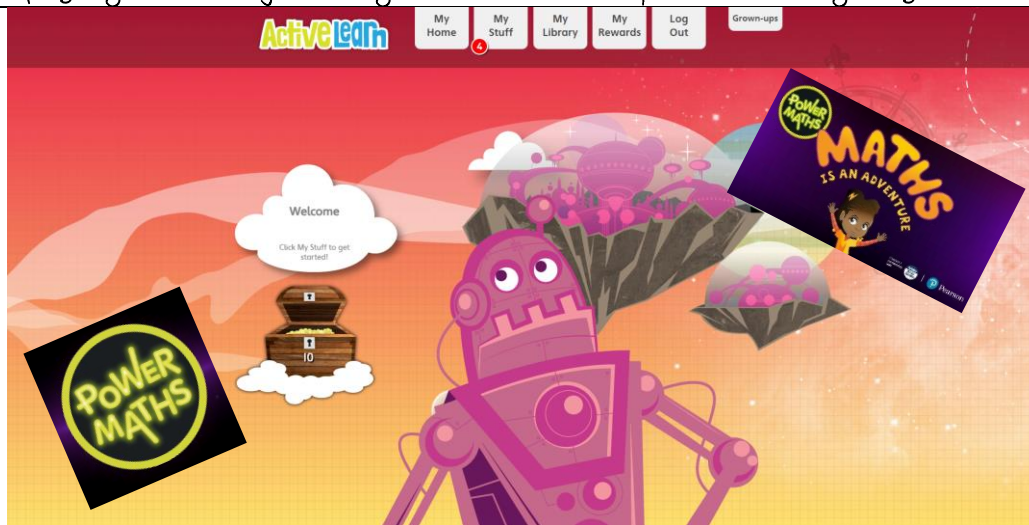
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# Magic Maths!



Don't forget to log in to your Power Maths personal space at home in order to get the most out of the free resources that are on offer to you. Just head to <https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0> and use your username and password to login. If you've forgot your details, just ask your teacher who will provide them to you again.



Start the maze with zero. You have to finish the maze with a total of 25. Add the number of the square you land on each time. Your route can only go **right** or **down** on each turn. There are 3 possible routes to score 25. Can you find them?

START	4	3	7	5
2	9	8	1	3
3	5	7	6	4
8	1	0	2	FINISH

Have you got a maths puzzle that you would like to see on the next newsletter? If so, share your idea with Mr Rowley, Mrs Turkmen or Mr Bowler.

### Challenge!

5	100	40
8	10	20
2	4	10

How many ways can you make 80?

### Maths Website of the Month:

Our next website is IXL, which allows you to filter through different year groups as well as the objective you want to practise in maths. Once selected, you will be able to complete a range of online questions.

<https://uk.ixl.com/standards/england/maths>