



From the Head

The feeling of festive excitement is gathering all around the school as the term begins to draw to a close and the days are filled with some fun seasonal activities in our year group bubbles. The online Upper School concert was a wonderful showcase of our pupils' musical talent this week, and we all greatly enjoyed the assembly quiz on Friday morning, guessing the missing lines from different Christmas carols and songs.

We are delighted to share our beautiful online carol service with you on Saturday. While we are sorry not to be celebrating in the Cathedral this year, our recording will mean that our celebrations can be shared with all members of the community, including those who would not normally make it to Canterbury. The link will be sent out to you on Saturday and will be available to watch from 5pm. We hope it will put you all in the Christmas spirit. The magical Pre-Prep Christmas Show link will also follow too. My thanks to all the staff team for the enormous amount of hard work that has gone into creating and making these two very special events.

I am grateful to the Friends of Junior King's for the online Christmas Market and for all their hard work in organising all the produce and delivering it to support our school community.

It will be an exciting weekend for the boarding community as we will celebrate with a special Christmas dinner on Saturday. Everyone also looks forward to wearing Christmas jumpers on Tuesday and Wednesday next week too, and to enjoying a delicious Christmas lunch.

On behalf of everyone here at Junior King's, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Calendar

Saturday 5 December	17:00	Carol Service (online)
	18:30	Boarders' Christmas Dinner
Sunday 6 December		Boarders' activity: Christmas Day at home
	10:00	Service for boarders
Monday 7 December	9:30	Flu vaccinations (Year 5 only)
Tuesday 8 December		Christmas jumper day
	14:00	Pre-Prep Christmas Parties
Wednesday 9 December		Christmas jumper day
	12:00	Christmas Lunch
	13:30	Final service
	From 14:30	End of term (please note details of timings on the following page)
Thursday 10 December		
Friday 11 December		Closing date for The King's School DT, Drama, Dance and Art Scholarship entries

Junior House Stars of the Week

3AW: George

4M: Kayesha

3L: Cyril

4W: Hugo



Year 6 performed the physical theatre pieces they've been putting together in Drama



Year 7 got crafty in their Saturday art activity last week, making their own colourful Christmas decorations

Notices

- ◆ Please note the following pick-up times for next week.

	Monday 7 December	Tuesday 8 December	Wednesday 9 December*
Nursery	15:00-15:15	15:00-15:15	14:30
Reception	15:15	15:15	14:30
Years 1 and 2	15:30	15:30	14:30
Junior House	16:15	16:15	14:30
Middle School	16:30	16:30	15:00
Upper School	16:45	16:45	15:15
Boarders	N/A	N/A	14:00-15:00

***Wednesday only:** if you have children in different sections of the school, we would kindly ask that you collect all of your children at the earliest pick-up slot.

- ◆ We will be collecting money for the BookTrust Christmas appeal next week. Children should bring in a donation of £1 and wear a Christmas jumper on Tuesday and Wednesday to support BookTrust, who will be using funds raised to bring books to children who are vulnerable or in care this Christmas.
- ◆ We will be hosting our next virtual open morning for prospective families on Saturday 16 January. If you know anyone that may be interested in finding out more about our school, please do let them know that they can register for their place online on our [website](#).

EXCELLENT TRAIN LINKS

Ashford - Sturry (23 min)

Wye - Sturry (17 min)

Chilham - Sturry (14 min)

Canterbury West - Sturry (4 min)

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VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING

Saturday 16 January 2021

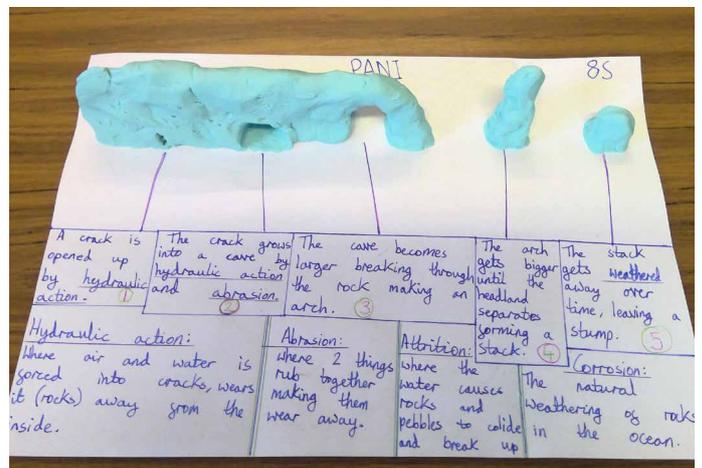
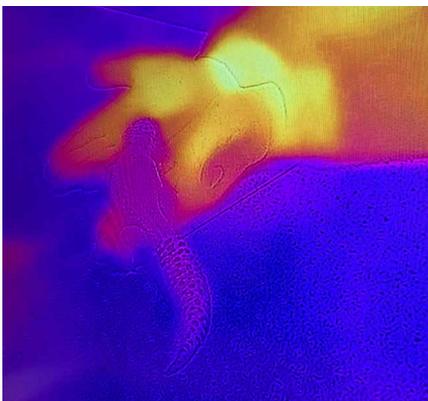
CO-EDUCATIONAL | 3-13 YEARS | DAY & BOARDING

Hands on Science with Year 7



This week, Year 7 welcomed back environmental educator Dr Clive Nuttman, who visited us to deliver workshops on animal classification. We even streamed the lesson to China so that no one missed out on the experience!

Year 7 had the opportunity to look at (and gently handle) some fascinating creatures, and there was even a chance to see some Physics in action with a thermal heat camera, which demonstrated temperature changes.



Year 3 have been doing experiments to investigate durability in Science

Year 8 made coastal landforms and features out of Play Doh in Geography

Poetry Competition: Upper School Winners

In this edition of The Week, we are publishing the final batch of winning entries from the poetry competition. This week, we round things off with the Upper School winners and their poems inspired by the National Poetry Day theme of “vision”. Rahman’s (8M) entry (overleaf) scooped first prize, a £10 Amazon voucher and 3 epraise points. Jack (7C) was awarded 3 epraise points for his second-prize-winning entry and Ava I (8SK) earned 2 epraise points for her piece, which won third prize.



The Fox

Who knows what the fox sees with its sly eyes
shining in the moonlight in the night-skies.

Who knows where the fox sees hiding in the
dead leaves concealed from the bears of the
green mucky forest.

Who knows who the fox sees with its eagle-like
vision gleaming in the night.

Who knows how the fox sees leaves falling into
an endless mud patch, brown like chocolate.

Who knows when the fox sees the bears rising
at twilight, the birds come out to sing their
calming song, or the owls loudly howling in the
darkness of the night.

Jack (7C)



Sunrise

Have you ever seen a sunrise?
The different colours
Fill up your eyes
Until you are blinded.

Colours blending seamlessly with one another,
As though they are deceiving your eyes
Into thinking they are all one.

Again I ask you,
Have you ever seen a sunrise?

The colours, unlike anything you
Will ever witness.

Muted purple slowly transitioning to
Innocent blue,

Then rosy pink,
All the way to florid orange,
With pale yellow creeping through.

Yet again I ask you,
Have you ever seen a sunrise?

Look at the colours uniting,
Holding hands.

Smiling at the trees;
Smiling at the people.

For the last time I ask you,
Have you ever seen a sunrise?

Tell me, when you see a sunrise
Do you feel the bottled shades

Cascading into your soul
Dripping from head to toe?

I do.

Ava I (8SK)



Mirror Mirror

I saw that day what no one else could –
 It saw me back but didn't move.
 I wanted to do something
 But by the time I was ready
 There was nothing I could do.
 It showed me something new –
 I couldn't tell what it was
 But after some time I got used to it.
 Everyone possesses it
 But not everyone loves it.
 That day it showed me what I looked like –
 I was deeply terrified
 But also really mystified.
 I never understood why.
 It possessed some dark magic
 Which I needed to obtain.
 To do this I needed to get to the main domain.
 I decided to take a long think and look.
 I broke it and it all shook;
 Everything was like out of a book.
 This was an ordinary thing –
 It was a simply terrifying thing:
 A mirror!

Rahman (8M)

Happy Birthday!

We wish a very happy birthday to the following pupils and staff who have their birthdays next week.

- 5 December**
 Sebastian M-B
 Findlay K
- 7 December**
 Mrs Jerman
- 9 December**
 Jack S
 Rupert S
- 10 December**
 Sam T
 Elizabeth C



Year 7 made Christmas cards in Spanish to practise their seasonal language skills: feliz Navidad!

The pennies have been counted and we are thrilled to announce that the final total raised by our community for Children in Need was a whopping **£2375.07**. A huge thank you to parents and pupils for their generous support of this amazing charity.

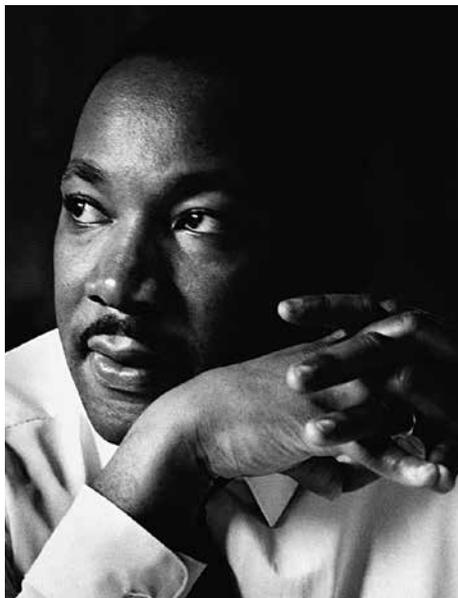
Meet the staff: Mr Pollard, Head of Religious Studies



I have been at Junior King's since 2007. I am Head of RS and teach Year 8, where I am also a form tutor. I also teach English and I'm involved with Middle School Boys' Games, coaching football, hockey, rugby and cricket. Outside of school, I enjoy playing the guitar – I love learning new songs and discovering new music. I also enjoy walking my dog Coco, a Tibetan Terrier, and playing table-tennis and golf with some of my friends on staff!

How would you describe the Religious Studies Department?

The RS Department consists of myself, Mrs Smiley and Mr Jamieson – they are a great team. We want RS to be engaging and relevant for all year groups. We recently stopped doing RS at CE and we are developing a new curriculum that includes religion, philosophy and ethics. We also try and get outside speakers to come to the school, such as a Jewish Rabbi in Year 6 and a leader from a local Sikh gurdwara in Year 5.



What is your favourite thing about life at Junior King's?

My favourite thing is the amazing pupils and staff. Everyone is so friendly and supportive – the children, the teachers and the support staff. It's a great place to work.



What are you looking forward to this academic year in the Religious Studies Department?

I am looking forward to having great discussions with the children about the big questions in life. For example, this term in Year 8 we have looked at prejudice and discrimination and the life of Martin Luther King, important topics that tied in with what's been in the news recently. In Year 7, we introduced some philosophy and looked at arguments for the existence of God. Year 6 have been learning all about Judaism and next term Year 5 will look at all the major world religions.



THE MINI WEEK

FROM THE PRE-PREP



This week in Nursery, we have been talking about why we celebrate Christmas. After recalling what we know about the Nativity story (the children have been roleplaying in the stable, enjoying “small world” Nativity characters and listening to stories), we talked about Jesus and how God sent him to us as a special gift. We spoke about praying to God and Kaira told us she prays to Ganesh, especially at Diwali. We thought about what we are grateful for this Christmas and the children contributed their own ideas to our Christmas Prayer:

Dear God, this Christmas we are thankful for:

- A bed to sleep in*
- A bath to wash in*
- For our birthdays*
- Food to keep our tummies full*
- Our teddy bear advent calendar*
- Pink Bears*
- The people in our school who help us*
- Mummy and Daddy and our families*
- Our Christmas trees and the Christmas elf*
- Christmas cake*
- Keeping us all safe*
- Gymnastics to keep us fit and healthy*
- Our furry friends and pets*
- Thank you God and Jesus*
- Amen*

Christmas elves have taken over Reception this week. They have been busy taking orders, writing cards and wrapping gifts! We had a special delivery on Monday... our very own Nativity set! The children have been learning about the very first Christmas, discovering that the three kings followed a very special star. This led to some wonderful independent writing and drawing.



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Merry Christmas from Year 1!



What a swashbuckling Pirate Day Year 2 had this week! It included creating a recipe for a tropical treat, making and enjoying 'Tropical Fruity Booty', a treasure hunt, singing pirate songs and playing "pass the booty" – there is nothing a pirate likes more than a golden doubloon or two!



Pre-Prep notices

- ◆ Tuesday 8 December – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas parties. Please wear your best Christmas jumper over your usual school uniform and bring a £1 charity donation.
- ◆ Wednesday 9 December – Christmas Activity Day. Christmas jumpers welcome! 14:30 finish with no Late Club available.





Just one book can brighten Christmas for a vulnerable child

Christmas won't be magical for every child. A special book gift can add sparkle. The BookTrust Christmas appeal sends book gifts to children who are vulnerable or in care. Can you help?

Wear a Christmas jumper on Tuesday and Wednesday. Bring in £1 to brighten a child's Christmas.

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Dear Friends,

Thanks to all the generous parents at Junior King's, we have raised £1620 for Porchlight in a little over a week! Your support has been outstanding, and I cannot thank you enough for your kindness.

I am so proud of what we have achieved together, and I look forward to the future we are going to build. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to those parents and businesses who made the Friends' Christmas Raffle 2020 possible by donating brilliant prizes. Many thanks to Mrs Károlyi for hosting the Raffle Draw and, together with Mrs Jerman, supporting this project from its infancy. A big thank you to the Friends Committee for their never-ending enthusiasm and hard work. Please take a moment to watch a video message from a Porchlight representative, Mrs Sophie Batchleor, addressed to Junior King's parents. No password is required to view this video: <https://vimeo.com/485892394>.

I wish you all happy holidays and a very happy New Year.

Thank you,

Tiziana Ismael-Mia

FJKS Chair



The FJKS

The Friends of
Junior King's
Canterbury



Online Christmas Market 2020

raised just over £2,340



Particular thanks to
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and to Mrs Bristow, Mrs Jerman, Mrs Izzi
and all the fantastic members of staff
who helped to deliver the orders
to the right families!

And a final thank you to
all the wonderful families
who bought something from our market.

Merry Christmas Everyone!