

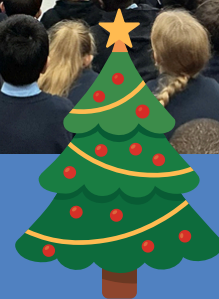


Newsletter

December 2025



Headteacher Message



Dear Parents/ Carers

Happy Advent! May you and your family enjoy this time of expectant waiting and spiritual renewal.

Once again, the beautiful time of Advent has approached quickly. On the 1st of December we marked the beginning of Advent with a lovely Advent wreath celebration of the word, led by Year three. Thank you to Fr David for blessing our wreaths. Although it is a very busy time of year with all the preparations- the children have enjoyed a variety of events in December; the Pantomime, the Menphys concert in DeMontfort Hall, the FOSM Christmas Fayre and Santa's grotto, the travelling crib for each class and the Academy travelling crib being used in school on the 4th of December, amongst many more events. We have also been undertaking assessments have taken place to check your child's progress and plan support for the next term, to close any gaps in learning.

We wish our youngest classes all the very best as they prepare for their annual nativity plays. This is always a deeply thoughtful and awe- inspiring time of the year, especially in a Catholic School setting, where there is greater significance to the innocence and beauty of childhood, as shown through a baby being born in a humble stable. Well-done to the EYFS class who showed their considerable talents and confidence in their Nativity, remembering all their lines and song words with great enthusiasm. Thank you to all the staff who work so hard with the children at Christmas to let their light's shine. Please do join us in church for the Junior carol service on Tuesday the 16th of December at 1.30p.m. It is set to be a lovely, moment of calm reflection in this busy time.

Thank you for your response to the survey, Mrs Clarke sent out. This very important feedback will help us in the New year, adapt policies and make changes. The survey will close on Wednesday the 17th of December. On behalf of all the staff we wish you a happy and enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New year.

Miss Jordan

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Dates for your diary



9th Dec: EYFS Nativity: 1.30p.m: performance for parents

11th Dec: Christmas jumper day/ meal day.

2.15p.m: Rock steady concert

12th December: Christmas Pyjama day/ Pyjama Day

16th Dec: 1.30p.m Carol service Juniors in church

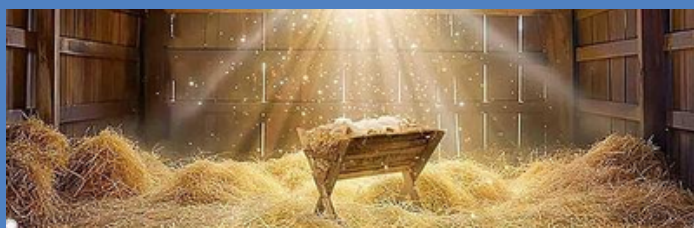
17th Dec: KS1 nativity 2.00: performance

19th Dec: children come to school in party clothes.

22nd December to the 2nd of January 26- Christmas holidays

5th January 2026: School begins for the Lent/ Spring Term

6th January: 9.15a.m mass in church for Epiphany- readers Year 3



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Meet Our Staff

Miss Myatt: Year 3 teacher and History lead

Miss Myatt joined St Mary's School at the beginning of the Academic year. Miss Myatt teaches Y3 with Mrs Clarke- the school's Deputy Head teacher. Miss Myatt teaches on Thursday and Friday, so Mrs Clarke has time to work on allocated duties for her Deputy Head teacher role. Miss Myatt brings an experience of humanities and psychology to the school and has a great interest in the SEND provision at St Mary's, aiming to complete the SENCO award. We warmly welcome Miss Myatt to the school community.

Attendance

As we complete our journey through the school year, I wish to express my sincere gratitude and pride for the commitment shown by the St Mary's families in ensuring daily attendance and punctuality at school. High attendance and being on school on time is an important part of our children's formation. Lateness is marked on the register and school records. Our target is to reach a whole school average attendance above 98%.

The classes with the highest attendance so far this year are:

Year 4: 97%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 96%

Unfortunately our whole school attendance is below where it was compared to last year and we have like other schools been affected by flu and stomach bugs. We have increased the cleaning in school, bought extra supplies of hand sanitiser and staff have worn masks when they have a cold. Help us to raise attendance in school, by not booking holidays in the term time. A day off school means that gaps in learning can grow, as prior knowledge has not been taught.

For medical/ dental appointments we kindly request that you provide the school office with evidence of the appointment. If your child is absent for more than a few days, we would expect that they have been seen by a medical professional to justify the extended time away from learning.

REMEMBER THAT EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE LEADS TO EXCELLENT ACHIEVEMENT.

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participate!

Christmas PYJAMA'S!

Come to school in your comfiest pyjamas – festive or usual ones! Ensure you dress appropriately for the weather and wear comfortable, sturdy shoes suitable for outdoor activities

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025



DELICIOUS HOT CHOCOLATE TOPPED WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND
MARSHMALLOWS WILL BE ON SALE FOR JUST 50P DURING BREAK
TIME ON THIS DAY TOO



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FOSM PRESENTS

Christmas RAFFLE!

£1 for 5 tickets

Feeling lucky? ✨ Have a go on our Christmas raffle - win prizes and make a real difference! Every ticket helps raise funds for items such as new books, playground equipment, clothing, and activities for our students

Tickets are available to purchase from the school office and at the nativity shows—check the Dojo photo to see the fabulous prizes waiting to be won!

The draw will take place during the End of Term Assembly on the 19th

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Advent 2 Term Highlights

