

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*



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## Head Teacher Newsletter 6

**Virtue to Live By: Patience**

### Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday the Church celebrated the Feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel (Luke 23:35-43), we hear how Jesus—despite facing mockery and pain—shows his true kingship from the cross as a King of mercy, forgiveness and hope. His promise to the good thief, "Today you will be with me in Paradise," reminds us that Christ reigns not with earthly power, but through loving service, compassion and the gift of new beginnings. As we enter this last week before Advent, let us take inspiration from Christ's loving kingship—seeking ways to be patient, generous and welcoming in our homes, in our school and in our wider community.

### Stay and Play: **Every Thursday 9:30–10:30am**

Our new weekly 'Stay and Play' sessions for pre-school children, led by our teachers, are now running. It's a lovely opportunity for young children and their families to come together. Please ring the office at 0113 2930318 to reserve a place or to share with friends in the community.

### Christmas Table Top Sale: **Saturday 29th November 11am–2pm**

Join us for a festive market packed with a visit from Father Christmas, Irish food, hot snacks, floristry, books, cookies, brownies and more. This is a wonderful chance to find gifts, connect with other families and support our fundraising.

### Christingle Service: **Tuesday 2nd December 9:10am in Church**

All families are warmly invited to our Christingle Service led by Year 5/6, Miss Hayden's class—a beautiful celebration as we begin Advent.

### St Nicholas Day Celebration & Carols: **Friday 5th December 2pm, in Church**

Please come along for readings and carols as we honour our patron saint and celebrate Advent together. It is a lovely way to begin the Advent journey. We look forward to this joyful event with as many families as possible.

### Bishop Marcus Parish Visit: **Sunday 7th December 9:30am**

We are very privileged to welcome Bishop Marcus to our parish Mass. Your presence would be greatly appreciated as we show him the supportive and vibrant community here at St Nicholas.

### Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and Class Parties:

#### **Wednesday 17th December**

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of their usual school jumper or cardigan. The day begins with a festive lunch—please return your lunch forms if you haven't already—and will finish with class parties brimming with festive cheer!

## Recent Highlights

We have truly seen our school values lived out these past weeks. The children have impressed us with kindness, perseverance and curiosity—whether exploring new topics in class or supporting others through charitable events.

### Northern Ballet Visit:

Last week, Edgar and Mark from Northern Ballet delivered a wonderful workshop. Not only did children gain new skills, but the company also talent-spotted—congratulations to our Year 6 pupil who will perform in *The Nutcracker* this December!

### Remembrance Assembly:

Miss Newland's class led a poignant and moving service. Their respectful tribute reminded us of the importance of peace and gratitude for others' sacrifices.

**Advent and Nativity Preparations:** Guided by our Chaplaincy and Mini Vinnies, Advent will be marked with opportunities to reflect, pray and serve, with pupils leading seasonal service projects. Reception and Years 1 & 2 are rehearsing their performances, and we're excited to share the results. If you have not received your Google Forms ticket request, please contact the office.

### Reception Nativity:

Monday 8th December 2:15pm  
Tuesday 9th December 9:30am

### Years 1 & 2 Performance:

Tuesday 9th December 2:15pm  
Wednesday 10th December 9:30am

**Colder Weather and School Closures:** As the weather turns colder, please ensure children come to school with warm, waterproof clothing and appropriate footwear. Should we need to close due to severe weather, we will notify parents as soon as possible via text and update our website. We always aim to remain open, but safety is our top priority.

**Thank You:** Thank you for your generous support of the Macmillan Coffee Morning—raising a fantastic £372.92! Your contributions to the Poppy Appeal and ongoing encouragement help make St Nicholas a place where every child can flourish.

With every blessing, Mrs Burns

Head Teacher

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