

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

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



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**Virtue to Live By: Patience**

## Head Teacher Newsletter 7

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday, on the Second Sunday of Advent, we were blessed to welcome Bishop Marcus to our parish for Mass at 9:30am. In the Gospel, John the Baptist calls us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and it was a truly special and joyful occasion to gather as a school and parish family to hear this message together. Bishop Marcus' presence reminded us of the importance of hope, readiness and love as we journey through Advent. We are so grateful to all of you who joined us in church and helped make this such a warm and prayerful celebration.



### A Wonderful Start to Advent

Advent has begun beautifully at St Nicholas. Miss Hayden's class led our Christingle Service in church on Tuesday 2nd December, with such care and reverence. The children explained the meaning of the Christingle and helped us all remember that Jesus is the Light of the World. Thank you to all families who joined us for this moving and hopeful start to the season.

We also enjoyed a wonderful Carol Concert and Feast of St Nicholas on Friday 5th December. St Nicholas is not only our school's patron saint, but also a powerful example of kindness, generosity and care for others. The children's singing and the readings reminded us all of the true spirit of Christmas: love, giving and the joy of sharing God's light with one another.

**Nativity Performances** – A Time of Wonder: This week, we look forward to seeing the wonderful Nativity performances prepared by Reception and Key Stage 1. The children have worked so hard on the *Wriggly Nativity* and *Bossy King*, and their enthusiasm and understanding of the Christmas story have been a joy to see. These performances are not just about lines and costumes; they help our children truly understand and remember the real meaning of Christmas – that God came to us as a baby, full of love and hope for all people.

### Sacrament Preparation – Spring Term

Sacrament preparation will begin in the Spring term. A separate letter with full details will follow. Please note that an attendance sheet from the parish will be included with the letter. This needs to be signed to show that your child is attending Mass regularly, as this is a crucial part of the Sacramental preparation process.

## Your Guide to December – Key Dates

Below is a helpful overview of everything happening in school during December:

- **Monday 8th December** – EYFS Nativity, 2:15pm
  - **Tuesday 9th December** – EYFS Nativity, 9:30am; KS1 Nativity, 2:15pm
- **Wednesday 10th December** – KS1 Nativity, 9:30am
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Road Safety Assembly for EYFS, Y1, Y2 and Y3
- **Friday 12th December** – EYFS Craft Morning, 9:15am  
(Parents of Reception children are welcome to join in the hall)
- **Sunday 14th December** – Third Sunday of Advent
- **Monday 15th December** – End of Term Mass in Church, 9:15am
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Party Day & Christmas Dinner Day
  - Children may wear a Christmas jumper or festive headwear over their normal uniform
  - A separate letter with details will follow
- **Thursday 18th December** – Christmas Sing-a-long in the School Hall, 2pm (all welcome)
- **Friday 19th December** – School closes to children at 1.15pm
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026** – School reopens to children



## Thank You and Community News

It was lovely to see so many parents and children at the Christmas Crafts with Catholic Care. The children made some beautiful Christmas items, and it was fantastic to see such strong support for the Christmas Fair. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over £500 for school – an amazing achievement that will make a real difference to our children's learning and experiences.

Parents of children in Reception are reminded that you are very welcome to join your child in the hall on Friday 12th December for the Christmas Craft Morning.

If you know anyone with a child who will be starting school in September 2026 and would like to look around, the last chance to visit is on Tuesday 16th December. Please ask them to contact the school office to arrange a visit.

## A Peaceful and Joyful Christmas

As we draw to the end of this busy and joyful term, we thank you all for your continued support, kindness, and partnership. It has been a term full of learning, laughter, and faith, and we are so proud of our children and our St Nicholas family. May this Christmas season be a time of peace, love, and closeness for you and your families. May the light of Christ shine brightly in your homes and hearts.

With every good wish and blessing for a happy and peaceful Christmas from everyone at St Nicholas Catholic Primary School.

Warmest regards,  
Mrs Burns

Headteacher

