

### This Week

#### What a wonderful week we’ve had together!

Our school has been full of hope, reflection, and joy as we prepare for Christmas during this special season of Advent. Year 3 led a beautiful Mass in church, reminding us to be a light of hope and to get ready for Jesus. Father Fretch shared an inspiring message about waiting and preparing during Advent. Our liturgical leaders did an amazing job guiding us in prayer.

We were also excited to welcome Dan and Emily from One Life Music for a special retreat day. The children made “booklets of hope,” learned about inspirational people, traced their feet, and designed crosses to share. This Jubilee Journey retreat was extra special because Bishop Tim joined us too! Together, we prayed, sang, and reflected as pilgrims of HOPE. Year 1 led a lovely Advent Liturgy about the Visitation, and our Eco Warriors joined a live COP30 assembly from Antarctica with Rob Swann – what an experience!

#### Important Notices for Parents:

- Christmas Jumper Day** is coming soon! We'll also welcome a mascot from the charity *Help Harry Help Others* to raise awareness about mental health.
- We will hold a **Reading Star Assembly** to celebrate children who have been working really hard on their reading.

#### Attendance

It is vitally important that your child is in school and on time every day. As a school we constantly aim for 100% attendance to make sure your child is getting the very most out of school.

We visit families if children are not in school as absences are a concern.

Class of the Week w/e 21.11.25

1JY/CY – 97.6%

Whole School attendance – 91.9%

#### Christmas Jumper Day!

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper day! Please join us by wearing a Christmas jumper if you have one or wear something red or green! We kindly ask for a donation of £1 for charity.



#### Upcoming Dates

- 11.12.25 Reading star assembly
- 12.12.25 - Year 3 Advent Wreath Liturgy 2.00
- 15.12.25 Attendance shop
- 16.12.25 Christmas Panto -school hall
- 17.12.25 Christmas Dinner
- 17.12.25 Reception Nativity
- 18.12.25 Year 6 Lead Mass
- 18.12.25 - Year 4 Jesse Tree Liturgy 2.00

We have **school places** in Year 2, 3 and Reception. Please let others know about Holy Family

#### Breakfast club

Please join us for Breakfast club everyday starting at 8am onwards! Your child can come through the school office, have a warm breakfast and then go straight to class once the gates open. It is completely **free** and open to Year 1-6.



#### Cold Weather

Wrap up warm!  
During this week we have had a large number of children absent due to the increasing cold weather.  
Attendance is **compulsory** for all children unless school notifies parents otherwise.



#### Extended leave

Over the last few weeks, I have received requests from parents for extended leave. Under no circumstances will I authorise periods of extended leave. We are actively working with the local authority to fine parents who are removing children from school for periods of extended leave.

*Our Virtues and Values are Learned and Wise Catholic Social Teaching is Solidarity and the Common Good.*

*Have a lovely weekend, God bless Mrs King*