

### Note from the Head

What a busy week! Advent and Nativity rehearsals are now thoroughly underway, we have had Christmas Wreath making, Christmas Movie night, Class 3 attended Mass, Class 1 posted their letters to Father Christmas at the Post Office and Class 4 had a visit to the Cathedral which was a memorable experience for Year 5 and 6.

But, to top all of that, I am delighted to be able to share with you all the outcomes from our recent CSI (Catholic Schools Inspectorate) inspection regarding Religious Education and the Catholic Life of the school. The report was finalised this week and we have been awarded GOOD in all areas. This is an incredible achievement and the report is a testament to the hard work of all staff. I will be sending a copy home with all children this afternoon - please take a moment to read it.

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 9th December is a Holy Day of Obligation dedicated to the life of Jesus' mother Mary. The whole school will attend Mass at 9am and you are all welcome to join us.

### Thank you!

A huge thank you for your generous donations of toys and gifts for the children who are in the care of Nugent House. The Year 5 and 6 children processed up to the altar at the Cathedral with their arms full of gifts, all of which will make a huge difference to local children who are most in need.

### KS1 Christmas Nativity

The infant Nativity performance will be held next Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm in the school hall.

Tickets will be sent home with the children today - please check book bags for them.

Parents, please respect the residents of Chapel Lane by parking on the school car park and in the parking areas at the bottom of Chapel Lane to the right of the Church. Do not park on the roundabout.

### Class 4 Brass Performance

Years 5 & 6 would like to invite you all to watch them at 2:45 on Tuesday as they showcase some of the music they have learned to play on the Cornet.

Friday 6th December



### Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**08/12/24 Solemnity of Christ the King**

*Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6*

The 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C calls us to prepare for the coming of Jesus. John the Baptist urges us to repent and make our hearts ready for Christ. The readings remind us that God keeps His promises of salvation and guides us with joy. Paul encourages us to grow in love and faith as we wait for Jesus. Advent is a time of joyful preparation, where we focus on God's love and our need to be spiritually ready for Christ's coming.

### Approaching the Gospel with children

God speaks to John while he is in the desert, from that encounter, John the Baptist goes round to the people and tells them to be prepared for the coming of Jesus. He offers to baptise them so that their sins will be forgiven. We will reflect on what we think people felt when they heard this.

Advent is a time when we think about our actions and try to make sure that we are ready for the coming of Jesus. We think about what we could do better and try to make a change to our lives.

Key questions for the children to consider:

- What do you think you could do differently, so that you can try to be ready for Jesus?
- How will you make a difference to your own lives and to the lives of others around the world this week as you prepare for the coming of Jesus this Advent?

### Christmas Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale at the KS1 Nativity this week. The prizes are Festive Hampers filled with sweet treats and bottles of wines and spirits. They are priced at £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13th December. If you are a Junior parent and would like to buy tickets then please send payment into the office and tickets will be sent home with your child.

### Posada

The travelling nativity is on its journey throughout the school, thank you to the families who have hosted it and taken the time to write their own reflections in the diary.

### Reverse Advent Calendar

During the season of Advent we shall direct our thoughts in school to those less fortunate than us. We would like to run a 'Reverse' Advent Calendar appeal for families in need. Each week in December we will have a focus for donations:

The focus for next week is PACKETS

If you are able to, could you please send a packet food item into school with your child by Friday. Thank you.

If you are in need, or if you know of a local family in need then please get in touch – in confidence – to Mrs Harrison-Scott in the office.

### Dates for your Diary

Wed 11th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm  
Thurs 12th December - KS1 Christmas Nativity 2pm  
Thurs 12th December - Class 2 at Mass  
Fri 13th December - Christmas gift stall  
Fri 13th December - Christmas carol singing at Tesco  
Tues 17th December - KS2 Advent service 2pm  
Wed 18th December—Breakfast with Santa  
Thurs 19th December - NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB  
Fri 20th December - School closes at 13:15

### **The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for their wonderful behaviour!**

**Class 1:** Kendall

**Class 2:** Liam

**Class 3:** Eva G

**Class 4:** Maxwell

### **The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Love to others this week.**

**Well Done!!**

**EYFS:** Thomas

**Class 2:** Tiernan and Nina

**Class 3:** Emilia and Saoirse

**Class 4:** Isla

