



Friday 13th December 2024

Dear Families,

I hope that you are all well.

Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair took place once again at school last week and was a fantastic success, as it always is, thanks to our fabulous PTA and to everyone who came along to support it. We raised an amazing £1,594 for our school! This incredible achievement was also made possible by those who bought raffle tickets, made donations for our stalls in advance, and the very kind individuals and businesses who donated prizes for our raffle - a brilliant team effort all round!

Bambinelli Sunday

A reminder that this weekend is Bambinelli Sunday, when children are invited to bring the knitted Baby Jesus they brought home from school last week to Mass at either St. Charles' or Sacred Heart for a blessing.

Christmas Parties

The Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party will take place on Monday 16th December, and the KS2 Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 17th December. Children are welcome to come to school in their party clothes on their party day. A drink and a treat will be provided, so there will be no need to send in anything extra.

Carols by Candlelight

The parish will be leading a Carols by Candlelight Service at Sacred Heart Church on Monday 16th December at 7pm. St Oswald's children and families are always welcome to attend and take part in the service.

Asda donations to schools

You may remember that back in September, we asked families to opt in to a rewards scheme where Asda donated 0.5% of every shop to our school. Thanks to everyone who signed up, we raised a fantastic £571 between September and the end of November!

End of term Reports

End-of-term progress reports for children in Years 1 to 6 will be sent out next week. Parents of children in Reception will be invited to an additional parents' meeting with Mrs. Wills in the new year instead.

Dates for Diaries

Please find below some updated key dates for the Autumn term (**recently added dates in red**):

December

Monday 16th December – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party in school

Monday 16th December – Year 5 & Year 6 practising Christmas Performance at Sacred Heart Church (AM)

PTO



Monday 16th December – Year 6 taking part in a Creative Writing session at St Mary’s High School (PM)

Monday 16th December – Year 3 visit to the Great North Museum

Monday 16th December – Carols by Candlelight at Sacred Heart Church (Parish event)

Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Christmas Party in school

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch in school

Wednesday 18th December – KS2 Choir singing at Gosforth Shopping Centre

Wednesday 18th December – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas Production at Sacred Heart church 7pm

Thursday 19th December – Advent Reflection for families before school 8:20am

Friday 20th December – Christmas Carols/Songs on the KS2 yard (Reception – Year 6) 2:30pm

Friday 20th December – Break up for the Christmas holidays

Other important dates

Monday 6th January 2025 – Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 12th - Thursday 15th May 2025 – Year 6 SATs week (please do not book holidays during this week)

Friday 23rd May 2025 - Staff Training Day (School Closed to children)

Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th June 2025 – Year 6 residential to Borrowdale

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th June 2025 – Year 5 residential to Keswick

With my very best wishes,



P Marley

