

St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

What a term, and indeed, what a week we have had! It is staggering the amount of Christmas cheer, festive fun and 'wow' moments we have achieved this week.

A special mention to all of those involved in our Nativity productions. EYFS - you sang and danced so beautifully in your video! Your excitement and enjoyment was clear to see. Y1 and Y2 shone on stage for us last week!

Thank you in abundance to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre on Friday, whether it be through your generous donations or attending the event or both. It was a sensational evening, providing the children and our families with some fabulous festive fun, games, prizes and treats. These events are entirely reliant on your generous donations and willingness to help and we are absolutely overwhelmed with the amount of donations received in the run up to the fayre - thank you. A huge thank you as well to all of the PTA who have worked so hard to plan, decorate and prepare for the event, as well as all of the staff and volunteers who gave up their time to support on the day! We had a beautiful, festive atmosphere around school. We look forward to letting you know how much was raised in the new year and all about the plans for spends we would like to make with some of the funding.

Thank you to Mrs Smith and Bryan Small for leading our SMA Wealth Games Awards on Monday afternoon. This half term, KS2 children have enjoyed participating in various sporting events and activities, including: cross country, circuits, aerobics and athletics! We hope the children were all pleased with their certificates. Medals and five pound vouchers were also awarded for outstanding effort and achievements!

Wednesday was filled with craft, decoration and Christmas card making. The children worked in a flurry of paint and glitter. We also enjoyed a delicious Christmas lunch and wearing our Christmas jumpers.

Our week was rounded off beautifully with our Nativity poetry assembly on Wednesday and our KS2 Carol Service in Church yesterday – such beautiful occasions reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas through poetry, art, prayer and music. KS2 – your singing and reading was so poignant and moving. A huge well done to everyone involved in these wonderful events.

Thank you to Fr Ramesh, Mrs Hayes and everyone who joined us for Mass this morning, a chance to reflect and prepare ourselves for Christmas.

As always, it is a pleasure and privilege to share this time with the children, families and staff in our wonderful school community.

Thank you to the staff team for providing all of these fantastic opportunities for the children. Thank you to all families for your support and thank you so much on behalf of all of the staff for your kindness, good wishes, cards and gifts. We wish you all a joyful, holy and peaceful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2026!

Kindest regards, Mrs Hill

Events and Notices

Family Mass in Church at 5pm on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to dress up in any costume linked to the Christmas story.

Monday 5th January - Inset day - school closed to pupils

Tuesday 6th January - Pupils return to school

Wednesday 14th January 2pm YN Stay and Play (parents invited). Morning friends are welcome to stay all day.

We have a new menu for spring term. This is available on our website and has been sent out to you today. We have looked carefully at the parent and pupil feedback and included many of the children's favourites, whilst ensuring the meals are nutritious. We will be on week two when we return to school. As well as the lovely items on the menu, sandwiches and jacket potatoes are also available every day.

PTA: Thank you to our PTA who organised a visit from Santa on Wednesday. Santa went to each classroom, read stories and had a look at the Christmas crafts that the children were working on. The children were also given a little gift from the PTA to take home.

Prayer and Reflection

On Thursday we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Father, you make this holy night radiant with the splendour of Jesus Christ, our light.

We welcome him as Lord, the true light of the world.

Bring us to eternal joy in the kingdom of Heaven,

where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

One God, for ever and ever.

Amen

Yours sincerely, Mrs N. Hill Headteacher

