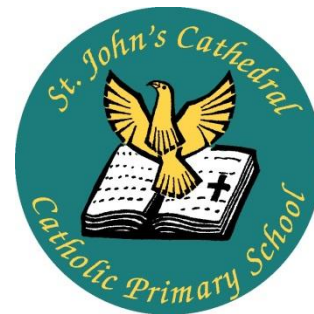


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2nd December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are coming to the end of term and I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our school and our staff. We never take for granted how lucky we are to have such a supportive and caring community. The children at St John's benefit so much from having strong links between home, school and parish in a community where they feel safe and loved. Thank you.

As we enter the season of Advent and we prepare to welcome Jesus this Christmas, please make a note of the key dates and activities that are happening in school.

Tuesday 2nd December

Advent began with children in Years 4-6 attending a reconciliation service in the hall led by Canon James and Fr Ryan.

Our Advent kindness calendar launched.

The cathedral are supporting the Comfort and Joy Homeless appeal by collecting £5 or £10 supermarket vouchers. If you would like to support this vital charity, please drop your vouchers to the cathedral or to the school office. Thank you.

Friday 5th December

We will be taking a group of KS 2 children to St Colman's Church in Cosham to sing carols for the parish friendship group.

Monday 8th December

Deadline for booking a Christmas dinner for lunch on Wednesday 17th.

Thursday 11th December

The Nursery Nativity at 10am for parents/carers with children in the nursery.

Tuesday 16th December

We are hosting a Christmas party for children who work with the hearing impairment team.

Wednesday 17th December

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school. They should wear their uniform but swap their school sweatshirt for a Christmas jumper.

School Christmas dinner for those who have booked it in advance.



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Thursday 18th December

Each class will hold a Christmas party for the children. They are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their uniform that day.

School staff will put the crib up in St Patrick's Chapel at the cathedral. Please find time over the Christmas period to take your child to pray at the crib scene.

Friday 19th December

The school Nativity will be held at the cathedral at 1.30pm. Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 should come to school that day wearing Christmas jumpers instead of their school sweatshirt. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 should come in school uniform as they will have a costume to change in to.

We will have donation buckets at the end of the performance to raise money for Mary's Meals. **Children will need to be collected from the cathedral at the end of the service. This should be approximately 2.15pm.**

Nursery will close on this day at 1pm and we invite you to bring your child to watch the nativity at the cathedral.

Christmas Masses

As busy as it is preparing for Christmas celebrations, please remember how important it is to make the time to go to Mass at Christmas. The cathedral Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass: **Family Mass 6pm (children are invited to wear nativity costumes to this Mass)**

Night Mass: 10pm (celebrated by Bishop Philip)

Christmas Dawn Mass (in Latin): 8am

Christmas day Mass: 10am

Christmas day Mass: 12 noon

Boxing day (Feast of St Stephen): 12.15pm

Staff Changes

At the end of term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Maunders who is leaving us to take up a new role closer to her home. We thank her for her commitment to St John's as well as for sharing her incredibly creative choreography skills over the years in our many dances, celebrations and productions.

Wishing you all a very happy, holy and safe Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

L. Park
Head Teacher