



St Patrick's Catholic Primary Academy  
Newsletter December 19th 2025

## Catholic Life and Mission



*1 - Celebrating the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope*

Throughout this third week of Advent; **Joy**, our school community has come together in so many beautiful ways to live out the closing of the Jubilee Year of Hope which has included:

**Y5/6** leading the whole school community in their Advent assembly of Joy, a selection of junior children preparing and leading our whole school Mass and Y6 pupils leading pupils in reconciliation services.

**F1 Nativity: 'The Nursery Rhyme Nativity' F2, Y1 and Y2 Nativity: 'The Wiggly Nativity'**

We are so proud of the special ways in which our children have retold the Christmas Story so very beautifully. Through song, word and action, the true meaning of Advent and Christmas has been revealed.

Thank you so much to all the children and their staff for all their star efforts and hard work and for all the support received from their families.

We would also like to say a big well done to our KS2 children for the wonderful carol service and readers. It was a wonderful end to our advent journey in school.

### **Supporting others in Need**

As a Catholic school, it is our Christian duty to reach out to others, as John's Gospel reminds us: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

During Advent, we have pledged our commitment towards supporting our Sherwood Homeless appeal as well as CAFOD's Gift for Advent appeal.

We are very grateful and send a huge thank you to a group of Y5 pupils for their amazing efforts organising and coordinating this year's shoe box appeal; we are so proud for their dedication and commitment shown towards this most valuable project.

### **School choir**

Our school choir has truly shone out in sharing their singing gifts with all in our school community during Advent. This has included performances before Nativities and performing at Berry Hill Care Home where residents also received handmade Christmas cards. Thank you so much to our Music Leader, Miss Brunskill and to all staff and families

#### **Next week's word of the week is: Love**

During the season of Advent, we are reminded of the great love that God has for us and the love we should have for each other. We know that Jesus Christ is the true example of love, and we celebrate this gift of love at Christmas time.

Think of someone who you love this week and make an effort to show and tell them that you love them.

**We return to school on Monday 5th January, we will be celebrating the feast of 'The Epiphany'.**

#### **When we return from the Christmas break the word of the week will be: Epiphany**

Epiphany celebrates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world. It is a time to reflect on the mystery of Christ's birth and to renew our commitment to following him. For us, Epiphany is a time to recognise that Christ came for everyone and we see this reflected in the visit of the Magi and the gifts that they brought. What is a gift that you can give to others?

Think of a way to share your gift with your community.

## **Staffing News**

We send our wonderful Mrs Gregory, one of our current Year 3 teachers, all our thanks and best wishes as she leaves our school at the end of this term. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mrs Gregory for all her hard work and commitment to the school, both as her role as class teacher and also for her valuable contributions towards the wider life of the school community. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every best wish in her new ventures.

From January, Mrs Pyatt, will continue to teach Year 3 with Mrs Wightman, SENCO, and Mrs Smedley also teaching this class a couple of afternoons each week. Mrs Flaherty, one of our current Year 3 class teachers, will move to the Foundation Unit to teach two days a week, until her maternity leave towards the end of this term.

## **Christmas Masses**

### **Sunday 21st December**

11am Mass - St Patrick' s, Forest Town

### **Christmas Eve:**

5:00pm St. Philip Neri, Mansfield

5:00pm St. Joseph's, Shirebrook

7.30pm St. Teresa's, Warsop 11:00pm St. Philip Neri, Mansfield (Carols & Readings from 10.30pm)

Christmas Day:

### **Christmas day - Thursday 25th December**

10:00am St. Philip Neri, Mansfield

10:00am St. Patrick's, Forest Town

## **Calendar**

### **Week beginning 5th January - WOW- Epiphany**

Tuesday 6th January - Epiphany mass @9am (Parents welcome)

### **Week beginning 12th January - WOW - Baptism**

### **Week beginning 19th January - WOW - Discipleship**

### **Week beginning 26th January - WOW- Scripture**

Tuesday 27th January - Mass @9am (Parents welcome)

### **Week beginning 2nd February - WOW - Inspiration**

Monday 2nd February-National Storytelling week

### **Week beginning 9th February - WOW - Diversity**

Monday 9th February - Children's Mental Health Week

Wednesday 11th February - Parents evening

Friday 13th February - Inset Day

Break up for half term Thursday 12th February

## **PTA**

We would like to say a big thank you to the support from the PTA during this advent.

Due to their efforts and the generosity of parents, an incredible £1151.40 has been raised during this period.

As we approach Jesus' coming, we do so in hope and love. We wish everyone a most holy and peaceful Christmas.

Our children deserve our highest thanks and praise for they have prayed hard, worked hard and played hard throughout Advent. Thank you for all the wonderfully kind ways in which they have shown their love and care for each other and for their very thoughtful, kind and caring Advent contributions.

We would like to offer thanks to everyone involved in the life of the school and to all those who have supported us in any way, sharing their gifts and talents in such a special way during Advent. This message of sincere thanks extends to all who volunteer; including our incredibly dedicated governing body, our very hardworking PTA and all who volunteer and share their time and gifts so generously for the benefit of all in our school community.

My grateful thanks to the teaching and non-teaching staff, whose efforts and commitment in nurturing the gifts and talents of every individual child is Thank you too yourselves for all the support you give our staff teams.

We are also so blessed and thankful to have the spiritual support of Canon John, Father Liam and Sister Susan as well as our Hub Chaplains, Clare Lund and Luke Potter; our school community has benefitted immensely from their guidance.

On behalf of the school community, we wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

In prayer and partnership,

Mrs J Smedley

Head teacher