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Christmas Events 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the season of Advent approaches, we wanted to share our Christmas plans with you. As always, at this special time of year, we are really looking forward to giving our children the best experience possible this term.

NOVEMBER	EVENT	
Thursday 28 th	KS1 Advent assembly KS2 Advent service	Pupils only Pupils only
Tue 26 th – 29 th	SVP charity food/toy collection	Whole community
DECEMBER	EVENT	
Tuesday 3 rd	Early Years Nativity sing-along 9.30am Early Years Nativity sing-along 2pm	Parents by ticket
Friday 6 th	Christmas decoration afternoon	Pupils only
Monday 9 th Tuesday 10 th	KS1 Nativity (hall) 2pm KS1 Nativity (hall) 9.30am	Parents by ticket
Thursday 12 th	Non-Uniform Bring A Bottle	All pupils
Friday 13 th	Christmas Fayre 5-8pm	All invited
Monday 16 th Thursday 19 th	EYFS & KS1 party KS2 party	Pupils only (non-uniform on their day)
Wednesday 18 th	KS2 Concert (church) 1.45pm KS2 Concert (church) 6.30pm	Parents by ticket
Tuesday 17 th	Christmas Dinner & jumpers	All pupils
Friday 20 th	Term ends: Non-uniform for House winners	Selected pupils

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Christmas Market: Friday 13th 5pm

FOSH will be organising this fun-filled event for everyone to attend and helpers are needed to assist on the day.

Raffle prizes and donations for the bottle stall are also required, so there will be a **non-uniform** day on **Thursday 12th December**, in return for bringing in a full bottle - wine/ beer/ soft drinks/ spirits/ bubble bath etc. Please show your support at this fund raising event for the school and come along and have some fun!

Christmas Decorations: Friday 6th December

Each class will hold a Christmas decoration craft session on this day. We are asking that pupils bring in an old shirt to wear over their uniform – pupils may get a little messy with glue or paint in the afternoon!

Advent assemblies and services

To mark the beginning of the holy season of Advent, we are looking forward to holding special services and assemblies on **Thursday 28th November**. The pupil community will come together to light the candles on our school Advent wreath and consider how the weeks leading up to Christmas help us to prepare for the gift of God's love to the entire world, through the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

Christmas Nativities

These are always the high point of any academic year in a Catholic school. We are busily preparing our traditional range of Nativity services, with pupils in each of our Key Stages marking the occasion in a different way.

We begin with our youngest children in *Early Years* hosting a sing-along of traditional carols. *Key Stage 1* follow with the nativity story. Finally, our juniors in *Key Stage 2* will lead a service in the church, including a selection of readings and songs.

Please read the letter sent out separately and follow the necessary steps to secure a ticket. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity in any of our venues to allow entry to all that would like to come and so it will not be possible to admit anyone without a ticket. The strict deadline for booking a ticket is **Friday 29th November**. Parents/carers will be advised if there is any further availability after this date and further bookings will be taken if possible.

Christmas Party Days

These will be held after lunch on the days listed. This will be a non-uniform day for children on their particular party day. There is nothing else that they need to bring with them. We are fortunate that FOSH have, again, kindly offered to pay for party treats this year and for this we are extremely grateful.

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Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day (Nursery - Y6) – Tuesday 17th December

Across the whole school day, we will be holding a Christmas Lunch as follows:

ROAST TURKEY OR QUORN	ROAST POTATOES
SAUSAGE	STUFFING BALLS
BABY CARROTS/PEAS	GRAVY
CHOCOLATE CHRISTMAS THEMED DESSERT	

Our Christmas Dinner is always a fun event when pupils come together to enjoy a special festive meal. Nursery pupils who attend all day can also share in the meal. On the day, our school dining hall will be especially decorated to add to the excitement! Christmas lunches will come with some additional treats, including sweets. Thank you to FOSH for their financial support in providing these for the children and to our amazing kitchen staff who cater for this event.

The cost of a school Christmas Lunch remains at our normal cost of **£2.30**. All Christmas dinners will need to be booked by **Friday 6th December**, please, via your child's SchoolMoney account.

Children will also take part in a range of Christmas activities and games in their classroom across the day. Children can also wear Christmas jumpers and outfits to school on this day. This will be to raise funds to support one of the school's charities – [CAFOD World Gifts](#). We would be grateful to receive a £1 donation for this worthy cause – your donation should also be paid via School Money.

We hope that these events will ensure all of the children enjoy their Christmas in school and end the term with well-deserved festive fun and experiences.

Best wishes and God Bless

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