



St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

'Come in and learn with Jesus; go out and serve with love.'

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Dear Parents & Carers

[Please read our full newsletter here](#)

It is all feeling very festive in school! Christmas Jumper & Lunch Day was as lovely as ever and the Wellbeing Fair was a huge success. Thank you so much for your generous support. The children have loved preparing for the fair and being able to sell their Christmas creations. They have all worked really hard to make the stall a success and raised a grand total of £341.00

Year 4 had a whole day dedicated to Ancient Greece on Monday this week. See below for details.

Sunday was the second Sunday of Advent. Please check seesaw to find out when your child's Advent Service is being held.

Thanks so much to the parents and carers who attended the Year 1 and Reception Advent services this week. It was lovely to see you in school celebrating with the children. Amid the hectic pace of this time of year, they have been a thoughtful and prayerful reminder of what Christmas and this season of Advent are really about. The children have worked very hard to plan and prepare these Celebrations to share with you.

The children have been working equally hard preparing for next week's Nativity performances. Once again, the standard of singing and acting is fabulous and I know that you are all in for an absolute treat next week and I don't just mean the Woolly Donkey costume in the Key Stage 1 Nativity – my favourite every year!

As always, there is no ticket charge for any of the performances but our Faith In Action Group will be there at the end to collect cash donations for the People's Kitchen. As a school community committed to Social Justice, we always try to support this worthy cause at Christmas as they do so much for some of the most vulnerable people in our local area.

Please check the diary for dates and times of your child's show.

Please do not take pictures or videos of any of the performances to share on social media. We have several children who, for serious safeguarding reasons, must not appear on any social media under any circumstances.

As in previous years, **please come into school via the door next to Nursery.** Doors will be open from 9.15am but I know that the queue for front row seats often starts much earlier than that!

We also ask that you are careful about where you park during these performances. We sometimes receive messages from very upset neighbours who have driveways blocked, or are unable to leave home or return following important appointments. We once had to interrupt a performance so people could move their cars!

Our Year 6 Bowling Team enjoyed their afternoon at Gutterball on Wednesday where they competed against teams from other schools in the area. They played really well and, once again, the excellent behaviour of our children was commented upon by members of the public. They had a fabulous time and Mrs Marsh, Mrs Walker and Miss Maguire were extremely proud of them. Well done!

Our Mini Vinnies are still collecting for the Foodbank. Please add an extra tin to your shopping if you are able and send it into school. We are collecting daily from Monday until 13th December.

Please remember to sign your child up to the Caterpillar Reading App. Lots of books have already been added by children and the app is being used by teachers to talk about what children have been reading. Thank you for your support in promoting a love of reading for pleasure.

Please encourage your child to complete the December Reading Challenge. The prize is a £10.00 book voucher and a lovely book.

If you have not already done so, please sign up for the Wellbeing Hub using the details sent two weeks ago.

Congratulations to everyone who received a Headteacher's Award this morning.

The 'Name the Teddy' competition was won by Emmie in Year 2. The name of the bear is Barney!

Please see Diary Dates for dates and times of our Christmas Nativity Performances and Christmas parties.

After school sports clubs are now over for this term.

The Christmas post is open until Friday next week! Remember just to sign your cards, don't address the envelopes and keep your cards together in a wallet or plastic bag.

NB: Please update your contact details as soon as you change phone number/email address.

In the newsletter this week:

- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By/Advent*
- *Curriculum Update – History in Year 4*
- *Faith IN Action – Foodbank/People's Kitchen*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Caterpillar App/Reading Challenge/Author of the Month*
- *Year of Prayer – December*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Parents Guide to Mental Health Apps*
- *Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding Team/Policy*
- *RE Curriculum Plans – Autumn Term*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Menus*
- *Wallsend Children's Community*
- *Dates for the Diary*

If you have any queries about any of these items, please get in touch via the school office.

Best wishes
Ms Lalor