



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](#)

Huge thanks to all of you for attending the school Nativity Performances and Advent Liturgies during the past couple of weeks – especially if it was your very first or last with us here at St. Aidan's. The children have excelled themselves this year, learning lines and lyrics and also revealing the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks so much for coming and taking part.

The Christmas parties were a huge success once again – with Santa himself visiting our Key Stage 1 party to bring the children some lovely books to read. Thanks to Fr David who came to celebrate Mass with us on Thursday.

Very well done to all of the children who received Headteachers awards this week for their commitment to following our path through advent towards the joy of Christmas.

Thank you also for your extremely generous donations to our various charities and fundraisers during the past month.

We collected £262.25 for The People's Kitchen at the end of the performances. Thanks so much for your kind donations once again.

Our Wellbeing Christmas Fair raised £523.60 to fund wellbeing activities for the children. It was really well attended by all of you and the children had great fun planning their stalls and crafting the merchandise. There are definitely some budding entrepreneurs in the group!

Thanks to the PTA for organising the Christmas post this year. The teachers really appreciate it. The PTA 'Sparkles and Jumpers' day raised £116.40 towards events and treats for the children.

Thanks also to those of you who donated to our regular Foodbank Collection throughout Advent.

I have attached the Christmas Mass times for the different churches within the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes. Please pop along – you will be warmly welcomed.

I must thank all of you for your support and kindness throughout the year, and wish you a very happy Christmas 2025. As always, I hope that the love, peace, hope and joy of the season are really real for you and your families and loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you all again in January. Enjoy the holidays!

NB: School is open on Tuesday 6th January (Monday 5th we are closed to pupils for Teacher Training).

These newsletters will hopefully keep you up to date with what is going on in school week by week and also direct you to useful organisations and suggestions to support your child's education and development.

Please check your Arbor and Seesaw Apps regularly for information from school. The Arbor system is now being used by all schools in Bishop Bewick CET and does work slightly differently from our previous messaging systems. Newsletters are sent to your Arbor account and uploaded to our website every two weeks.

Our attendance figures are really low in the local and national league tables once again! Please contact us if you are having difficulty in getting your child to school when they are well due to parent/carer or sibling illness.

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

In the newsletter this week

- *Christmas Mass Times*
- *RE Spring Term Curriculum Plans*
- *Faith In Action*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By & Catholic Social Teaching*
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- *Catholic Social Teaching*
- *Support for Families/Clubs in our Area*
- *The Wellbeing Hub*
- *Love Reading: Christmas Reads and The December Reading Challenge*
- *Caterpillar App*
- *Keeping Children Safe*
- *Safeguarding Team in School*
- *The Wednesday Word*
- *PTA*
- *Feeding Families – How to Collect your Shopping*
- *Cost of Living Support for Parents*
- *Connect Mental Health Support*
- *School Lunch Link*
- *Admissions Information*
- *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