



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 has been an absolutely joyful week with every child in school performing on stage in a version of the Nativity. It has been fantastic to see so many family members attending the shows. It is always lovely to see you in school but especially at this time of year. We were all so proud of the children who all enjoyed rehearsing – and were buzzing after performing to an audience. You helped us raise £371.00 in our collection for The People's Kitchen throughout the week. Thanks for this.

Sunday is the third Sunday of Advent. Some of the classes are still to host Advent services for parents. Please check seesaw to find out when your child's Advent Service is being held.

Next week is Party week in school. Please send your child into school in their party clothes (with a change of shoes if needed – playtime can be dangerous and cold in sparkly strappy heels!). Please send in your child's own party food plate but don't send in plates of food for the whole class as we always end up with too much!

Our lovely PTA have provided beautiful festive hampers for a **free** raffle in school on Monday. Every child's name will be entered automatically into the two draws – one for each Key Stage.

The PTA will be sorting Christmas cards for the classes on Monday. Monday morning is therefore the very last time to post your child's cards in school. Please do not address the envelopes and just sign the cards. Make sure they are together in a secured bundle or packet.

Huge thanks to the PTA for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year!

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!

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 school December Reading Challenge. The prize is a £10.00 book voucher and a lovely book which will be given out next week. There is only one week to go! There is also a mini-reading challenge hosted by the library for the Christmas holidays. See below for details.

I have also attached some useful information about support for parents.

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

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

After school sports clubs are now over for this term.

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

In the newsletter this week:

- *Christmas Mass Times*
- *Attendance*
- *Statements to Live By/Advent*
- *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 Safety over the Festive Season*
- *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