



St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

As we journey through the final days of Advent and prepare for the birth of Christ, we can take time to reflect on what has been a very successful term.

I would like to congratulate all of our children for their wonderful contributions to our Christmas performances, including the Early Years Nativity, Key Stage One's A Midwife Crisis, and Key Stage Two's collection of Christmas carols and readings. Each performance was a delight and showcased the children's hard work and enthusiasm.

This term has also been filled with many special events, including our Advent Mass, celebrated by Father John Cunningham, the Trust Carol Service, and our Christmas Fayre, which raised just over £1,000. A huge thank you to our dedicated PTA and to all families who supported this event. We are especially grateful for the very generous raffle prizes and look forward to drawing the super raffle in the new year.

We also enjoyed celebrating our children's achievements at our recent awards assembly. While some children received specific awards, I would like to congratulate all of our pupils for their continued hard work, effort, and positive attitudes throughout the term.

Other festive celebrations included a visit from Mr Marvel the Magician for Early Years and Year 1, while Years 2 to 6 enjoyed a trip to Hertford Theatre to watch Beauty and the Beast.

Finally, I wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas with your families, and I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

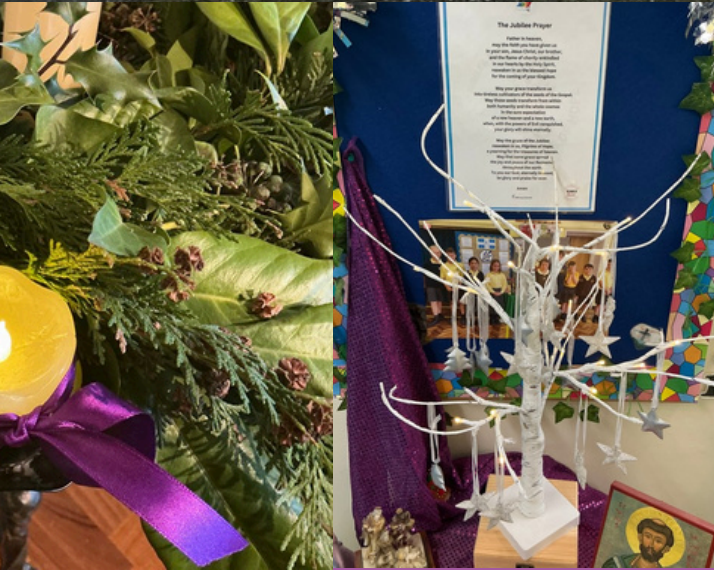
Best wishes,

Mrs Keating
Executive Head Teacher



Catholic Life and Mission

Advent



Advent- the time of waiting for the Lord

Catholic Life and Mission



Advent began with Mass in the Church with Father John.

In their assembly, Year 3/4 led us on a beautiful journey of Advent traditions around the world.





School Council Christmas Gift Collection

A huge thank you to our School Council for coordinating the Christmas gift collection. We had an excellent response, and the gifts were delivered to St Cecilia's Church in Little Hadham and The Salvation Army in Bishop's Stortford, where they will be distributed to support local families this Christmas.



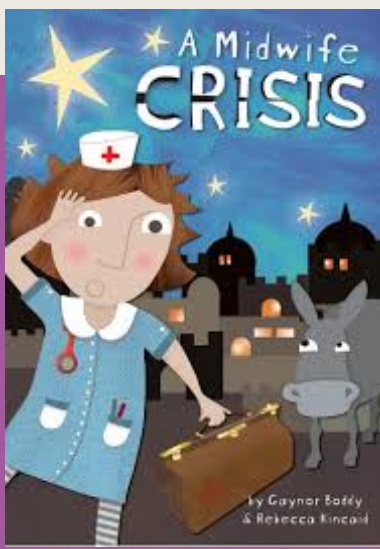


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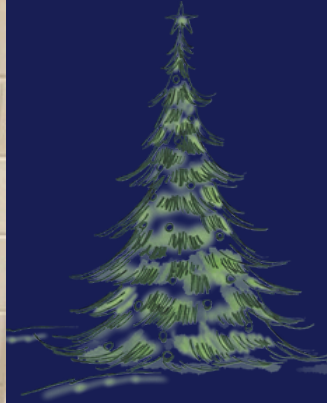




KSI NATIVITY



Trust Carol Service



*Silent
night
Holy Night*



Members of the school choir were privileged to be part of the St Francis of Assisi Trust Carol Service. Held in the beautiful St Augustine's Church, Hoddesdon, all of the schools sang their own individual pieces as well as collaborating on a number of traditional carols.

MR MARVEL

the magician



YEAR 2-6 PANTO TRIP



Years 2 to 6 were captivated by a dazzling pantomime performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' at the BEAM Theatre in Hertford. The ice creams went down a treat too!



PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE

*Thank
you!*

Thank you for the hard work of all involved. The Christmas Fayre was a huge success and raised over £1000. We still have our super raffle to look forward to in the new year.





CHRISTMAS LUNCH





CHRISTMAS PARTIES



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Goodbye

Mrs K Clark

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Clark who has been with us for 15 years.

We thank her for many years of outstanding practice and dedication.



Mrs Lang

We say goodbye to Mrs Lang and thank her for her 2 years service as a Learning Support Assistant. Her care and dedication to the pupils in her care has been greatly valued.

Good Luck!

Mrs Donaghy

We also say goodbye to Mrs Barrett (Year 5/6 Teacher) and Mrs Donaghy (Midday Supervisory Assistant). We thank them both for their service and dedication to our school.



Mrs Barrett

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome Miss R Carew to the St Thomas' Team from January. Miss Carew will be teaching in Year 5/6 on a Thursday and Friday as part of the job share with Mrs W Clark.



REMINDERS AND NOTICES

Reminders Please ensure you...

- Settle any debts from the autumn term
- Book your children's lunches via Select for the spring term
- Bring and log back medicine normally kept in school
- Remember the deadline for Reception applications (15th January 2026) and apply via HCC and the school - see Admissions page on website for details

Upcoming Events

- Monday 5th January: Inset Day (School CLOSED to Pupils)
- Tuesday 6th January: Pupils back to school
- Tuesday 6th January 2:00 pm: Epiphany Mass (Years 2 to 6) at St Thomas of Canterbury Church
- Friday 9th January: Rescheduled Year 3 & 4 Geography Field Walk
- Monday 12th January: Year 6 Online Health Questionnaire (refer to email of 17th December)

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of this season, the promise of Emmanuel, God With Us, made real in Jesus Christ. As this school term ends, we thank You for the learning, growth, challenges, and friendships experienced within these walls. We thank You for the dedicated teachers, supportive staff, and pupils who bring Your light to our school community.

Amen

