

Week 14 Friday 12th December 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 16th December – KS2 Carol Service – 5.00pm in Church – all welcome! Wednesday 17th December – Year 5 Theatre Trip – The Railway Children Thursday 18th December – Class Parties -pm – come to school wearing party clothes Friday 19th December – End of term – school closes at 1.15pm Monday 5th January – INSET for staff. School closed for pupils

Tuesday 6th January – Term begins – 8.45am

Tuesday 6th January – Mass for Y2-Y6 – Feast of the Epiphany – 10.00am at Church

Thursday 8th January – Open Morning – 9.30am

Wednesday 14th January – Writing Workshop for Reception parents – 2.45pm

Thursday 15th January – Open Morning – 9.30am

The Big Little Nativity

This week we were treated to two very special performances of The Big Little Nativity, starring all of our children from Nursery through to Year 2. It was a spectacular retelling of the Christmas Story. Our youngest children enchanted us with their lively singing and actions for Knock Knock, Who's There! Year 1 also did a splendid job as the animals, singing A Big Adventure with great gusto. Year 2 took on the main roles and impressed us with their convincing acting and how well they memorised and spoke all of their lines. We were reminded that this is 'the greatest story ever told' and our children told it beautifully, reminding us all of the reason why we celebrate Christmas. Well done, we are very proud of you all!

We would like to thank all of the parents who attended the performances and made such a wonderful effort with costumes. We have recorded the Dress Rehearsal and this will be shared with families from EYFS to Year 2, so that you can enjoy the performance again and loved ones who were unable to attend can get to see it too. Thank you also to Father Jakub for joining us. Finally, a huge thank you to all of our teaching staff in the EYFS and KS1 for all the hard work that has gone into preparing the children for these performances.

KS2 Carol Service

Next Tuesday 16th December is our KS2 Carol Service. This will take place in the Church from 5.00pm and all children from Years 3 to Year 6 will be involved. This is a joyful and uplifting event where we can come together as a school community to prepare for Christmas

through carols, mime and Scripture. There will be mince pies and mulled wine served after in the Parish Centre. All families throughout the school from EYFS to Year 6 are welcome to come along and join us. We hope to see many of you there.

Parent Governors

I am delighted to announce that we have two new Parent Governors who will join our Governing Body from January. Congratulations to Mrs Savattieri (parent of Ellie Y4 and Eva Y2) and Mrs Lee Hughes (parent of Gabriella Y1 and Tobias who was in last year's Y6 class). We are very grateful to them for volunteering for this very important role, and know that they will bring much valued skillset to our Governing Body. I would also like to thank our other parents who stood for election – Mrs De Puy, Mr Fairbrother and Mr Glander. It was a very strong field of candidates, each with valuable skills and expertise. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive parent community who are so generous in giving of their time and talents

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas Fair last Saturday. It was lovely to see so many of you there, and to see some of our past pupils who came along. Everyone commented on the warm and welcoming atmosphere. So much thought and effort went into the stalls and activities for the day, there was something for everyone to enjoy. We were so lucky that Santa and Mrs Claus managed to find time to drop in and see our wonderful St Mary's children! I would like to thank our amazing PTA, in particular Mrs Robinson and Mrs McGovern as the main organisers and also our dedicated Class Reps and everyone who helped out in any way before or on the day. Thank you all for your support. All of the money raised goes into improving our wonderful school. The main project we are raising money for at the moment is to improve our school playgrounds.

Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany – Tuesday 6th January

Years 2 to 6 will be attending 10.00am Mass on this morning. If you are able to join us for Mass and can help with walking the children to and from Church, please inform the office. Thank you very much for your ongoing support.

Celebrations

BIRTHDAY

(Y4)

Happy Birthday to Levaria (Y3), Ellie (Y4), Leonor (Y1), Bianca (Y4), Federico

Star of the Week

Gabriel R (YR), Jeremy (Y1), all of Y2 for their wonderful acting in the Nativity (Y2), Kaya (Y3), Marilu (Y4), Quentin (Y5) and Xavier (Y6)

Teacher's Award

Milan (YR), Gabriella (Y1), Amelia (Y2), Jude (Y3), Alex (Y4), Leksi (Y5) and Nell (Y6) **Reader Award**

Gabriel T (YR), Timur (Y1), Naira (Y2), Jack (Y3), Leonardo (Y4), Joel (Y5) and Zarino (Y6)

With Best Wishes for the Weekend,

Miss Keane NPQH Headteacher