



# St. Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents,

We celebrate the feast of Christ the King this weekend, with Year Six joining with Father Paul to lead our Mass on Sunday at 10am. All are welcome and, believe me, it'll be worth it to hear their singing. We have also enjoyed some fabulous singing from Year Five in their assembly this morning. The theme was an important one: looking after the planet that God has entrusted to us, and knowing that our children are the future leaders of the world: what we do and what we teach matters!

To continue the theme of singing, it is very difficult to walk through the hall without either KS1 or Reception practising their Nativity songs and acting too. The coming weeks are busy ones but school is a joyous and happy place to be at the moment.

### **Golden Book**

**Reception:** Tashyon Twinkle for being a super star all week! Tashyon has tried very hard to expand his vocabulary and use it when talking to others and playing with his peers. He shows such a positive attitude when participating in activities and shows great determination every single day! Keep up the hard work, Tashyon!

**Year One:** Esmae O'Keefe has showcased her singing skills this week in our nativity rehearsals. She is working on using volume in her lines and is impressing all the adults in KS1. She is also working hard in class, attempting every task with a positive attitude and 100% effort. Fabulous work, Esmae!

**Year Two:** Oscar Tranter has tried so hard in all of his lessons! He has such a brilliant attitude to learning! His Maths knowledge is becoming so strong and he shows a fantastic understanding too. Oscar listens to all of the instructions given before completing a task, therefore demonstrating the virtue of being attentive. He is so kind and helpful and also a delight to teach. Well done, Oscar!

**Year Three:** Helena Ridgeway for being enthusiastic and positive in everything that she does. She always contributes to class discussions, listens well and applies her new knowledge in her work. Helena is kind and considerate to all of her classmates and is example to all. Excellent to hear!

**Year Four:** Thea Dawson for her resilience and focus during this week. Amongst many other things, she has created some interesting and imaginative dialogue for her script in Literacy, created a thoughtful profile of Martha in RE and has focused on improving her fluency in Maths. Keep up this determination, Thea!

**Year Five:** Halle Parsons for being a fabulous member of the Year Five class. She has been focusing really well in all lessons making great progress in both Maths and Literacy. She is also very generous with her time, always tidying up around the classroom and helping with jobs. Thank you, Halle.

**Year Six:** Ansel Yeung for making excellent progress so far in Year Six. He is a brilliant mathematician who is able to work logically and accurately, and he is showing increased independence in his writing. He always listens carefully and tries his very best with every piece of work. Well done, Ansel.

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### Open Morning and Afternoon

It was a pleasure to welcome new and prospective parents to our school, including some parents of siblings. We shared the vision of our school, how our Catholic faith underpins all we do, and how our faith calls us to action in the local community. We also talked about our focus on reading, our well-sequenced curriculum, and our knowledge of what learning is (a change in the long-term memory) and what our view of progress is (knowing more, remembering more, *doing* more). We know that here at St Ambrose Barlow, education is about forming the human person, equipping him or her to live life to the full.

### Wednesday Word

#### **THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH** **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of Man comes in majesty, all people will be gathered before him. He will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep from goats, and will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. And he will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom which has been prepared for you. For I was hungry and you gave me food, thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then these people will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and take care of you?' And the king will reply, 'Whatever you did for my brothers and sisters in need, you did for me.'"

The message here is clear: we have a duty and an obligation to look out for those in need, and every act of kindness done to others is also done to Jesus.

### Reception Nativity

This will take place next Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. All are welcome – please come and join us for a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie. All donations received will go to our Advent charities – Father Hudson's and our links with Rwandan Schools.

### Parking at the end of the school day

It gives me no pleasure to report that once again, some parents of our children have been parking selfishly - either across drives which obstructs our neighbours, or parking in such a way that it presents a hazard for our children.

This is despite numerous pleas, despite the PTA invested in bollards (which, incredibly, are sometimes run over or damaged) and despite the presence of our lollipop man and site manager. In one instance this week, a parent was asked to move their car by a member of school staff and refused. Quite apart from anything, what example does it set to our children?

Please, park responsibly and if there is no space outside school attempt to arrive a little earlier and park further away.

### Library visits

These are always organised weeks in advance and posted in the diary dates to give parents (and children) as much notice as possible. If you are ever free to walk with us and join us for your child's trip at the library, just email the office or let a member of staff know. Any help is greatly appreciated!

The last visit for this calendar year will take place on 30<sup>th</sup> November, so please ensure all books are in school by then so they can be returned.

### Birthdays this week...

Happy birthday to Ariella in Reception who was five on Tuesday. Happy birthday to Tianna in Year One who is six tomorrow, and happy birthday to Arla in Year Two who will be seven on Sunday! Happy birthday to each and every one of you.



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**November dates for your diary**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup>:** Year Six children at Parish hall  
10am – 12pm

**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Six Mass 10am

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Nov:** SPARKS Year Four Fire  
Service visit

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Six at St Chad's

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Rec and KS1 PTA disco

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** Year Two at Hall Green  
library 2pm

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov:** KS2 PTA Disco

**December dates for your diary**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Year Six (Group One) at  
Dementia cafe

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Reconciliation Service  
2pm

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year Three First Confession  
6pm at Church

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Feast of the Immaculate  
Conception School Mass Year 1-6 at  
Church

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year Six (Group Two) at  
Dementia café

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Reception Nativity 2pm

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 Nativity for Year One  
parents 2pm

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS1 Nativity for Year Two  
parents 2pm

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** 'Starchitects' KS1 at Mac

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Choir / keyboard concert 2pm

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Parish Christmas bazaar 2-  
4pm\*

**\*(Own clothes day in exchange for 'Bring a  
Bottle' to be announced)**

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Carol Service 7pm

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Old Rep for 'Peter Pan'

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec:** Christmas Jumper Day /  
Christmas dinner

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass (including  
Reception) 9:30

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec:** School closes for Christmas at  
2pm

Have a good weekend and we will see you  
on Mass on Sunday or at school on  
Monday.

God bless,



Mr Clinton