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Dear Parents,



"Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."  
Matthew 24:42

This week, the children have enjoyed their daily *Walk With Me* assemblies about the current focus of Advent: being prepared for the coming of Jesus, renewing and refreshing their faith, and promoting all that is good and virtuous in their life. This same theme continues next week, and changes in the final week of term to the birth of Jesus two thousand years ago.

Today, Reception were absolutely superstars in their Nativity. Hard to believe that these future Oscar-winners only started their journey with us some four months ago. They have grown in confidence and ability so much in that time! My thanks to all parents for their

support in helping the children learn their words and songs, and my great thanks to all the staff who have helped them: Miss Hodgkins, Mrs Robinson, Miss Brookes and Miss Downing. You are all superstars too!

Next week, on Monday and Tuesday, Year One and Year Two will perform their Nativities too. Great fun awaits! Our Year Six children will be selling mince pies and hot drinks at each performance for a donation towards our toilet twinning charity: <https://toilettwinning.org/product/twin-a-toilet-today>

On Monday morning, all children will attend Mass in the church for the feast of the Immaculate Conception – the church doctrine that teaches Mary was conceived without sin. Year Six are experts at this – they were telling me yesterday that the feast occurs exactly nine months before Mary's birthday in September, which is a handy way to remember what it is that we are celebrating!

## Golden Book

**Reception:** Delilah Shaw for always being so fabulous in everything that she does! Delilah shows such an amazing attitude towards her learning. She is always so enthusiastic during lessons and completes her work to the best of

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her ability every time. Delilah is so kind and considerate towards her peers, she always makes sure that everyone is okay and goes out of her way to care for them. Reception class are very lucky to have a friend like Delilah!

**Year One:** Caiden Lee - for his brilliant 'can do' attitude. He attempts every task with confidence and a fabulous positive attitude. In our Nativity he sings every word and completes every action with enthusiasm. This has been commented on by multiple members of staff, making the year one staff very proud. He is an amazing role model to all. Keep it up, Caiden!

**Year Two:** Freya Bucknall has had a brilliant week and has worked hard in all subjects. It has been so lovely to see Freya contributing to class and being confident in sharing her thoughts and opinions. We have also noticed how independent Freya is becoming when completing her work - showing how well she has been listening in lessons. What a fantastic week, Freya! Well done!

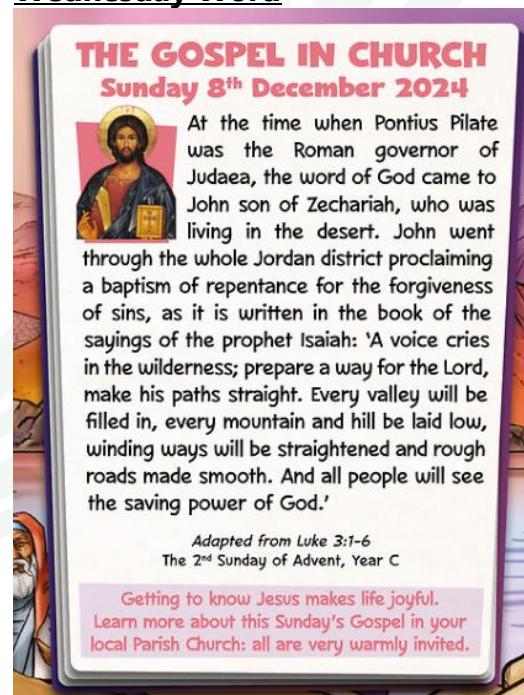
**Year Three:** Arla Jones for always contributing to lessons and making sure she is being the best pupil she can be. Arla wrote a fantastic alternate ending to 'Stone Age Boy' and her handwriting was excellent! She always has such a positive outlook and this radiates through everything she does.

**Year Four:** Mila Caine has produced some wonderful work in RE this week reflecting on the Advent themes producing lovely prayers. She has shown determination and resilience in our new topic in Maths and is a wonderful example to her classmates.

**Year Five:** Zach Lloyd has made a huge effort throughout the week to ensure he is fully focussed and ready to learn in all lessons. He has shown amazing concentration in class: he has listened attentively during lessons and is taking advice given on board, working hard to apply this advice to his written work. We are really pleased with how Zach is taking so much pride with his work. Keep it up, Zach - we are really proud of your work this week!

**Year Six:** Aaron Stephen has worked at a consistently high standard since the start of the school year but has focused particularly well during our first Assessment Week. Aaron is so thoughtful, often reflecting on work in RE and asking intelligent questions to improve his own understanding and encourage debate. He is a real asset to the cohort and a pleasure to Teach: always polite, friendly and kind. Well done, Aaron.

### Wednesday Word



### **Advent Charities**

Thank you so much for what you have donated so far. Please, do not feel under any pressure to give more than one item over the course of our calendar. What do you give, however, will go to help the most needy and vulnerable.

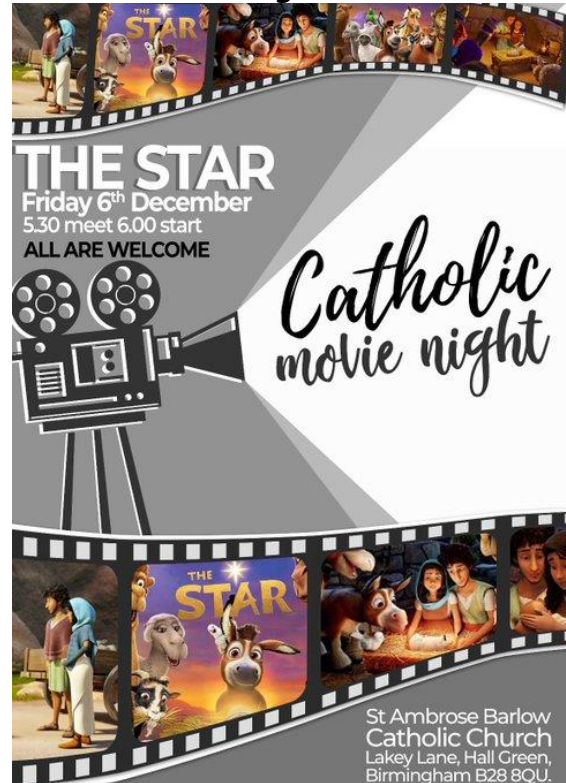
09.12.24	<i>Bags for Life</i>
10.12.24	<i>Nappies</i>
11.12.24	<i>New pairs of socks</i>
12.12.24	<i>Gloves</i>
13.12.24	<i>Chocolate bars</i>
16.12.24	<i>Soap</i>
17.12.24	<i>Shower gel</i>
18.12.24	<i>Warm woolly hats</i>
19.12.24	<i>Tins of Tuna</i>
20.12.24	<i>Pasta</i>

### **Christmas dinner and Christmas parties**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, children will have their Christmas dinner in school. If your child has sandwiches and would like to take part, please pay via School Money and let the office know. On this day, children can wear their own clothes and a Christmas jumper. In the afternoon, they will take part in their class Christmas parties and await a surprise visit from a special guest....



### **Catholic Movie night**



Tonight, the parish is hosting a screening of 'The Star' for anyone who wishes to attend. All are welcome. Doors open at 5:30pm and the film begins at 6pm.

### **Birthdays this week...**

Happy birthday to Alyza in Year One who was six on Tuesday. Happy birthday to Edward and Eugene in Year Five who were both (obviously) ten on Wednesday! Happy birthday to Maria in Year Three who was eight yesterday. Happy birthday to all!



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### **December dates for your diary**

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; Year One Nativity 2pm

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Year Two Nativity 2pm

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Christmas dinner; children to wear own clothes; Christmas parties (pm)

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Rec and KS1 @ '*Finding Santa*' (am); Keyboard and choir concert 2pm

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Carol service 7pm

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 @ *Beauty and the Beast*

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec:** Whole School Mass 9:30; children break up at 2pm (no Kidzone club)

### **January dates for your diary**

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan:** School closed INSET

**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Jan:** School re-opens for all children

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Whole School Mass dedicated to memory of Noah Edwards 9:30am

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year Five Class Mass 2:30pm

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan:** Year Four Class Assembly

### **February dates for your diary**

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six parents Confirmation meeting 6pm in Church hall

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Three Class Assembly 9am

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six children Confirmation workshop

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six to lead 10am Sunday Mass

**Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year Six Class Mass; break up for half-term.

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Children return to school

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Sponsor workshop, 2pm; Year Six Confirmation 7pm

### **March dates for your diary**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Year Three children at FHC workshop, 10am in Parish hall

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** Year Three children lead Sunday Mass 10am

**Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March:** Whole School Mass for Ash Wednesday, 9:30 at church

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day

**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> March:** Key Stage Two Reconciliation service 1:30pm; Parent Consultations 3:30 – 6:30

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Year One Class Mass 2:30pm

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Whole School Mass for the Annunciation 9:30am

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> March:** INSPIRE workshop for Year Three children and parents

**Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Year Two Class Assembly 9am

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

*J Clinton*

Mr Clinton

