

Friday 13th December 2024

# Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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## Gaudete Sunday

At Mass on Sunday, the third candle on the wreath will be lit - the rose coloured candle for joy. Rejoice! We are joyful like Mary. At Mass the Bambinelli (the figures of Jesus) are blessed.

## Christmas Nativities

We hope those of you who came along to our KSI production of 'Lights, Camel, Action' enjoyed it - a little bit of Christmas magic! Thank you to our wonderful team of staff. Nursery and Reception are looking forward to performing their Nativity play 'A King is Born' for you on **Thursday 19th December** at **9.30am**.



## AC Academy Christmas Concert

**Wednesday 18th December 7pm**

**Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate**



Tickets available at AC rehearsals - speak to Sarah.



Keep your child inspired to read over the holiday with the free online Winter Mini Challenge:

[www.wintermini.org.uk/](http://www.wintermini.org.uk/)



The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Tuesday 17th December, and are invited to wear Christmas jumpers.



## Christmas Disco

**Thursday 19th December**

**Free!**

**3pm - 4pm KS1**  
**4.15pm - 5.15pm KS2**

\* Children must have a good behaviour record to attend: they have three 'strikes'.

## Termly Reports and 'Book Looks'

Next week you are invited to view your child's work, and to have the opportunity to discuss their progress. You will also receive a Termly Progress Report, updating you on your child's attendance, progress and attitude to learning so that we can work together to achieve your child's full potential.

Y3/4	2.15pm Monday 16th December
Y1/2	2.15pm Tuesday 17th December
Y5/6	2.15pm Wednesday 18th December

All sessions will take place in the School Hall, with entrance via the side gate.

If you are unable to make these times but would like to view your child's books, there will be a session on Tuesday 17th December from 5-6pm, or another time by appointment. Please notify the Office so that your child's books are available for this session.

## After School Clubs...

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm £2
- Breakfast Club: (Please book) 7.45am - 8.45am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Y6 Maths IT - Boys' Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts (KS2) - Netball	- Activities - Computers - Tennis (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) <i>4.15pm AC Academy (finishes at 5.30pm)</i>	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Gymnastics / acro dance

Our value of the month is ...  
**Happiness**

Spread A Little Happiness



Looking forward...

Monday 16th December	9.15am KSI/KS2 Mass - School Hall <i>Parents welcome to attend</i> Y5 IntoUniversity Day 2.15pm. Y3/4 Book Look - School Hall
Tuesday 17th December	Children's Christmas Dinner - wear your Christmas jumper/sparkle! 2.15pm. KSI Book Look - School Hall
Wednesday 18th December	2.15pm. Y5/6 Book Look - School Hall 7pm. AC Academy Choir Concert at Holy Trinity Church. <i>Leaving school at 3pm to walk down and rehearse</i>
Thursday 19th December	9.30am Nursery and Reception present 'A King is Born' - School Hall <i>Parents welcome to attend</i> 1pm. Band Performance for KSI/2
Friday 20th December	Last day of term 9am Christmas Assembly for KSI/2 - Stars of the Term
Monday 6th January	8.30am All children return to school <i>Breakfast Club and Staylate open</i>



Have a joyful weekend!

Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher



### REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Please donate food for the foodbank to help people in our city.

- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned meat and fish
- Christmas food
- Tinned beans
- Biscuits
- Cereal
- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetables

Items particularly needed at the moment:

- UHT milk
- Tea bags
- Instant coffee
- Cooking sauce
- Jam
- Instant Mash Potato
- Dry noodles

Please try to donate some food by Monday 16th December.



Another busy week at SMSB!

Together with Christ everyone achieves more



Keep up by following @StMaryStBen on Twitter!