

Friday 28th November 2025

# Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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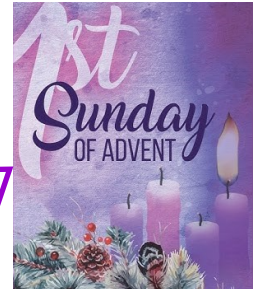


## Parish Christmas Bazaar Saturday 29th November

stalls games 1pm food tombola

Ss Mary and Benedict Church Hall,  
 Raglan Street

Walk with us through the special season of Advent, as we ready ourselves for the coming of the Lord. We begin with Mass on Monday for EYFS and KS1 in the Hall at 9.15am. Please join us!



### Christmas Nativities

Nursery, Reception and Key Stage One are looking forward to performing their Christmas plays for you - a lovely part of our Advent celebrations.

9.30am Friday 12th December KS1 - Lights, Camel, Action 2!  
 9.30am Thursday 18th December EYFS - Baarmy Bethlehem



Please note the productions will begin at 9.30am with no late admittance.



### Christmas Dinner

The children will be having their Christmas dinner on **Tuesday 16th December**, and are invited to wear Christmas jumpers that day.

For children in Y3-6 not on free school meals who want to have the Christmas dinner, the cost is £2.60, which needs to be paid through Parent Pay.



### After School Clubs *Please remember to sign up in advance.*

- After School Clubs: 3 - 4pm £2
- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.30am £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 (KS2)	- Activities - Computers - Tennis (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) - Eritrean Club <i>4.15pm - 5.30pm AC Academy</i>	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) - Gymnastics / acro dance

### AC Academy Choir Christmas Concert



Wednesday 17th December 7pm  
 AC Academy Christmas Concert  
 Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate

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

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 is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.


Looking forward... *It's the most wonderful (and busiest) time of the year!*

Saturday 29th November	1pm Parish Christmas Bazaar - Parish Hall <i>Go along and meet Father Christmas!</i>
Sunday 30th November	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> 4pm Blessing of the Crib in the City Centre
Monday 1st December	9.15am Mass for EYFS/KSI School Hall <i>Parents welcome to join us</i>
Thursday 4th December	Y3/4 Parent Prayer Time - Hall
Friday 5th December	Group from Year 6 depart for weekend residential to Alton Castle <i>Return on Sunday at 4pm - collect from School Car Park</i>
Monday 8th December	9.15am Mass for KS2 School Hall <i>Parents welcome to join us</i> + Confessions Y4-6
Friday 12th December	9.30am KSI Christmas Production 'Lights, Camel, Action 2!'
Tuesday 16th December	Children's Christmas Dinner



Have a lovely weekend!


Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher

 **St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 21 🔗 ...  
Mrs Kimberley's class in year 5/6 had great fun learning the names of fruits in Spanish with Mr Marple today!



 **St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 25 🔗 ...  
Nursery loved playing Snakes & Ladders with Miss Bibi this morning! Lots of maths in action, number recognition, counting, turn-taking, subitising with the dice and talking about 'more' and 'less' as we moved along the board. Such a fun way to learn! 🎲 🎲 #PlayingIsLearning



 **St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · 23h 🔗 ...  
Year 6 had a brilliant time at the ThinkTank today. @IntoUniversity #science #Engineering



*Another busy week at SMSB!*

 **St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · 22h 🔗 ...  
Pizza making fun in nursery today with Mrs Genet! 🍕 The children explored real ingredients, built their own pizzas, and developed key skills communication, physical development, independence and early maths. A delicious day of learning! #FollowingChildrensInterests



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