

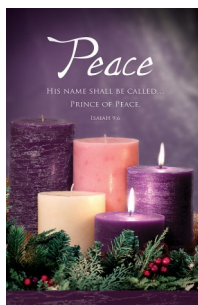
Friday 5th December 2025

# Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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We continue our journey through Advent with Mass for Years 3-6 on Monday at 9.15am in the School Hall. Please join us!

## Christmas Concerts

**Saturday 17th December 6pm**  
**Parish Christmas Concert**  
**Ss Mary and Benedict Church**



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

## 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.

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils, who took part in a week long Engineering experience with IntoUniversity, ending with a graduation at Warwick University!



## Reverse Advent Calendar

Our Mini Vinnies group are organising a reverse advent calendar for local foodbanks - instead of receiving, we give!

We are particularly asking you to donate:

- Nursery/Reception: tinned items
- Y1/2: toiletries (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, tissues, toothbrushes)
- Y3/4: Snacks (biscuits)
- Y5/6: Cereals and pasta



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



## Christmas Disco

**Thursday 18th December**

**Free!**

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

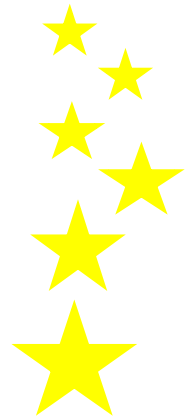
\* Children must have a good behaviour record to attend: they have three 'strikes'.

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



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

Sunday 7th December	Second Sunday of Advent Masses at Church 9.30am/11.30am 4pm Group returns from Alton Castle - School Car Park
Monday 8th December	9.15am Mass for KS2 School Hall <i>Parents welcome to join us</i> + Confessions Y4-6
Wednesday 10th December	Y5/6 attending Coventry Sports Indoor Athletics Competition @ Xcel Centre
Thursday 11th December	2.40pm Parent Prayer Time for Y5/6 School Hall <i>Parents welcome to join us</i>
Friday 12th December	9.30am KSI Christmas Production 'Lights, Camel, Action 2!'
Monday 15th December	9.15am Whole School Mass School Hall 2.15pm Book Look for Y3/4 Termly Reports to go out
Tuesday 16th December	Children's Christmas Dinner 2.15pm Book Look for Y1/2
Wednesday 17th December	2.15pm Book Look for Y5/6 7pm AC Academy Choir Concert at Holy Trinity Church, Broadgate, City Centre
Thursday 18th December	9.30am EYFS Christmas Production for Parents Non-uniform day for Christmas Parties Disco: 3-4pm KSI 4.15pm-5.15pm KS2
Friday 19th December	9am Christmas Assembly - Stars of the Term Last day of term
Monday 5th January	All children return to school



Have a lovely weekend!

Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher

**St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 30  
Thank you to the members of our school community who attended the blessing of the crib in Broadgate this afternoon. 🙏



**St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Nov 28  
A wonderful Advent day in Nursery! 🎄 We decorated our tree, made wreaths and candles, and learned about how we prepare for the birth of Jesus. The children explored traditions, symbols, waiting, hope and belonging as part of this special season. #AdventJourney #Prepare



*Another busy week at SMSB!*

**St Mary & St Benedict** @StMaryStBen · Dec 1  
Our EYFS and KS1 children came together this morning for a beautiful Mass with Father Reginald, who lit the first Advent candle. We were very proud of the children who read the bidding prayers. 🙏

#Advent #SchoolCommunity #CatholicLife #EYFS #KS1 #CollectiveWorship



**Coventry HAF**  
Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025

20 December 2025 - 4 January 2026

Book your child's place on our free winter HAF clubs

**Book now**  
No HAF code required

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