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Mass times this week for St George and St Teresa

Christmas Masses and Services

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday 23rd December Vigil - 5.30pm
Sunday 24th December - 8.45am
There will be no Sunday 10.30am Mass

The Nativity of the Lord
Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve - Childrens Mass - 4pm
Midnight Mass! Celebrated by Mgr McHugh - 8pm
Monday 25th December Christmas Day – 8.45am and 10.30am

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy few weeks we've had to end our term. There have been five Advent Reflections, five Christmas performances, one Round the Tree and two whole-school Masses during Advent as we prepared together for the wonderful feast of Christmas. It has been great to see so many of you in school to celebrate these with us. The feedback has been really positive and we are already planning opportunities to invite families in for next term.

For those who weren't able to make rehearsals for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at church, if you're child would like to take part, they can turn up dressed as a character from the Nativity story—24th December 4pm.

While there are so many things for the children to look forward to over the Christmas period, we have been encouraging them to think about the true meaning of Christmas. The birth of Jesus on earth is a very special time for our faith and it has allowed us to reflect on what we can do to make the world a better place. Mrs Grace delivered a special whole-school assembly on Wednesday where the children learned about the difference their donations to SIFA Fireside would make to homeless people in the local area.





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Some pictures from our Christmas performances





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We are coming to the end of this half-term, where we have been focussing on the virtues attentive and discerning. We ave been **attentive** to the big things and the small things (just like St Teresa and her Little Way). We have been **discerning** in using what we know to make choices like Jesus would—this is especially important this time of year as we think about inequality in the world. Next half-term, the virtues we will focus on are **compassionate** and **loving**.

The latest Wednesday Word is available at <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=111.2>



Notes for next term

First day back for children in the new term—Tuesday, 9th January. Monday 8th January is a staff training day.

We’ve had lots of good feedback about the children wearing PE kits in on PE day. We will continue with this. However, we think it suits the children better to have their lessons on different days. This means wearing PE kit to school twice a week for Years 1—6 (Nursery and Reception do PE in their normal uniform). See the table for PE days for the new term.

Class	PE Days
Year 1	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 2	Monday, Friday
Year 3	Tuesday, Friday
Year 4	Thursday, Friday
Year 5	Wednesday, Friday
Year 6	Tuesday

Football

Well done to the boys football team who held off a spirited comeback from St Andrew’s to win 3-2 in the league. More fixtures to come next term.

Christmas lunch bag winners

Also well done to the following children who impressed Debbie with their Christmas lunch bag designs to win a prize.

Nursery	Ruby	Reception	Lucy
Year 1	Teddy	Year 2	Luisa
Year 3	Jacob	Year 4	Kenny
Year 5	Bethany	Year 6	Grace



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Look for more dates for the diary when we get back in January.

08-01-24: Teacher Training day

09-01-24: Children return to school

17-01-24: Year 6 Penitential Service and notices at Church 6.00pm—Confirmation preparation

04-02-24: 10.30 am Confirmation Mass: Bishop David Evans

06-02-24: Whole School Mass— Confirmation Thanksgiving 9.45am

09-02-24: School breaks up for half-term

20-02-24: Whole School Mass— Lent 9.45am

22-03-24: Whole School Mass— Palm Sunday 9.45 am

22-03-24: School breaks up for Easter

08-06-24: 11.00 am First Holy Communion Mass

Have a happy, holy and peaceful Christmas!

Best wishes ,

Mrs Flanagan and Mr Hainie.

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