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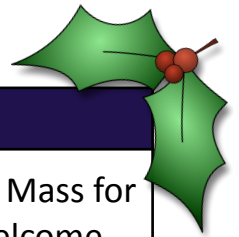
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Friday 29th November, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advent starts on Sunday and we want to make sure Christmas 2024 is full of special memories for our pupils, parents and staff. Please find our plans for the Christmas period outlined below:



Event	Date	Key Information
Advent Mass in St Monica's Church	Sunday 1st December, 9:30am	Father Ged will lead an Advent Mass for the parish. Families are very welcome to come along to celebrate this special time in our Church. We will also have refreshments and a raffle straight after mass in our Parish Hall.
Advent Mass in Church	Monday 9th December	Advent Mass: 9:30am in Church. We will take all children from Reception upwards, it will be live streamed for our Nursery and parents.
Christmas Dinner	Wednesday, 11th December	A delicious Christmas dinner for those on hot dinners.
St Monica's Nativity	Thursday 12th December	Mary and Joseph have been cast; our choir is ready - the big performance is on its way! 10am - Year 2 Parents 2pm Year 1 Parents
Christmas Reception Performance	Friday, 13th December,	10am We will record a performance and put it on our website for parents, and offer a download option.
Christmas Nursery	Friday, 13th	2:30pm We will record the

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Reports Sent Out	Monday, 16th December	Y1 - Y6 Reports to be sent out to parents
Christmas Pantomime (in school)	Monday, 16th December	For all pupils to enjoy - from the excellent Chaplin's Pantomime Company: Jack and the Beanstalk
Christmas Discos	17th/ 18th December	17th Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 18th Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6
Y6 Christmas Carol Concert	Tuesday 17th December	6pm - Evening performance for families, followed by refreshments in the Parish Club
Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash	Wednesday 18th December	Pupils and Staff are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for the day (optional). School tracksuit bottoms and trainers to be worn for the Santa Dash. Donations of any old Christmas jumpers are always welcome.
Christmas Parties with special visitor	Thursday 19th December (final day)	Children can bring in a treat and a drink (no nuts, please). Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day to celebrate the final day of term.

Important: We break up at 3:15pm on Thursday 19th December for a wonderful Christmas break. We return on Monday 6th January.

Advent Assembly

This afternoon, we had a special assembly to celebrate the start of Advent. Our Year 1 opened the assembly with a beautiful rendition of "The World Was In Darkness". They showed real confidence on the stage and filled the hall with their singing. The Year 1 staff left school proud as punch.

We lit the first candle of Advent, and ushered in this special time. We learnt about how this first candle symbolises “Hope”, and discussed how Christmas is more than just presents and parties, but about the coming of Jesus and a time to think about our Faith and the joy and peace it can bring.



We reflected on Romans 15:13 in the assembly:

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Children left the hall filled with hope and joy, and ready for the wonderful time of Advent that lies ahead. The singing really was something else.

Advent Mass in St Monica’s Church this Sunday, All families welcome

On Sunday, Father Ged invites us all to Mass to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent in St Monica’s Church. We will sing the same hymns we learnt for our assembly and we have readers and altar servers from our school who will take part in the service. It would be lovely to see as many St Monica’s children and families attend as possible to usher in this special time.

After the service, we will celebrate together with refreshments in the Parish Hall. Service starts at 9:30am.

Have a lovely start to Advent this weekend,

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. J. Gouldbourne
Headteacher