

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

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# THE HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

**'As a family we live, love, learn and celebrate with Jesus.'**

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In this season of Advent, our school community has been filled with a strong sense of reflection, creativity and joyful anticipation. We marked the beginning of Advent with a special Advent Service, helping us to pause, pray and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christmas. Throughout the school, each class explored a nativity scene from a different part of the world, learning how the story of the birth of Jesus is shared and celebrated across cultures. This work inspired the children to create beautiful pieces of artwork, which have been a wonderful expression of both faith and creativity.

Our Chaplaincy Team were privileged to visit Westminster Cathedral to take part in the Catholic Children's Society annual Advent Service. This was a meaningful and memorable experience for the pupils involved, and they represented our school with great respect and pride. Opportunities such as this help our children to deepen their faith and understanding while feeling part of the wider Catholic community.

This week, we have also enjoyed the much-loved Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativity performances. The children retold the story of the birth of Jesus with confidence, enthusiasm and joy, delighting everyone who attended and reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

As we look ahead to the final week of term, there is still much to look forward to. Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Tuesday, bringing a sense of fun and celebration to the school day. We will also gather for the Key Stage 2 Advent Service at Holy Family Church, and all pupils are expected to attend this important occasion.

I would like to thank our staff, pupils and families for your continued support throughout this busy term. I wish everyone a peaceful, restful and truly joyous Christmas.

**God bless, Mrs Linnane**

## Upcoming Events

### December

- 12<sup>th</sup>** - HFFA Family Panto
- 16<sup>th</sup>** – School Christmas lunch – children wear Christmas jumpers
- 17<sup>th</sup>** – 5.30pm KS2 Advent Service at Holy Family Church
- 18<sup>th</sup>** – 9.15am KS2 Christmas Choir Concert
- 19<sup>th</sup>** – School finishes at 1.15pm for Christmas holidays

**For regular news, updates and photos about life at our school!**

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## Stars of the week

- Year 1 All of Y1
- Year 2 All of Y2
- Year 3 Evie
- Year 4 Sia
- Year 5 Daisy
- Year 6 Wiktor

## Nursery & Reception : The Littles Nativity

We were so proud of all Nursery and Reception children for their performances in *The Littles Nativity* – they shone like stars!





## Year 1 & 2: The Magic Nativitree

What a fantastic performance of *The Magic Nativitree* from Year 1 & 2!  
Your beautiful singing and acting was a joy to watch.



## KS2 Advent Service @ Holy Family Church

At 5.30pm on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December the KS2 advent Service will be taking place at Holy Family church, Knightsfield. It is a wonderful occasion that our pupils and families enjoy. The expectation is that all KS2 pupils attend this service and participate fully in school life, we warmly invite our families and members of the community to join us. **Pupils should arrive at the church for 5.15pm in full, smart school uniform.**

In preparation for the Advent Service **KS2 (Y3-6)** will have a rehearsal at the church on **Monday 15th December.**

**On Monday morning, please drop your child at the Holy Family church for 9am**, or if you are dropping siblings at school, as soon as you can get there after drop off. Please do not arrive before 9am as there may not be staff members present at this time.

Address for drop off: **Holy Family Church - 194 Knightsfield, Welwyn Garden City AL8 7RQ.**

**Children will walk back to school before lunch time.**

Children should wear their full school uniform. Please ensure your child has outerwear that is appropriate for the weather. They need to bring their school bags, packed lunch (if applicable) and water bottles as usual and be prepared to carry them back to school.



## Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers



On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we will have our school Christmas lunch! All children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper alongside the rest of their school uniform.

## KS2 Christmas Choir Concert

On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am** we will be celebrating our Christmas Carol Concert with KS2 performing songs they have been practising this half term. Parents of KS2 children are welcome to join at 9.15am, the concert will last about 30 mins.

Please could all KS2 children come to school with **festive headwear** (a Santa hat, tinsel headband, reindeer antlers etc.) to wear during the concert – thank you.





## Reverse advent calendar

Thank you for your generosity shown through the wonderful donations that have been received for our Reverse Advent Calendar this month. Local charities will be collecting donations from school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December so if you have any final donations of any of the below items, please bring these to school by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. Thank you.

Reverse Advent Calendar 2025		Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December
		Tinned food 	Tea/coffee/sugar 	Biscuits 
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December Breakfast Cereal 	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December Toothpaste/ Toothbrushes 	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December Shampoo/ conditioner 	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December Deodorants/shower gel 	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December Sanitary products 
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Meat & Tuna (tinned) 	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Fruit and Veg (tinned) 	Various toiletries Gift sets 	Adult socks and gloves 	NEW bed linen (for single beds); Duvets, Pillows, Towels

## Thank you!

A big thanks to parent, Adam Richardson, who has given up lots of his time recently to build a new wendy house for our school playground. It is a great addition to OPAL, thank you Adam for your hard work!



## Catholic Children's Society donations

Thank you to those parents who gave so generously to our collection for the Catholic Children's Society at the end of our Nativities this week – your kindness is much appreciated. There will be a further collection at the end of KS2's Advent Service on Wednesday evening.

## Clubs this half term

**Please note the below clubs are still running in the final week of term**

	Organised by school 3.15-4.15pm No charge Booked via Arbor & queries to school office	Organised by external providers Check sign up details, times and prices for each club
Mon		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tetra Sports Football Club for Yr 1 &amp; 2 – details <a href="https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/">here</a> or <a href="https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/">https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/</a></li> </ul>
Tues		
Weds		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tetra Sports Football Club for all KS2 – details <a href="https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/">here</a> or <a href="https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/">https://tetrasports.magicbooking.co.uk/</a></li> </ul>
Thurs		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Club for KS1 &amp; KS2</li> <li>Everyone Cooks for Y1-Y6</li> </ul> <p>Contact Louise Penn on 07946 303 213 or <a href="mailto:louise@everyonecooks.co.uk">louise@everyonecooks.co.uk</a></p>
Fri		

## Notices and flyers from the local community which may be of interest



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- Free, fun, family-focused support
- Learn about healthy eating
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- Connect with other families
- One-to-one support also available!

**Beezee YOUTH**

- 13-17 year olds can talk about topics that matter to them
- Learn about physical, mental and social wellbeing
- Get free health resources
- Join a safe space.

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- Free support for families with children aged 0-5 years
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- Chance to make new friends
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# Dates for the Diary

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## January

- 5<sup>th</sup>** – INSET day
- 6<sup>th</sup>** – Children return to school

