St. Anne's Catholic Academy

# NEWSLETTER

29 November 2024

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## A Message from Miss Gillin...

We have had another fantastic week in school. We are all excited to welcome Mrs Finelli-Calder back from her maternity leave; we have missed her greatly.

Last week, the children participated in an Angel Festival, where each class created a beautiful angel that has been displayed for all to admire on the way to Santa's grotto, which will be open at our Christmas Fayre on Friday.

We are excited to launch the wonderful season of Advent on Monday, during which the children are invited to wear purple or non-uniform clothing for a donation to the MAC Christmas Food Bank.

In preparation for celebrating the birth of Jesus, the children will be making Bambinelli's, adding a personal touch to our festivities. We warmly invite all families to join us for our Stay and Pray Christingle workshop on Thursday and our Christmas Fayre on Friday, where we will come together in joy and community spirit. We look forward to celebrating this meaningful season together.

Miss Gillin
Head of School

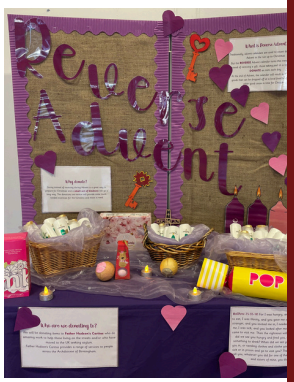
## Advent Prayer Boxes:

A huge thank you to Maggie, Michelle, Ava, and Phoebe for their wonderful contribution in creating nativity figures for our Prayer boxes. The Prayer boxes will be sent home on Monday, providing families with an opportunity to engage in a meaningful time of prayer and reflection during this special season.

**Wow... the donations are already pouring in for our...**

## REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**All items collected will be donated to Fr. Hudson's Caritas to support those living on the streets or people new to the country seeking asylum. We would be hugely grateful for donations of any toiletries or hygiene items, such as, shower gel, deodorant, toothpaste, sanitary products etc. This appeal is running across all schools in the Holy Spirit MAC so it's a great way for our children to collaborate on a very important social action project!**




## LIVING THE MISSION

**Inspired by Laudato Si Revloution the Eco Team successfully led an engaging litter pick this Autumn term. They not only showcased our commitment to environmental stewardship but also embodied the values of the common good within our school community. By fostering a sense of responsibility towards our shared environment, we hope to inspire others to actively participate in preserving our planet for future generations.**

## KEY DATES

## Christmas Production:

**A reminder of our Christmas dates and Events:**

Monday 9th December - Nursery Workshops - 13:30 - 15:00

Tuesday 10th December - Reception performance followed by crafts & mince pies - 9:15

Tuesday 17th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert - 2pm

Wednesday 18th December - Key Stage 1 performance - 'Shine' - 9:30 & 14:00

**Tickets are still available from the School Office**

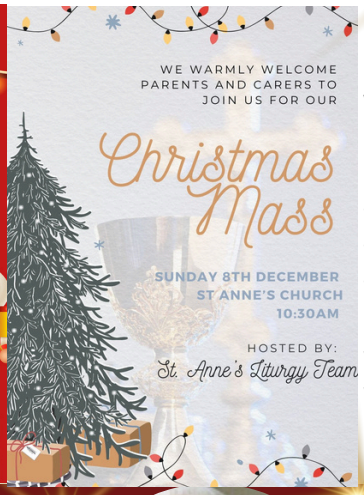
## Trips & Experiences:

Wednesday 4th December
KS2: Christmas Trip – 'Dick Whittington'
Please ensure children have a water bottle with them to the performance. We will provide a snack for the interval and they will have their lunch before the performance. We are all looking forward to enjoying this special experience!

Friday 6th December
Reception Christmas Trip – Father Christmas

Wednesday 11th December
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Trip – 'Christmas Train'
Please ensure the children arrive to school promptly and bring a full water bottle with them to the performance. We will provide a snack for the interval and they will have their packed lunch after the performance. We are all looking forward to enjoying this special experience!

## Events...




## Donate a toy this Christmas...

**Whilst many of us are feeling the pinch of the cost of living crisis, sadly, many children know the impact of poverty all too well. There are currently 151,630 in Britain experiencing homelessness or living in temporary accommodation. 4.2 million children are living in poverty... that is 29% of all children. This Christmas, we want to do what we can to make the festive season just a little bit brighter for just a few of these children. We know you already offer enormous support for our charity work but if you can donate a new toy for a child to receive at Christmas, we would be so grateful. Please just send it to school with your child between now and Christmas and we will make sure it makes its way to a child in need.**

## ATTENDANCE

| Overall 91.9% | |
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| Nursery | 83.6% |
| Reception | 85.9% |
| Year 1 | 85.9% |
| Year 2 | 90.4% |
| Year 3 | 93.9% |
| Year 4 | 94.8% |
| Year 5 | 90.7% |
| Year 6 | 91.9% |

## House Points

**Pope John Paul II**
**973**

**St. Teresa of Calcutta**
**595**

**St. Cecilia**
484

**HOW STUDENTS, PARENTS/CARERS CAN REPORT A SAFEGUARDING ISSUE, EITHER IN SCHOOL OR OUT OF HOURS:**

Text the mobile number: **07767 269958** or email: **reportanissuestannes@welearn365.com**

**Nuneaton Children's Team:**
01926 414910

**NSPCC Helpline:**
help@nspcc.org.uk
Tel: 0808 800 5000

**Samaritans:**
Jo@samaritans.org
Tel: 116 123

**Childline:**
0800 1111

**Police:**
Emergency - 999
Non-emergency 101