St. Anne's Catholic Academy

NEWSLETTER

5 DEC 2025

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A message from Miss Gillin...

What a wonderful and faith-filled start we've had to our Advent season with our beautiful family Mass last Sunday—such a blessing to see so many of you there.

Our Christmas festivities have been in full swing this week: Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed a snow-tastic adventure at the Winter Wonderland in Tamworth Snowdome.

As part of our Holy Spirit Experience - the opportunity to see a live performance, Reception headed off to see Well Done, Mummy Penguin at the Belgrade Theatre, and Key Stage 2 also set off to the Belgrade for the panto (oh yes they did!) to watch Sleeping Beauty. The children behaved fantastically, they loved the performances and shouted and cheered with excitement. I'm surprised they have voices left!

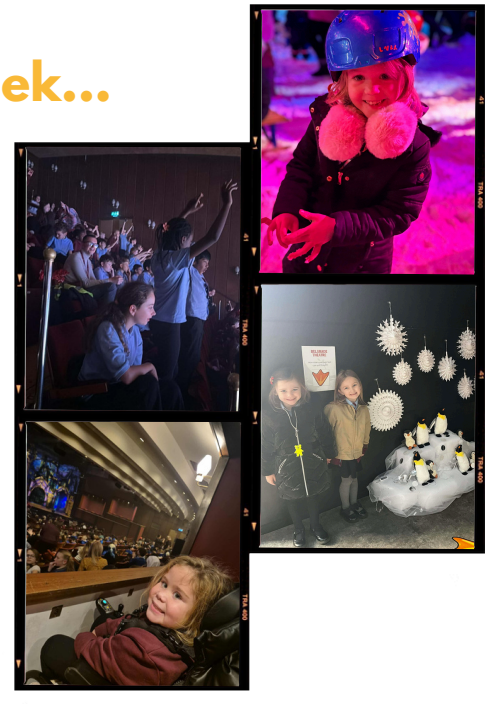
It has been equally uplifting to welcome so many of you into school for our Stay and Pray sessions and our fantastic Christmas Fayre—your presence and support truly reflect the joy, hope, and community spirit of this holy season. We look forward to inviting you in for even more Advent and Christmas cheer over the next two weeks. Please do check the attached dates so you don't miss a moment of our celebrations as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.

Miss Gillin
Head of School

Reverse Advent

We are incredibly grateful for all the items you have so generously donated so far. We are asking for one final push this week to see how many more contributions we can gather before Friday, 12th December, when everything will be delivered to Father Hudson's Caritas. Together, we are truly living out the Catholic Social Teaching of the option for the poor—showing our care, love, and solidarity with one another through the greatest gift of all: kindness.

A snapshot of our week...



LIVING THE MISSION

Dear Jesus,

In this second week of Advent, help us to be people of peace. Show us how to be gentle, kind, and caring with everyone we meet. Prepare our hearts to welcome you with joy and love at Christmas.

Amen.

KEY DATES

Monday 8 Dec - Nursery Workshop - 2pm

Friday 12 Dec - Reception Workshop - 9:30

Friday 12 Dec - Year 6 Evacuation Experience

Monday 15 Dec - Christmas Dinner - Wear festive clothes

Tuesday 16 Dec - Key Stage 2 Carol Concert - 2:00

Wednesday 17 Dec - Key Stage 1 performance - 9:15 & 2:00

Friday 19 Dec - School closes at 1pm - Non Uniform Day

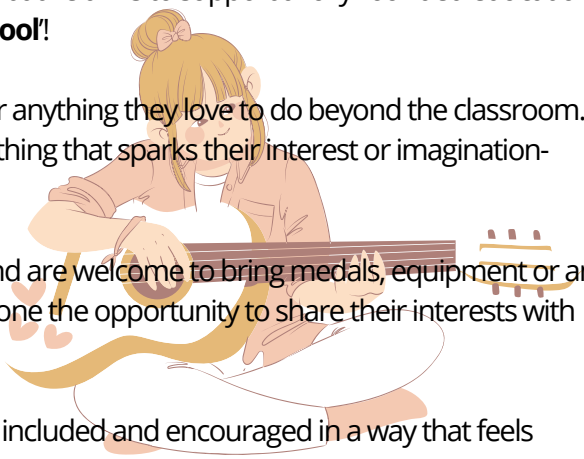
Performances & Events:

Stay & Pray

It has also been lovely to see so many family members joining our 'Stay & Pray' sessions this week. Our next **'Stay & Pray'** will take place on **Monday 8th December at 3.00pm.** This is a beautiful opportunity to join your child's class for their Celebration of the Word- a special time of prayer and liturgy during the Second Week of Advent.

HSE Day... bring your hobby to school!

On **Friday 9th January**, we will be having a Holy Spirit Experience day. As this initiative aims to support a fully rounded education for every child, we are inviting all children and staff to **'bring their hobby to school'**!



Children might choose to share a hobby such as dancing, swimming, football, or anything they love to do beyond the classroom. If your child doesn't have a specific hobby, they are welcome to bring along something that sparks their interest or imagination- perhaps a love of art, computing, cooking, or anything else that inspires them.

Children may come to school dressed in clothing that represents their hobby and are welcome to bring medals, equipment or any items linked to it. During the day, each class will enjoy 'Time to Talk', giving everyone the opportunity to share their interests with one another. This may even inspire others to try something new!

Please do not worry if your child prefers not to share anything- everyone will be included and encouraged in a way that feels comfortable for them.

ATTENDANCE

Reception	93%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	89%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	96%

End of Term Reminder

A final reminder that school will close at **1:00pm on Friday 19th December.**
Children will stay for lunch/dinner as normal.
Pupils can be collected from their classroom exits following usual end-of-day procedures.
The **gates will open at 12:45pm for collection.**

Thank you for helping us ensure a smooth and safe end to the term.

SAFEGUARDING

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