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### A Prayer for Advent

As we prepare for the coming of  
Our Lord Jesus Christ we pray....

**God of light and hope,  
Look upon us in love,  
And fill us with the spirit of  
Jesus**

**That we may love you and serve  
you in your kingdom.**

**Protect us during these coming  
weeks**

**And keep us watchful in prayer  
as we await the coming of our  
Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**Who is the light of the world,  
And who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God for ever and ever.**

**Amen**

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December** - Carols  
with Wiseman 6pm

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Junior  
Carol Service 6pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Junior  
Carol Service 2pm

**ADVENT:** As we enter the season of Advent, we are invited to pause and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival." For us as Christians, it is a time to prepare spiritually for the birth of Jesus and to reflect on the significance of His coming into the world.

At school, Advent offers us an opportunity to practice kindness and generosity. This is a great time for our community to come together and help those in need or simply by spreading joy to those around us. It is a wonderful reminder that Christmas is not just about receiving, but about giving love and compassion to others.

As we celebrate Advent, we invite all our children and families to reflect on the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, and to find ways to live these values in our school community. Together, let us make this Advent season a time of spiritual renewal, joy, and preparation as we eagerly await the arrival of Christmas and the celebration of Christ's birth.

Happy Advent to all!



### Diary Dates

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – **9.00am Parent Forum meeting for parents and carers of children who are Black or Mixed Black and another heritage.**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – **Christmas Jumper day – to include Christmas Lunch and Movie**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December – **Carols at Westminster Cathedral.** Please see Flyer below.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – **Last day of the school term – School finishes at 1.30pm**

### Spring Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - **Pupils return to school after the holidays**

Please check on the website for a full list of diary dates for the Autumn Term, or ask in the school office.

**POPPY APPEAL:** Thank you for everyone's generosity we raised £186.99 for the Poppy Appeal.

**ADVENT LITURGIES:** Well done to the pupils and staff for leading us into the ADVENT season with two beautiful liturgies. The singing and acting were superb as always. Thank you to Fr Joe for celebrating with us. Thank you to all the parents / friends who were able to take time out of their busy schedules to celebrate with us.



**CAROLS AND READINGS:** Please join us in the Church on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm to listen to Carols and Readings by Our Lady of the Visitation and Cardinal Wiseman Choirs. This is a truly beautiful evening of song and reflection.

# THE CARDINAL WISEMAN PRESENTS CAROLS & READINGS

You are warmly invited to join us for an evening of festive music and seasonal reflections at our Carols and Readings Event.

Enjoy performances by:

- ⌘ The Cardinal Wiseman School Choir ⌘
- ⌘ Wiseman Voices ⌘
- ⌘ Our lady of the Visitation School Choir ⌘

Come together with our school communities to welcome the Christmas season through story, song and celebration.

All families and friends are welcome.  
We look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm**  
**Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Church**  
**Greenford Road**

Followed by refreshments in The Cardinal Wiseman School Canteen



**PARENT FORUM:** We are pleased to share that our next Parent Forum meeting for parents and carers of children who are Black or Mixed Black and another heritage will take place on **Friday 5th December at 9.00am**.

Over the past months, this group has worked with staff to ensure our school continues to be a place where every child feels seen, valued and represented. Together, we have:

- Discussed experiences of our children in school and strengthened home–school communication to better support them.
- Contributed to the school’s work on representation across the curriculum, including ideas to diversify texts and classroom resources.
- Supported the development of approaches that help staff recognise and respond to unconscious bias and microaggressions.
- Identified ways the school can better celebrate and reflect the cultures, languages and identities of our families.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to attend, share feedback and help us move this work forward. At our next meeting, we will be:

- Reviewing the **school hair policy**, ensuring it is respectful, inclusive and reflective of the cultural practices of our children and families.
- Exploring **fundraising ideas** to support a partner school in Jamaica following the recent devastating storm. We hope to organise a meaningful contribution as a community.

### **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE:**

All of our children have a **Google Classroom log in**. Logging in through google classroom gives you more security about what your child can access on the internet. If your child uses their google classroom account, they will not be able to access platforms such as YouTube, TikTok and other sites that contain material that is harmful to young minds.

Therefore, we would recommend that your child only uses their google classroom account.

If you require any further information about this please speak to your class teacher.



## **Christmas Plays**



Year 2 – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 9.30am

Year 1 - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am

Nursery Morning – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am

Nursery Afternoon – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2.50pm

Reception – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am



**OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION CHURCH** are holding their annual Christmas Bazaar on **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm – 4pm**. If you have a spare hour in the afternoon/ evening of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November please go to the Parish Centre to help set up.

The Christmas Bazaar is a good opportunity to buy your Advent Calendars, candles and hand made Christmas gifts. There will also be a range of other stalls, activities for the children and plenty of food and drink to purchase. The school Choir will be entertaining you with Christmas Carols. **All proceeds go towards the restoration of the Church.** I look forward to seeing many of you there.

**The choir will be singing Christmas Carols at 3.15pm.**



The Prayer Leaders are excited to announce the return of our School Christmas Shop. Children will once again have the chance to experience the joy of gift-giving while learning the value of money.

To make our Christmas Shop a success, we are asking for donations of good-quality items suitable for both adults and children. Please see the list below for some ideas of gifts that would make wonderful additions to our Christmas Shop:

- Toys
- Books
- Games
- Puzzles
- Mugs
- Candles
- Soaps or bath items
- Hats
- Gloves
- Scarves
- Socks
- Jewellery or accessories
- Small home items
- Christmas decorations
- Stationery or notebooks
- Gift sets

We would also welcome donations of Christmas wrapping paper, gift bags, and sticky tape.

Tickets to the Christmas Shop will cost just £3. Each ticket allows your child to browse the shop and purchase a gift for their chosen loved one. All money raised will be donated to our Parish to support the Homeless Winter Night Shelter, which runs over the Christmas period.

Please take this as a great opportunity to have a good sort-out and rehome all those wonderful things we no longer use. Please drop off all your donations at the school office.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

Together, let's create a magical Christmas experience for our school and Parish community.



# Christmas jumper swap



If you have any Christmas jumpers that you have grown out of or become bored with why not swap them in school. Donate your Christmas jumpers **as soon as possible** and in the week beginning **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** we will hang them on the rack in the reception area for you to take. That way we are being sustainable but also helping those who may be struggling this Christmas in the current financial crisis.

Children and adult jumpers welcome.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

**ATTENDANCE:** Please see the table below for class attendance this week.

Congratulations to 2J for 98.9% attendance this week.

<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>91.4%</b>
<b>BUMBLEBEES</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>97.4%</b>
<b>1K</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>1S</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>2B</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>2J</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
<b>3G</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>3Y</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
<b>4C</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>4F</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>96.8%</b>
<b>5W</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>6P</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>95%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95.7%</b>

**PRAISE CERTIFICATES:** Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate this week.

**Nina and Ella – Bumblebees**

**Nancy and Asher – Butterflies**

**Antoni and Edwin – 1K**

**Ruth and Ola – 1S**

**Filip, Andrew and Tymon – 2B**

**Iga and Ian – 2J**

**Rihanna and Leon – 3G**

**Amelia P and Zofia – 3Y**

**Phoenix and Laura – 4C**

**Marianna and Casien – 4F**

**5B and 5W – 5B**

**Fabian and Ashlyn – 5W**

**Maya and Xavier – 6P**

**The Whole Class! – 6W**

**CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance Respect and following school rules.

This half term we are focussing on **PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR**. The '**preferential option**' means allowing someone to have the first choice. It means giving someone the best that is available; not just the scraps or leftovers.

God calls us to look for those in need and work hard to support them as best we can.

**Falal – 1K**

**Zofia – 1S**

**Ada – 2B**

**Iga – 2J**

**Amelia M – 3G**

**Milani – 3Y**

**The Whole Class! – 4C**

**Maria – 4F**

**Joshua – 5B**

**Maya – 5W**

**Jack – 6P**

**The Whole Class! – 6W**



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SINGING PROGRAMME



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# CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas Carols and Readings  
performed by children across the  
Diocese of Westminster

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2:30pm**  
**Westminster Cathedral**



**St Raphael's Christmas Fair**  
**Sun 30th November, in the Parish Centre**  
**9.45am to 2pm**

**Join us for the festive cheer, family fun and chance to win exciting prizes.**

**Entrance fee £1 (Under 12 free)**

**Raffle Prizes**- attractive prizes for the Raffle, tombola, Auction & other prizes

**Food Tokens**- Adult £5 children £3.50

**Children Activities** -Santa's Grotto with special appearance from Santa with treats **£3 per child** and lots more fun activities for all ages.

