



ST EDWARD'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents / Guardians

18th December 2020

With your incredible support; your commitment and partnership with all involved in school, we have managed to ensure continuity and consistency whether on Google Classroom or in the school building and during the period of lockdown from March to July... the list goes on. It has been an extremely difficult and sad year for us all and one which has touched us all in one way or another. Rest assured you have been in our thoughts and prayers every day and will continue to do so as we journey to 2021. Finally, the pupils! What a joy to teach; what a resilient group of children and...what a credit to you. Each and every one from nursery to year 6 - a star!

We cannot thank you enough for all your kind messages and your support over the last term - it is a huge part of what makes our St Edward's family so special.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful, Holy and relaxing Christmas with your Family.

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Teasdale & Mrs Fox



[Faith Space](#)

Today, we are sharing our Virtual Advent Service. The whole school has come together to spread Jesus' message of hope, peace and love – the message born into the manger – in a special way (and in a Covid-safe way, of course!). Please check our social media and Google Classrooms for this.

Y6S led our virtual online worship (live!) this week, focussing on the joy that comes from the Lord. They reminded us that, although happiness comes and goes, joy is forever – even in our darkest days. Thank you for sharing this with us so beautifully.

Our faith outreach from Y1R can be found at <https://stedwards.npcat.org.uk/faith-outreach/>

While our Christmas festivities (both at home and at school) may not be our usual celebrations, we remember that the first Christmas was the most simple of all. From all of us at St. Edward's, we wish you a happy, holy and safe Christmas.

Upcoming feasts: 4th Sunday of Advent – 20th; The Nativity of the Lord (solemnity) – 25th; St. Stephen – 26th; The Holy Family – 27th



Rudolph Run Photos!



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Year 6

What a lovely final week we have had in Year 6 to complete our first full term of the year. It has been filled with our wonderful children's festive spirits, good humour and resilience. Our RE this week has focussed on The Incarnation. The children have discussed these beliefs, making links to important pieces of scripture. Much of our work has had a Christmassy theme too, including History, where we have researched the Christmas Truce in WWI, when soldiers stopped fighting for Christmas day to play football together. We have also solved some complex Maths problems, such as comparing temperatures in the North Pole and England, finding the perimeter of presents and robins, and working out how much money a school could raise in a Christmas Concert based on ticket sales! Have a Merry Christmas! We look forward to seeing you all in January.

From, Mrs Willington, Miss Simpson & Miss Readman

Year 5

As the festive period grows ever closer, the children have been keeping up their hard work and efforts in school. They have shown such maturity around a different Christmas time to any they've seen before. Children from Year 5 have all taken part in our (slightly different) Advent Liturgy, living out the same messages we celebrate every year. With Christmas around the corner, the children have been taking part in some Christmas fuelled activities such as the reindeer run, where both classes raised so much money! We thank you all for your support! With this being the last newsletter before Christmas, we wish you all the best, have a lovely Christmas and stay safe! We can't wait to see all of those lovely faces back in January. Merry Christmas!

Year 3 / 4

Well what a busy term it's been. We've enjoyed completing our Advent topic in RE and loved completing Art work based on the Nativity story. In maths, we've made some great 3-d shapes from nets and some Top Trumps cards to learn more about the properties of 3-d shapes. In English, we continued to enjoy learning about Myths and legends and also practised grammar, punctuation and spelling. We loved making a variety of Christmas Arts and Crafts to complete our year. We wish you a very Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2021!

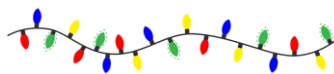
Year 2

Well the end of term has arrived! What a wonderful hardworking term it has been! Year Two have proven themselves to be budding writers and mathematicians. During our Advent liturgy in class, we thought about how Jesus is a shining light in our darkness. We reflected upon how we could bring light to others in terms of sharing our love. This was definitely the case this week when we wore our antlers and noses during the reindeer run to raise money for Teesside Hospice! The children's hearts were definitely glowing as bright as Rudolph's nose. We wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas and send every good wish for the New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in January.



Year 1

In our final week of this term, the children have been participating in lots of fun activities and getting ready for Christmas. We have used the Green Screen app in computing to create a lovely background for their calendars. The children have been listening to stories from the Bible from around the time of Jesus' birth and have re-enacted the nativity using the crib scene. We all thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas lunch on Wednesday and it was great to see everyone looking so festive in their jumpers for the Rudolph Run! We have raised lots of money for Teesside Hospice and I'm sure they will be very grateful. Well done!



EYFS - Nursery & Reception

WOW! What a fantastic half term we have had in Reception. We have had so much fun the time has just flown by. This week, we have enjoyed our Christmas dinners, the reindeer run and our Christmas parties! We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



As part of our preparations for Jesus' birthday through Advent, we have been learning about the Advent wreath; drawing birthday cakes and presents for Baby Jesus'; taking home Christmas cards; creating Nativity scene pictures to reflect the true meaning of Christmas, and have been dressing-up to tell the story of Jesus' birthday. Happy Christmas from all of us Nursery!

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