

St Hedda's Catholic Primary School



NEWSLETTER

19.12.25

In Class 1 - What a wonderful week!

The children were thrilled to enjoy a Christmas pantomime, full of laughter, music and plenty of festive cheer. It was lovely to see their excitement and engagement throughout the performance. We have been busy taking part in Christmas craft activities. They have shown great creativity while making decorations and festive artwork, which has helped to bring the Christmas spirit into our classrooms. We hope you enjoyed the Christmas gift bag full of treats! We have also enjoyed singing Christmas carols together, in the classroom and in church. In RE lessons, the children have been thinking carefully about the Nativity story. They have explored the meaning of Christmas, reflected on the characters within the story, and discussed why this celebration is so important to us. We finished the festive week with a Christmas party, giving the children a chance to celebrate together, enjoy games, music and treats, and mark the end of a busy and exciting term.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. We wish you all a very happy, peaceful and joyful Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

In Class 2 - This week has been full of festive fun and exciting experiences for Class 2! We enjoyed a wonderful trip to the pantomime to see Sleeping Beauty, which had us laughing and joining in throughout the performance.

Back at school, we thoroughly enjoyed our Christmas dinner, followed by a fun game of bingo that everyone loved. We also had a fantastic time during our Night Tree Forest session, where the children enjoyed making bird feeders inspired by the storybook.

In Music, the children have been busy learning how to play Jingle Bells on the ukulele, showing great concentration and enthusiasm. It has been a joyful and memorable week for everyone in Class 2! Have a lovely Christmas!

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 5th January

PD Day - School Closed

Tuesday 6th January

11 a.m. Epiphany Mass

Wednesday 7th January

Thursday 8th January

3.15 p.m. SATs Club for Y6 pupils

Friday 9th January



Dear parents and carers

We have had such an incredible term at St Hedda's, and we are truly grateful for your support in helping your children thrive.

This year, I have been amazed by the huge growth I have seen in all of our pupils, both in their academic achievements as we have explored our challenging curriculum, and in the personal development they have shown as individuals and as part of our school family. We have shared so many memorable experiences together, and St Hedda's continues to feel like a place of unity, where every individual is valued and celebrated.

We are so thankful for the wonderful support we receive from all of our families. I wish each and every one of you a restful, joyful, and blessed Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

Merry Christmas!

Mrs Bartoli

Pantomime Visits

Thank you once again to the Friends of St. Hedda's for funding these trips, the children thoroughly enjoyed them.

Next Term

School reopens to pupils on Tuesday 6th January.

Epiphany Mass

Please join us at 11am on Tuesday 6th January at St Hedda's Church.

PE Days

PE will continue on Monday and Friday next half term. Children should come to school wearing their full PE kit.

Swimming

Swimming sessions will begin again on the 16th January for class 2.

Music Lessons

Sessions with Mrs Swain will resume on Thursday 15th January.

PTA

Would you like to take on a more active role in the Friends of St Hedda's?

Please contact enquiries@stheddas.npcat.org.uk

We are looking for members of our school community: parents, grandparents, extended family members who would like to help us to continue to give our pupils the best experience possible.

Y6 Residential Visit To Paris (16th - 19th June 2026)

A quick reminder of the payment schedule for our residential trip to Paris for our Y6 pupils.

Total cost per child is £302.

- £50 deposit to be paid by the end of October



followed by

- 6 x £42 monthly instalments - £252 in total (November to April)

alternatively you may wish to pay the full balance of £252 by 27th April.

All payments to be made via Parent Pay please.

ACTIVE CALENDAR – Do More December

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 1st Frozen Ice Statue (Single Leg Balance) Bronze: 20secs Silver: 20-30secs Gold: 30+secs | 2nd Don't land on the Fire (Tuck Jumps) Bronze: 10 Silver: 20 Gold: 30+ | 3rd Decorate the Christmas tree (Apple Picking) Bronze: 30 Silver: 50 Gold: 70 | 4th Nutcracker March (Leg Kicks) Bronze: 20 secs Silver: 45 secs Gold: 1min or over | 5th Santa's Chimney Sits (Wall Sits) Bronze: 30 secs Silver: 45 secs Gold: 1 min or over | Go for a walk and enjoy the world around you! Look at all of the Christmas decorations where you live. | |
| 8th Power the sleigh (Arm circles) Bronze: 15 Silver: 30 Gold: 45 | 9th Angel Star Jumps Bronze: 20 Silver: 40 Gold: 60 | 10th Lifting up the heavy presents (squats) Bronze: 15 Silver: 30 Gold: 45 | 11th Don't step on the toys (High knees) Bronze: 20 secs Silver: 30 secs Gold: 40+ secs | 12th Climb up the chimney (Mountain climbers) Bronze: 20 Silver: 40 Gold: 60 | "Wrap up warm and go for a Santa run with an adult. Count the houses you pass—as if you were racing to deliver presents!" | |
| 15th Sledge sits (Plank) Bronze: 20 secs Silver: 45 secs Gold: 1min or over | 16th Elves reaching the shelves (slow calf raises) Bronze: 20 Silver: 30 Gold: 50+ | 17th Santa Sprints Bronze: 30 secs Silver: 45 secs Gold: 60 secs | 18th House to house (Speed bounce) Bronze: 30 secs Silver: 45 secs Gold: 60 secs | 19th Mince Pie Push ups Bronze: 15 Silver: 20 Gold: 30+ | "Go for another Santa run with an adult. Count the houses you pass again! Can you run further than you did last week?" | |
| 22nd Throw the snowballs Bronze: 20 Silver: 40 Gold: 60 | 23rd Sleigh Bell Steps (Step Ups) Bronze: 30sec Silver: 45sec Gold: 1min | 24th Christmas Eve Keepy-uppies Bronze: 3 Silver: 8 Gold: 15 | 25th Christmas Day Dancing Bronze: 30 secs Silver: 45 secs Gold: 60 secs | 26th Boxing Day Boxing Bronze: 30 secs Silver: 45 secs Gold: 60 secs | Go for a ride on a bike ride with an adult | |
| 29th Holiday Heel Flicks Bronze: 30secs Silver: 45secs Gold: 1min or over | 30th Santa's Shuttle Runs (10m apart) Bronze: 8 Silver: 15 Gold: 20+ | 31st New Year Navy Seal Burpees Bronze: 20 secs Silver: 30 secs Gold: 40+ secs |  | Created by the fabulous Sports Leaders from St Aelred's, York |  | |

FORTHCOMING DATES/EVENTS DECEMBER 2025



JANUARY 2026

Mon 5th - PD Day - school closed.
Tues 6th - Children return to school
Tues 6th - 11 a.m. Epiphany Mass
Fri 16th - p.m. Swimming
Fri 23rd - p.m. Swimming
Wed 28th - Art Workshop
Fri 30th - p.m. Swimming

FEBRUARY 2026

Wed 4th -3 p.m. Art Exhibition and Auction
Fri 6th - p.m. Swimming (last session)
Mon 16th - Fri 20th - Half Term