



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, a special time when we begin our journey towards Christmas. Advent invites us to pause, reflect, and prepare our hearts with hope, peace, joy, and love. As we look forward to the excitement of Christmas, we also remember its real message: the gift of Jesus, the light of the world, and the call to share kindness with others.

May this Advent season help our school community to slow down, think of others, and shine Christ's light in all we do.

Next Week Headlines:

- Monday- Book Fair Y4 Trip to Tees Barrage
- Tuesday- Y5/6 Advent Liturgy 9.15am, Book Fair, PCSO Assembly 'escoters.' Y3 Rock Workshop.
- Wednesday- NO SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY, Y3/4 Advent Liturgy 9.15am, Y5 Dodgeball Competition
- Thursday-Y1/2 Advent Liturgy 9.15am, NPCAT Carol Concert 10 Children from School
- Friday- Y3 Snappy Christmas Event all day, School Choir Singing at Carols in the Park 5pm

School Book Fair

We are pleased to announce that the Book Fair will be in school from Wednesday 26th November until Tuesday 2nd December and **will be open after school each day**. Books can be purchased online at the event or with cash. The books are now being collected during the day on Wednesday.

Attendance Award for December 2025

All children who are in school each day during the month of December will be placed in a lucky draw raffle. On the last day of term several children will be drawn out of the hat and win the Christmassy Attendance Prize. You have to be in it to win it- good luck everyone.

No School Uniform Day Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Children are allowed to attend school not in uniform in return of a chocolate donation towards our Tombola at the Christmas Bingo.

Christmas Raffle

We are delighted to let you know that our school will be holding a Christmas Raffle this year to help spread some festive cheer where it is needed most. All money raised will be donated to the Children's Wards at James Cook University Hospital to support the wonderful work they do at Christmas time. We have one family in particular whose child has been in hospital for some time now and we would really like to help the Hospital at this time of year. They are raising money for gifts for children and decorating the ward for the children who will be spending their time in hospital in critical care.

We have an exciting Grand Prize on offer: ***Four tickets to see MFC play at the Riverside Stadium!***

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Raffle tickets are £1 per strip. If you wish to take part, please add a name and contact number to one half of the tickets and return along with payment to Miss Ayton (Y3) or the school office. Additional tickets can be purchased from Miss Ayton or again the school office. If you do not wish to take part, please could you return the tickets to school so they can be re-allocated.

The grand draw will take place on Thursday 18th December by Santa, and winners will be notified directly.

Christmas Bingo- LAST DAY FOR TICKETS IS MONDAY!!

Wednesday 3rd December 5.30-7.30pm. Doors open 5pm. Once again, we are offering a pre-booked meal deal consisting of a hot dog and drink for £1.50 or a burger and drink for £2 to enjoy during our Christmas Bingo. Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 24th November** until 3pm Monday 1st December from Miss Ayton. Please note hot dogs and burgers will not be available to purchase on the night. We will however have drinks, sweets and a chocolate tombola on the night.

Christmas Disco

Wednesday 10th December 5-7pm. Tickets will be £2.50 each which includes a hot dog and drink. Tickets will be on sale from **Monday 24th November** until 3pm Monday 8th December from Miss Ayton

Christmas Hampers at Christmas Performances

In what has become a St Joseph's tradition we will be raffling off a Christmas Hamper at the EYFS performance on the 9th December and another one at the KS1 performance on the 16th December. Tickets will be £1 and there will be plenty of festive cheer inside each hamper.

Christmas Dates 2025- A reminder

These are all published on the school website calendar. Some highlights include:

- ✓ 2nd December Y5/6 Advent Liturgy 9.15am Parents are invited
- ✓ 3rd December Y3/4 Advent Liturgy 9.15am Parents are invited
- ✓ 3rd December PTA Christmas Bingo Night 5.30pm
- ✓ 4th December Y1/2 Advent Liturgy 9.15am Parents are invited
- ✓ 4th December NPCAT Carol Concert at Middlesbrough Cathedral 11am
- ✓ 5th December KS2 Hope Carols in the Park Community Event 5pm
- ✓ 9th December EYFS play 10am
- ✓ 10th December PTA Christmas Disco Night 5pm
- ✓ 11th December Christmas Jumper Day
- ✓ 16th December KS1 Performance 10am
- ✓ 17th December Christmas Lunch
- ✓ 18th December Christmas Parties
- ✓ 19th December Key Stage 2 Advent Service in Church pm

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Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have worked on listening skills.

- LJ- Mabel D & George R
- FS1- Ava C & Ronnie B
- FS2- Marlo N & Asvitha R
- Y1- Levi H-G & Leo S
- Y2- Tyler- Jack P & Lucas S
- Y3- Toby B & Isaac RW
- Y4- Brooke H-T & Alex M
- Y5- Lola-Rey O & Jack M
- Y6- Bella T & Oskar W

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Heavenly Father,

Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas.

Amen

Have a lovely weekend and see you in December!!!!

Yours sincerely,

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