



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

The second week of Advent in school is always a special one. This year was no different with the wonderful EYFS Nativity performance. It really was a wonderful occasion with the hall.

Next Week Headlines:

- Tuesday- KS1 Nativity 10am Visitors Welcome
- Wednesday- Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumpers can be worn over school uniform)
- Thursday- Christmas Parties- Christmas Party clothes
- Friday- Whole School Advent Service led by Key Stage 2 in Church 1.45pm Visitors Welcome

Couple of Reminders

Please can we ask all families to remember that they should contact the school if a child is not attending ideally before 9am. Otherwise we have to write this down as an unauthorised absence as we are not sure why a child is not attending.

We return to school after Christmas on **TUESDAY 6th JANUARY** not the Monday as this is a PD Day.

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.

Christmas Raffle 2025

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!***

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.

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

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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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 Disco-

Thank you to everyone involved in a fun evening of music and dance. The event also raised a further £240 which is amazing.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to children who have tried so hard in the second week of Advent.

- LJ- Bobby G
- FS1- Elizabeth W & Coby B
- FS2- Orla E & Ethan M
- Y1- Finley A & Maisie W
- Y2- Connie M & Arthur G
- Y3- Jackson B & Jed P
- Y4- Freddie H & Frankie M
- Y5- Connie N & Lewis B
- Y6- Imogen T & Alexis C-T

Final Thoughts/Prayers- Joy

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent? For much of the Church's history, this Sunday had a special name: "Gaudete" Sunday. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

Yours sincerely,

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