



St. Mary's Catholic Academy

December 2024

Messenger



Dear Parents,

A huge thank you to everyone who donated the shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Shoebox Appeal. We were blown away with the 58 filled shoe boxes that were donated. These little boxes will help make a difference to children on Christmas day.

On Monday 25th November, some of our children from Year One, Two and Three performed at the Victoria Hall in the City Songbirds Christmas Concert. They were all amazing and were, as always, a credit to St Mary's.

The school choir also have a number of events coming up to help spread a little Christmas cheer!

Last Sunday was the beginning of the season of Advent. It was with regret that we were advised to postpone last Sunday's whole school Mass and Christmas Fayre. The Mass of Commitment has been rescheduled for Sunday 2nd February and the Christmas Fayre has been rescheduled for Friday 13th December, straight after school.

We are also looking forward to spending the special season of Advent in school over the coming weeks. Today we joined the One life Music Advent streamed event which was a perfect way to celebrate the season of Advent. Yesterday, our Year Six class shared the first of our school Advent prayer services. These services always prove to be a great way to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. You are all welcome to join us.

As I am sure you are aware, Christmas is fast approaching and is a very busy time in school. The Foundation stage and Key Stage One are excited to share their Christmas Nativities with you next week. I have been lucky enough to see some little bits of it this week and it is so lovely that we are able to share the true meaning of Christmas with you.

Some other important dates are

Tuesday 17th December – Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch (any monetary donations to Douglas Macmillan Hospice would be greatly appreciated)

Thursday 19th December, 1:45 – End of term assembly

Friday 20th December, 9:30 - KS2 Carol Concert and Nativity.

Please note that we return to school on Monday 6th January. Thank you for your continued support during this term and I look forward to sharing this season of Advent with you.

God Bless

Mrs Statham



In this week's Gospel, the second week of Advent, we will hear how our actions impact others as well as our relationship with God. We are asked to open our hearts to Jesus and become reconciled with God by putting Jesus first as we prepare for His coming and the Year of Jubilee.

If your child is absence from school

Please telephone the school on
01782 234820,
or email office@stmarysnewman.co.uk
no later than 9.30am

Please ensure that doctors and
dentist appointments are booked
outside of school hours where
possible.

SPRING TERM

School Closes Friday 22nd March

SUMMER TERM

School opens to pupils Monday 8th April

MAY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Half term Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

School closes Friday 19th July

2024/25 dates are available on our website,
please click on the link below

[St Mary's Catholic Academy - Term Dates](https://stmarysstoke.co.uk)
(stmarysstoke.co.uk)

**"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A
RUNNY NOSE...
BUT LOOK AT
HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

HM Government
Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.

Nativity Productions and Carol Concert

Tuesday 10th - EYFS 2pm / KS1 6pm

Wednesday 11th - KS1 2pm / EYFS

5:30pm

Friday 20th – KS 2 Carol Concert and
Nativity 9:30

Advent Prayer Services

Thursday 5th December – Year 6

Monday 9th December – Year 5

Tuesday 10th December – Year 4

Thursday 12th December – Year 3

Monday 16th December – Year 2

Tuesday 17th December – Year 1

Thursday 19th December – Reception

Start time: 9:00

Family Breakfast

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December



End of Term Assembly

Thursday 19th December,

1:45

Reverse Advent Calendar

Please remember, you can bring in items for the Reverse Advent Calendar any time throughout the month of December. Items include, toothpaste, deodorant, body wash, shampoo, etc.



Tuesday 17th
December



YOUR JUMPER



Whole School Mass

Wednesday 18th December,
9:15

You are all warmly invited to
attend.

Next half term Year 5
and Year 3 will take part



In Forest School.

Please make sure appropriate clothing and
footwear is brought into school every
Wednesday.

Next half term Year 4 will take
part in swimming.



Well done to all our
Songbirds who
represented St Mary's in
the City Songbirds
Concert. They were all
amazing!





Awards



Year	Headteacher	Reading	Maths	Goldfinch
Year 3	Smith Brundrett	Frank Jachimowicz	Ankiambom Nkwi	Isabelle Henshall
Year 4	Mikolaj Maszkowski	Jan Paurowski	Phillipa Cliffe	Madaleine Turner
Year 5	Lexi Bradshaw	Jacob Gibson	Frankie Bowers	Fawaz Ottun
Year 6	Tola Dumanska	Antionette	Esther Trickett	Evie Thompson



Save the date



Date	Event
Friday 20 th December	KS2 Carol Service and Nativity in church 9:30
Friday 20 th December	School closes
Monday 6 th January	School opens
Monday 13 th January	Nursery Saints Day – Saint Mary
Tuesday 14 th January	Academy Photographs – Class Groups
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 2 Gladstone Pottery Museum
Thursday 16 th January	Young Voices Concert
Monday 20 th January	Academy Photographs – Music, Sports and Groups (All instruments and P.E. Kits will need to be in school)
Thursday 23 rd January	Year 1 Phonics meeting- 3:30pm and 5:30 pm Year 2 and Year 6 SATS information evening – 6:00
Tuesday 28 th January	A Squash and a Squeeze Workshop 9:15 – 11:15 (Reception and Year 1)
Sunday 2 nd February	Family Mass



Celebration Assemblies can be found on our website on our calendar tab:

<https://www.stmarysstoke.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=8&viewid=1>