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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this term, I want to say a big thank you for all your support. It has been a busy and successful few months, and yesterday's celebration assembly showed just how much our children have achieved. It was lovely to hear your kind words.

Thank you also for coming to the Nativity performances last week. They were a wonderful way for the children to share their talents, and it was great to see so many of you there. Your support means a lot to us. I would also like to thank the KS1 and Foundation staff for their hard work in making the performances so special. We are lucky to have such a dedicated team.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. The Gospel for Christmas Day says: *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us"* (John 1:14). This reminds us that Jesus came to bring love, hope, and light into the world. Just as light shines in darkness, we are called to share kindness with others. During this season, let's take time to think about how we can bring light to others through small acts of love and generosity.

On the back of this letter, you'll find the Christmas Mass times. Attending Mass is a lovely way to celebrate and enjoy a quiet moment with your family. Father John would be delighted to welcome our school families over the Christmas period.

**A quick reminder:** school will reopen on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Finally, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. May this holy season bring peace, joy, and blessings to you and your loved ones.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Rathbone

Principal





## *Parish Christmas Mass times*

*Christmas Eve Mass 5pm*

*Christmas Day Mass 10am*

*Boxing Day Mass 10am*

*New Year's Day Mass 10am*