

# St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School

Part of the Holy Cross Catholic MAC of schools

Newsletter 15

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## Virtue & Value Focus:

**Attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **Discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

**This weeks school attendance: 95.6% School target attendance 97%**

**This weeks winning class is: Y3 99.3%**

**Rec: 93.5% Year 1: 98% Year 2: 97.7% Year 3: 99.3% Year 4: 90% Year 5: 96.3% Year 6: 98%**

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Sunday, we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent. We are reminded in the Gospel reading how Mary is visited by the angel Gabriel who gives her the amazing news that she would give birth to a baby called Jesus. Let us all reflect upon Mary's response, "Let it happen just as you have said," and open your hearts to God's message to us all; as Pope Francis teaches us, "Let the model of Mary be reflected in our lives."



## Thank you! Happy Christmas and happy holidays!

Once again, we pass on an enormous thank you from our whole school staff team to everyone at home. Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout this autumn term, a term from which we have so many things to celebrate and to be thankful for.

I must also say thank you to our fantastic staff team who continue to work so hard for our children; our school cleaners, kitchen staff, dinner support staff, office staff, teaching assistants, teachers, Mrs Basson our School Learning Mentor and our senior staff Mrs Miles & Mrs Clarke, who have once again worked tirelessly to provide so much for our children - thank you team!

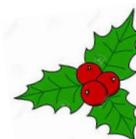
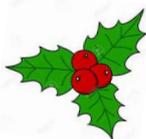
Also, so often in the background, we must also thank our school governors, led by Ann Harkin, and our Holy Cross MAC, led by Marina Kelly, who give so much time to support, challenge and guide our school's pathway and performance.

Our final thank you this term must go to Sister Olivia, Sister Joan and Father Moses who continue to serve our school, parish and community. We now look forward to our Christmas break and enjoy our Christmas celebrations with family and friends.

Have a happy and holy Christmas and a happy new year – we look forward to welcoming you and our children back to school at **8.40am on Monday 8th January 2024.**

God bless.

Mr Doyle.





Hail **Mary**, full of Grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy **Mary**, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

**Attendance Winning House - 18th—22nd December:**

Each week we will looking at the attendance for each of our Saint group houses. The winning Saint house group at the end of each term will receive a special attendance prize.

1st Place - St. Bernadette 99.3%      2nd Place - St. Therese 97.5%

3rd Place - St. John the Baptist 96.5 %      4th Place - St. Francis 92%

**Advent Festivities**



An enormous thank you to all of our parents and family members who have been able to support our advent preparations this half term.



Advent prayer services, carol concert, nativity performance, Christmas mass, Christmas dinner and party day, Advent craft clubs to name but a few—it's been a very busy, happy and successful few weeks. Your support of our festivities and fundraising has been fantastic.... Thank you!

**Special Visitor**

Our children recently received a free book from our partnership with Coventry Building Society which we hope they have enjoyed. They also had a special visitor today... Father Christmas, who delivered a special gift for Christmas, we hope they enjoy it!



**Additional INSET Day for 2024**

We have an additional Holy Cross MAC INSET Day—Monday 19th February 2024—school closed to children.

**Christmas Holiday dates**—School breaks up today Friday 22nd December and returns on Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.40am.

**Afterschool Clubs**

There are no afterschool clubs the first week back. Clubs will restart week beginning 15th January 2024.

**Golden Certificates for this week**

Nursery: Whole Class

Reception: Whole Class

Year 1: Atara & Ezekiel O

Year 2: Ini & Jivan

Year 3: Whole Class

Year 4: Whole Class

Year 5: Sofia D & Madonna

Year 6: David & Meira

Mr Doyle: Thank you to all children

Mrs Miles: Rohaan Y1