



"My soul glorifies the Lord" Luke 1:46

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been; it is not exactly the start we wanted to 2025!

We successfully navigated the frightful weather on Monday and returned to school. Unfortunately, the weather got worse over the course of the week, creating impossible conditions for a number of staff to be able to get to school. They have faced snow, ice and flooding. No one ever wants to make the decision to close school, but for the safety and well-being of children, staff and parents, it has been necessary.

We have heard stories of vehicles skidding and crashing in close proximity to school, along with people falling and injuring themselves. This is not something that we want to happen to any members of our Saint Mary's school community.

The Class Dojo system has worked really well for online learning. There has been some fantastic work going on at home and the engagement from the majority of children in this learning has been exemplary.

I am quite certain that after 4 days at home, parents are keen to get the children back to school and fortunately the temperature is set to rise over the weekend and we anticipate being open as usual on Monday.

I have met with all teachers via Teams today and it is safe to say that they are all desperate to get back to normality and school.

I would like to thank parents and carers for their patience and understanding this week and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Martine Gum
Executive Headteacher