

# Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 5th December 2025 Edition 13

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:41

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, the children came together to celebrate a peaceful Advent service, marking the beginning of their journey toward Christmas. They listened to readings about the promise of Jesus's birth and joined in gentle hymns that filled the room with warmth.

As the Advent candle was lit, the children reflected on hope, love and the joy that grows as Christmas draws near, preparing their hearts for the coming of Jesus.



## Building works and Parking

We are excited to share that we will be having the KS2 roof replaced and work starts on Tuesday. Scaffolding will be present near the entrance of the KS2 classroom doors, but the children will still be able to access their classroom through their normal route. Please note we will not be allowing children to play nearby at break or lunchtimes and would appreciate your support in reminding your child about this. We won't have full access to the car park and the pedestrian route will not be available so please do take care and encourage your child to keep off the grass nearby. The work will hopefully be finished by 16th January but is dependent on many things, including the weather, so this date may change!

We continue to receive complaints from residents on Belgrave Avenue regarding parking at school drop off and pick up times. Please do park respectfully and avoid parking on the zig zags and across driveways to ensure everyone's safety.

Of course, parking is likely to be more challenging in the coming weeks due to the building work, so it is even more important we all make a conscious effort to improve parking outside school. Thank you.

## Reminder

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for school each day. We see children wearing items of clothing and shoes that are not in line with our uniform policy. We want to encourage children to take pride in their school uniform.

Please also ensure your child has a healthy snack for breaktime rather than chocolate bars.

Thank you - your support is appreciated.

## Attendance

Nursery	92.73%	Year 4	93.48%
Reception	88.57%	Year 5	94.5%
Year 1	90.95%	Year 6	97.69%
Year 2	94.44%	Whole School	96%
Year 3	97.69%		



## Elfaba and Reading Champions

Our Reading Champions had a magical mission this week as they delivered a special book to each classroom. Accompanied by our mischievous Elf, *Elfaba*, they spread excitement and festive joy throughout the school. With big smiles and carefully chosen stories, they visited every class, encouraging everyone to dive into new adventures through reading. *Elfaba*, of course, added a touch of Christmas sparkle to each delivery, making the moment extra special for all the children.



## Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Crystal	For being a fantastic helper
	Bella	For always being kind to others and having a smile on her face
Reception	Orla	For amazing concentration and effort during the Nativity
	Winnie	For her beautiful manners
Year 1	Archie	For working hard in Maths
	Hannah	For being a kind friend
Year 2	Chloe	For settling into Year 2 really well
	Oscar	For amazing attitude to learning
Year 3	Hugo	For fantastic effort in Maths all week
	Brooke	For showing respect to everyone
Year 4	Eva	For putting 100% effort into everything
	Shanvi	For being a thoughtful and helpful friend
Year 5	Albert	For demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards his assessments this week
	Timothy	For having a super attitude to school
Year 6	Mia & Poppie	For great effort when learning long division
	Joanna	For showing great responsibility showing up to booster groups

### Dojo winners

Year 3



### Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 10th

Don't forget to pay £1 on Arbor system, under Shop if your child wants to wear their Christmas Jumper!

### Key dates

Monday 8th—'Jingle Bell Jog' (details opposite) and Y4/5 swimming

Tuesday 9th—Nursery Stay & Play, Y3 attending Mass in Church, Y4 Dance festival and Y5/6 Boys football at CHS, Parents drop in after school (not Nursery)

Wednesday 10th—Christmas Jumper Day (£1 to be paid on Arbor) and Whole school Christmas Dinner

Thursday 11th—Reception and Nursery Forest School

Friday 12th—Y4 attending Mass in Church

Monday 15th—Nursery & Reception play 10.30am, Y1/2 play at 2.15pm

Tuesday 16th - Y1/2 play at 9.30am, Nursery & Reception play at 2.15pm

Thursday 18th—Rock Steady Christmas Concert 9.15am, Y6 Forest school

Friday 19th—Y6 attending Mass in Church and then KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's Chapel 1.30pm

### Jingle Bell Jog

The whole school are taking part in the 'Jingle Bell Jog' on Monday 8th December.

All are welcome to come and cheer the children jogging around the daily mile track, times for each class :

9am - 9.30am Nursery and Reception

9.30am – 10am Years 1 & 2

10.30am – 11am Years 3 & 4

11am - 11.30am Years 5 & 6

This event raises vital funds for East Cheshire Hospice and sponsorship envelopes have been given out, extra copies are available in the school office. Alternatively, donations can be made via our school JustGiving page :

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/saint-marys-catholic-primary-congleton-7?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/saint-marys-catholic-primary-congleton-7?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Many thanks to the PTA will also be serving hot chocolate.



Dear God,

As we begin this Advent season, help us to slow down and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Teach us to shine with hope, peace, joy and love in all that we do.

Guide our school family to be kind, caring and ready to share your light with others. Amen.

