



19th December 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach Christmas, I would like to take a moment to reflect on the many blessings we have received this term and express my gratitude for the strong partnership between our school and our families.

Advent is a special time of preparation and reflection, and it has been wonderful to see our school community come together to embrace the true meaning of Christmas. From our Advent Service to our acts of service and charity, the children have shown their faith in action. Their participation in our Nativity performances has been a powerful reminder of the values we hold dear.

Through our collective efforts, we have nurtured a spirit of kindness, generosity, and hope. Thank you for supporting these, whether through your time, donations, or prayers.

This term has been filled with many achievements, both academic and spiritual. Our children have continued to grow in their learning and deepen their understanding of God's love. Highlights include Schools Mass, Celebration Assemblies, the visit from Ignite Chaplaincy Team and the Year 6 Pilgrimage to Walsingham.

Congratulations to Charles who came first in the Trust wide Christmas card competition and Emilia who was awarded runner up. Below is a photograph of their winning entries.

We are especially grateful for the dedicated efforts of our staff, who work tirelessly to ensure that every child flourishes, and for you, our parents and carers, who are the first educators of your children in faith. Together, we are building a strong and nurturing community.

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we find moments of peace and joy amid the busyness of the season. Let us remember the message of the angel to the shepherds: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people." (Luke 2:10)

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, I wish you and your family a blessed and holy Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**, refreshed and ready for another term of Living and Learning through Faith.

Thank you for your continued support, and may the peace of Christ be with you always.

With every blessing,

Jo Berry
Headteacher

