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Dear Parents and Carers,

During this season of Advent it has been wonderful to listen to the children preparing for Christmas in their RE lessons, through their lovely writing and through their beautiful singing in their Nativities and Carol Service.

As the term ends we would like to say a very big thank you to all our families for their continued support. We know that these events are made so special by your support at home; learning lines and songs with your children. All the celebrations were filled with joy and we hope this joyful spirit continues with your families throughout the Christmas period.

This term has been eventful in other areas too and we now have some further updates on the Year 5 building. The project team have received engineer's surveys and reports and we now have a better idea of the next steps going forward. The type of work to be undertaken now seems to be extensive repair rather than complete rebuilding. Whilst this is good news, this does not mean that these works can be completed quickly. We have discussed a timeline with the project team and the proposed date for the works to be completed is currently October 2024. This will mean that year 5 will remain in their temporary classrooms until the end of this academic year. Over the Christmas break St Gertrude class will get a new window installed which will provide some natural light and further ventilation before the weather warms up.

We are really pleased that as we come to the end of this term we have been successful in adapting our autumn term lesson plans so that our pupils have continued to receive a broad and ambitious curriculum offer.

In our last communication we outlined that part of the lost learning time would be made up via the three planned Inset days becoming school days for all pupils. We can now confirm that, after discussion with our Chair of Governors, Tom Tamplin, we will be extending the school day on Fridays until 3.15pm from the week commencing 19th February 2024 until 24th May 2024. We hope by giving families enough notice of the change it will not be too inconvenient. We believe this will be the most effective way to make up the time while supporting families, pupils and staff.

We wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Mrs Christoforou
Head Teacher