



St Bega's Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Love One Another As I Have Loved You

November 2023



The Season of Advent

Children are now preparing for the season of Advent in school.

Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar; it is the period leading up to Christmas.

Advent starts on the Sunday nearest to 30 November (3rd December) four weekends before Christmas.

The word 'advent' means 'coming', and Christians reflect on the sacred meaning of Christmas. Despite the secular preparations taking place, e.g., buying presents and going to parties, Advent reminds Christians to remember and prepare for the birth of Jesus. Purple is the usual *liturgical colour* used during Advent in the UK. The colour is often used for hangings around the church and our sacred spaces in school. Some churches have an Advent *wreath* with five candles, one for each of the four Sundays leading up to *Christmas Day* and one for Christmas Day itself. There are different readings on each of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day.



New School Website

www.stbegas.bhcet.org.uk

Our new school website has now gone live- please look around. We will be adding and updating content each week so that it will contain up to date information about the school.

We have restored a working link to the school Facebook page which will alert you to news and events from classes each week.



Movie Night

Children are invited to stay in school next Thursday 30th November until 4.45pm and enjoy Christmas Movie Night. Tickets are available on Monday from class teachers for £2.00, which includes refreshments. There will be no charge for children staying in after school club.

School Trip to the Pantomime

As part of Christmas festivities, children will go to see Peter Pan in pantomime at the Town Hall on the morning of Monday 11th December. There will be no charge to families for this treat.

Christmas Dinner

All children are invited to stay for Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13th December. Please use your MCAS account to pay for (£2.53) and reserve your child's meal. The cut off date for orders will be Wednesday 6th December.



Dear Miss Tate,
The Mini Vinnie's are thinking about how Christmas jumper day is only in a couple weeks time and some people might not have a Christmas jumper so we were thinking about a Christmas jumper trading at playtime or lunchtime because people might have spare jumpers they can bring in. If people don't have a Christmas jumper and they need one they can take one that ~~will~~ gets them. From Mrs Ruggieri.
Cora and Nicky.

Christmas Jumper Day- Thursday 7th December



I received this heartwarming letter from the children in the Mini Vinnie's group with a wonderful suggestion for Christmas Jumper Day. The group will be holding their 'swap' event on each day next week (27th Nov – 1st Dec). Please take the opportunity to share jumpers from previous years with each other.

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumper to school on Thursday 7th December and bring in a donation for our chosen charity, Save the Children.

Christmas Cheer

Parents and families are invited to come into the school hall for tea and coffee from 9am for Christmas Cheer.

Classes will entertain you with some Christmas songs.

Christmas Parties

Children are invited to celebrate with their friends at the Christmas party/disco:

Nursery children:	Thursday 14 th December (morning)
Reception and KS1:	Thursday 14 th December 4-5.30pm
Key Stage 2:	Wednesday 13 th December 4-5.30pm

End of Term Mass

Canon Paul will celebrate Mass in school on Monday 18th December at 9.30am led by children in St Bede's House. Parents and families are welcome to join us at this celebration.

Nativity Concerts

Parents and families are invited to come into school and join our youngest children as they tell the Christmas story in word, drama and song:

Reception Class	Tuesday 19 th December at 9.30am
Nursery Class	Wednesday 20 th December at 10am
Class 2 and 3	Wednesday 20 th December at 2.30pm

Key Stage 2 Carol Concert

Children in classes 4,5 and 6 will lead a service of lessons and carols in St Mary's Church on Thursday 21st December at 1.45pm. All welcome.

End of Term

Children break up for Christmas on Friday 22nd December and return to school on Tuesday 9th January.

A silhouette illustration of a nativity scene set against a dark blue night sky with a bright star and palm trees. The scene includes Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus in a manger, a donkey, a cow, and three camels in the background.

Christmas Events at St Begea's

Thursday 30th November
Movie Night 3.20-4.45pm

Thursday 7th December
Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Christmas Cheer 9.00-10.30am

Monday 11th December
Pantomime 9.30-12pm

Wednesday 13th December
Christmas Dinner
KS2 Disco 4.00-5.30pm

Thursday 14th December
Nursery Party 8.45-11.45am
Reception & KS1 Disco 4.00-5.30pm

Monday 18th December
School Mass 9.30am

Tuesday 19th December
Reception Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 20th December
Nursery Nativity 10.00am
Class 2 & 3 Nativity 2.30pm

Thursday 21st December
KS2 Christmas Service in Church 1.45pm