St. Godric's Catholic Primary School
NEWSLETTER
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# Winter updates

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a warm coat, hat and gloves.

In the event of snow, children are welcome to wear wellies to school and bring a spare pair of shoes in a bag so they can change into them once inside school.

Please note, only children with suitable clothing and a change of suitable footwear can go out in snowy weather.




Our nursery is now **open** and we have places available.

Please signpost friends and family to the school office if they are looking for a nursery. We are ready to give tours, can happily meet any prospective parents and answer any questions.

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# Attendance

Overall school attendance is currently 95.7%. Where possible, please avoid taking your child out of school during term time, as every day in school supports their learning and progress.

We have also seen an increase in the number of children being collected early from school. We appreciate that, on occasion, children may need to leave early; however, we kindly ask that this remains the exception rather than the norm.

If your child has a medical or other appointment during school hours, you may be asked to provide a copy of the appointment letter or confirmation of the appointment.

# Arbor Parent Portal / Communications

Can all parents/carers please ensure that they can access their child's Arbor account and that their contact details are up to date. We use Arbor to send in-app messages and emails, as well as to manage payments. It is therefore essential that you are able to access your account.

Please check your emails regularly, as not all correspondence will be sent out in paper form. Where possible, we aim to communicate via email and Arbor.

If you are experiencing any issues accessing Arbor, or if you need to update your contact details, please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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| Monday 30th November | Class 2 Palace Green Trip |
| Tuesday 1st December | Advent Mass<br>led by Class 2 year 3 and year 4<br>All are welcome |
| Thursday 3rd December | Class 2 Collingwood College Event<br>**3pm - 7:45pm**<br>**parents to collect children from venue** |
| Friday 4th December | Christmas Fayre - Friends of the School **2pm**<br>Parents / carers are welcome to collect their children from their class and attend the Fayre together. |
| Monday 7th December | KS2 (Years 3,4,5 &6) Carol Service **2pm**<br>All are welcome - **we will issue tickets so that we have safe numbers** |
| Wednesday 9th December | Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day |
| Thursday 10th December | EYFS (Reception & Nursery) & KS1 (Years 1 &2) Nativity - **2pm**<br>Details to follow |
| Friday 11th December | EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Trip - The Snowman, Ushaw College |
| Monday 14th December | Violin Student Music Performance<br>**parents and carers of violin children welcome- 9:15am** |

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| Tuesday 15th December | Santa Run - more details to follow<br>**Children only** |
| Wednesday 16th December | EYFS (Reception & Nursery) & KS1 (Years 1 &2) Christmas Party |
| Thursday 17th December | KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) Christmas Party |
| **Friday 18th December** | **SCHOOL CLOSES AT 1PM TO PUPILS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS** |
| **Monday 4th January** | **SCHOOL REOPENS AS NORMAL** |