



## St Mary and St Andrew's Newsletter - November 2025

*Guide us O God to be the best we can be: in every thought, in every word and every deed*

### Catholic Life/Advent:

Many thanks to the children and families who joined us for mass and prayers on Youth Sunday. Our next whole school mass is on Tuesday at 2pm (2nd December) and all families are welcome to join us.

A CAFOD representative visited us in school; all children shared an assembly about how CAFOD helps around the world and our Key Stage 2 classes each had a workshop.

During the season of Advent, the school will meet each morning for a story and prayers from the Jesse tree. In our assemblies we have shared how Jesus asks us to put others first and to think about more than just ourselves. We would like our school family to try and do this by supporting 'Share It', a local charity. They would appreciate boxes of biscuits or selection boxes to help with their food bank Christmas parcels. The children are also taking part in a Readathon during the week beginning 8th December. If families can sponsor them we would really appreciate it. It doesn't matter if it's 10p or £10, every amount will help. Our aim is to buy CAFOD reading packs (£12 each) so that we can help share the gift of reading with our brothers and sisters around the world.

### Remembrance Day:

Our school marked Remembrance Day with a service in school and our Year 6 children took part in a service at Bilbrough. Thank you to the Trustees of the Barton, Bilbrough & Myerscough War Memorial for inviting us. It was lovely and poignant service.



### School Meals:

Could we please remind parents that school dinner's should be paid for in advance. The Trust do not offer credit facilities except in an emergency, when payment should be made as soon as possible.

### Christmas Preparations

Attached are all of the dates for our Christmas events in school. We look forward to seeing families at our Christmas fair, Nativity and carols around the tree.



### Sport:

Another team represented our school at a mini skills event. They did a fantastic job and had lots of fun along the way!

Congratulations to our boys football team. With only one match to play, we are joint top of the league table...good luck for the final match on Thursday!

Trikidz are back with us for a session on Tuesday 2nd—all KS2 children will need to come to school in PE kit.



### Attendance:

Thank you all for keeping our school attendance high. Please report an absence on ARBOR on the day (before 8:50am) or please contact the school office on 01772 862335 before 8:30am. Planned absences, i.e. dentist or doctors appointments, can be reported earlier using the online Pupil Absence Form.

**97%**

### Scrooge:

Manchester Actors Company visited school to share the story of A Christmas Carol with our KS2 children. We hope that they all enjoyed this festive treat!



### Book Fair:

Thank you to all who bought something from our book fair. The sales meant that we now have £450 to spend on school books.

Thank you also for all of the families that created wooden spoon book characters. We were all blown away by your efforts and creativity.



### Music Mark:

Our school has once again been awarded the Music Mark for high-quality music in education for all. Thank you to Mrs Williams for all of her commitment in celebrating music and the achievements of our children in school.



### Gardens and Flowers:

If anyone has any bulbs or wild flower or vegetable seeds that you do not need, school would greatly appreciate them to continue to develop our outdoors.

### Robinwood

A reminder to our Year 5 and Year 6 parents that the payment for the trip is on Arbor. School has paid the deposits and has to complete payment for the full balance for those attending by the end of February. If your child is no longer attending, please let the school office know.





Merry Christmas

# CHRISTMAS EVENTS

LOOK AT WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOL



CHRISTMAS CAROL  
NOVEMBER 28TH  
OWLS, JAYS AND  
EAGLES  
(£4.50 ON ARBOR)



INFANT NATIVITY  
DECEMBER 11TH  
1:30PM AND 6PM



ADVENT MASS  
DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 2PM  
ALL WELCOME



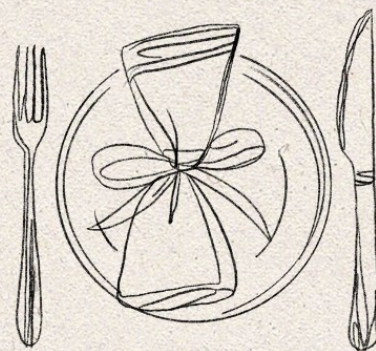
CHRISTMAS PARTIES  
DECEMBER 16TH  
CHILDREN CAN WEAR  
PARTY CLOTHES



CAROLS AROUND THE TREE DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> 2:30PM  
ALL WELCOME



CHRISTMAS FAIR  
DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> 3PM  
ALL WELCOME



CHRISTMAS DINNER  
DECEMBER 17TH  
CHILDREN CAN WEAR  
CHRISTMAS JUMPERS



# Mix, Match & SAVE!

**BUY 2 BRANDED  
SCHOOL UNIFORM  
ITEMS & GET THE  
3RD HALF PRICE!!**

Stock up for the rest of the  
school year with polos to blazers,  
book bags to PE kits.

**Terms & Conditions.** Buy any two branded school uniform items and receive the third (lowest-priced) item at half price. Offer valid from 1st November to 31st December 2025 in store only. Applies to branded school uniform products only. Cannot be used with other offers. Subject to stock availability. The Uniform & Leisure Wear Company Limited reserves the right to change or withdraw the promotion without notice.

