

# Christmas 2024

We pray for all families this Christmas: those together, those far apart and those missing loved ones.

We pray for all those whose lives have been touched by tragedy, especially the tragedy of war.



*"The Birth of Jesus brings us the good news that we are loved immensely and uniquely by God"* Pope Francis

**FR ADRIAN INVITES THE CHILDREN TO BRING BABY JESUS (FROM A NATIVITY SCENE, CHRISTMAS CARD OR A DRAWN PICTURE) TO MASS THIS WEEKEND SO IT CAN BE BLESSED**  
[Christmas Mass Times](#)

**Christmas Eve**

**5pm at Holy Rosary Church  
7pm at St John's Church**

**Christmas Day  
10am Holy Rosary Church**

## Wishing you a Holy and Peaceful Christmas



When we return after Christmas, we step into the **Jubilee Year of Hope**, a time of grace and renewal for the Church. This Jubilee will begin with **Pope Francis opening the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve**, an ancient and symbolic act that signifies God's invitation for all to enter into His mercy and grace.

This Jubilee Year is a profound opportunity for our schools, young people, and communities to be **beacons of hope** in a world often overshadowed by doubt and fear. It encourages us to step forward with courage, rooted in the Gospel, to bring light and hope to others. There will be many opportunities in the forthcoming year to join in events within our school, parish and wider Diocesan family.

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As a busy year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank each and every one of you for your on-going support and contribution made to our school family. Our recent Ofsted inspection report captured the essence of what makes St Paul's such a wonderful school; 'Pupils speak fondly about this school. They are safe and happy. Staff build warm and supportive relationships with pupils.' Positive relationships are pivotal within our school community and we should never underestimate their impact—thank you.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Governors, to Fr Adrian and to the Friends of St. Paul's. Their contribution and support of our school is often unseen, but their unstinting work makes such a difference to the life of our school.

I hope that you enjoy a wonderful Christmas and that the love, peace, joy and hope of the Christmas season is shared by you and your families, now and throughout the coming year.

With very best wishes,  
Sheena Sinclair  
Head Teacher



### Important Dates for Spring Term 2025

**Monday 6th January—Children return to school**

**PD Day—children not in school  
Friday 21st February**

**Monday 24th— Friday 28th  
February—Half Term**

**Monday 14th —Friday 25th April—  
Easter Holidays**



*Thank you to all the children who entered the "The star shone in the East" art competition. The children's art work was used to make Christmas cards. The money we raised from sales has enabled us to purchase £60 of CAFOD world gifts.*

### Congratulations to our competition winners

