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Dear Parent / Carer

As we approach the final two weeks of term, I would like to share some important information with you.

During this Advent season, with so many challenges in the world, the messages of **Hope, Peace, Joy** and **Love** feel more meaningful than ever. We warmly invite you to join us for our **Christmas Carol Concert** taking place on **Wednesday 17 December 2025** at **7.00pm** in St Oswald's Church.

On the day before we close for Christmas, (Thursday 18 December 2025), pupils are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper (if they have one) and bring a **£1 donation** in support of **CAFOD**. This year, we are contributing to their *Caring Community Stocking* initiative. Each stocking costs £100 and helps to support communities facing injustice around the world. Staff will also be taking part, and it is always a wonderful day in school.

School will close for Christmas on **Friday 19 December 2025** at the earlier time of **12.00pm** so that we can share buses with Byrchall High School. We kindly ask that you encourage your child to go straight home on the final day rather than gathering in Ashton; a full bus service will be running.

Pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 6 January 2026** at 8.35am (*please note that Monday 5 January is an INSET day for staff*).

Children eligible for FSM will have the option to collect a 'grab and go' bag before leaving on the last day. If you would like your child to receive one, please complete the form provided: -

Last Day Lunch Order - (FSM 19.12.25) - Fill in form

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors of the school I wish you all a very **Happy and Holy Christmas**.

Yours faithfully

M J DUMICAN
Headteacher