



# St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School

*Prepare the way of the Lord*

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Dear Parent/ Carer

As it is 2 weeks to go before the end of term, I would like to pass on several important pieces of information.

- ▲ We were delighted to discover yesterday that we are the top performing school in Wigan on the government GCSE performance tables for 2024. This is the second year running that we are the top performing school in Wigan and everyone in the school community should be proud to have played their part in this fantastic success. The link to the performance table is here: [Wigan LA Performance Table](#)
- ▲ During this Advent season, with all the stresses of coping with the cost-of-living crisis, the message of *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* are arguably more important than ever. We hope you will be able to join us on **Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 7.00pm** in **St Oswald's Church** to celebrate our Christmas Carol Concert.
- ▲ On the penultimate day before we close for Christmas (**Thursday 19 December 2024**), we are asking our pupils to **wear a jumper** (Christmas jumpers if they have one) and to make a donation of £1 in support of CAFOD. The staff will be taking part as well and it is always a lovely day to experience in school.
- ▲ School will close for Christmas on **Friday 20 December 2024 at 12.10pm**. Pupils will return to school on **Tuesday 7 January 2025 at 8.35am** (Monday 6 January 2025 is an INSET day for staff). Could I urge you to encourage your child to go straight home on the last day, rather than congregate in Ashton. A full bus service will be in operation to match earlier finish time. Children on free school meals will have the option to collect a 'grab and go' bag before they leave on the last day.

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