

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the conclusion of the Autumn term, our school is overflowing with the spirit of Advent. In the Catholic tradition, this is a profound season of preparation—a time to quiet our hearts and ready ourselves for the birth of Christ. While the world outside often moves at a frantic pace, within our school walls, we have focused on the flourishing of our community through togetherness and creativity.

Celebrating Our Successes

It has been a joyfully busy final week. We have been treated to wonderful performances and festive gatherings that highlight the unique talents of every child:

- **Nativities:** Our Reception and KS1 pupils shared the Christmas story with such reverence and enthusiasm. Their performances reminded us all of the simple, beautiful message at the heart of this season.
- **Early Years Magic:** Our Nursery children filled the corridors with music during their singing sessions and displayed wonderful imagination during their festive craft afternoons.
- **Community Spirit:** From the high energy of our class parties to this afternoon's moving Carol Concert at St. Anthony's Church, the sound of voices raised in song has been a highlight for us all.

This term has not been without its challenges. We have navigated periods of change and unexpected hurdles, yet what has shone through most brightly is our resilience. To "flourish" does not mean a path without obstacles; rather, it describes how we grow together in spite of them. By supporting one another, we have turned challenges into opportunities for grace and strengthened the bonds that make our school a true family.

I want to thank you for your unwavering support. May this Christmas be a time of peace and renewal for you and your loved ones. We pray that the light of the Advent candle continues to burn brightly in your homes over the holidays.

We wish you all a holy, restful, and truly blessed Christmas.

Warmest wishes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School re-opens on Tuesday 6th January

Spring Half Term – Friday 13th February – Monday 23rd February

Easter Holiday – Friday 27th March – Monday 13th April

May Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Summer Half Term – Friday 22nd May – Monday 1st June

Thursday 16th July – Close for the Summer Holiday

Site maintenance

We will continue to monitor the paths at the rear of the building as we await proper drainage solutions, Mr. Conway, our site supervisor will let you know when the paths are closed so that you will know which entrance to take your children to.

Lunchtime Supervisor

We currently have two vacancies for lunchtime supervisors in school. These will be advertised on the 'My New Term' website when we return in January, if you or anyone you know could be interested in these roles please feel free to contact the school office for more details.

Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYFS Lead – Mrs. J Leach