

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
Newsletter 6th December 2024



Dear parents and carers

There have been many highlights this week. On Wednesday morning the whole school walked to church for our Advent Mass. Even our youngest children joined us and we were so proud of them! Father Massie led a beautiful Mass, allowing us to reflect on all of our preparations for Christmas. He even got the teachers involved in his homily to see if they could answer as well as the children did! A big thank you to our junior chaplains and Miss Rollinson for the organisation and contributions on the day.

On Thursday morning Mrs Broadhead and I attended some professional development all about the importance of being able to read fluently. We are excited to put some of the ideas we learned into practice with our pupils and will look forward to sharing ways in which you can help your child at home. Reading well is the one of the most important ways in which we can help children learn across the curriculum.

Our school orchestra provided an absolute treat on Thursday morning to the school, and Thursday afternoon to family and friends. The talent on show was incredible and uplifting. Thank you to all of the children and amazing music teachers involved. We really value their contribution.

This weekend is the second weekend of Advent and the theme is Peace.

I wish you a peace-filled weekend with your families,

Best wishes,

Mrs Barrs

Travelling Crib

Our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children are continuing to take home their class travelling cribs. The pack contains a crib, candle, prayer card, Christmas story and a diary, which the children can write and draw in before they return the crib to the school the following day.

It is a special way to reflect on the Christmas story that can be shared with the whole family.

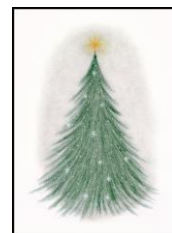
Parents, please continue to support us by returning the crib the following day.

God Bless, Miss Rollinson



Christmas Craft

Every child in each class will be making a Christmas craft to sell to raise money for a buddy bench for the playground. This has been organised by the school councillors and will happen in the last week of school.



Pupil Voice

On Wednesday morning, we celebrated a special Advent mass which was the perfect start to the Advent season. The mass was attended by parents and parishioners alike. The singing nearly brought tears to their eyes because it was so angelic. The readings were well spoken and led by the saint captains and junior chaplains. A huge thank you to Class 4 for singing the harmonies that made the psalm, The Lord's My Shepherd, so heart rendering. As pupils; we appreciate the opportunity to worship God as a school family and celebrate Jesus coming.

Seb, St. Bede Captain, Vanessa, St. Aelred Captain and Delali, St. Aelred Captain

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS2 Hull Truck Panto visit Tuesday 10th December
Class 2 Mass at the Marist Wednesday 11th December 9.30am
S Nativity Play Wednesday 11th December 10am and 2pm (see letter for ticket allocation)
Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 12th December
Christmas Disco Thursday 12th December
Christmas Lunch 12th December (please book your child's lunch on Parentpay in the usual at least 24 hours in advance)
KS1 Nativity Play 10am and 2pm Wednesday 18th December (see letter for ticket allocation)
FU and KS1 Panto visit Thursday 19th December
Christmas Parties Thursday 19th December (food will be provided by school)
Carol Service at St. Anthony's Friday 20th December 1.30pm
Carols by Candlelight on the playground at 3.15pm on Friday 20th December
Friday 20th December school closes for the Christmas Break
Tuesday 7th January 2025 School re-opens

Woolly Hat Appeal

Our Mini Vinnies are seeking donations to support our seafarers this Advent. All donations will be carefully packed into 'woolly hats' and distributed with the support of Stella Maris. Please send all donations into school by Friday 13th December. They are hoping for donations of Shampoo, Shower Gel, Toothpaste, shaving cream, tooth brushes, razors, pens, note books, combs and brushes

Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach