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**We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.**

### Advent

This weekend, we will light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. The beautiful Advent Tradition, Bambinelli Sunday, was instituted by Saint Pope John Paul II during his Papacy is kept this weekend. The tradition follows that on the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) children and adults bring their Baby Jesus figures from their homes to church where they are blessed by the priest.

**All children and families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure to mass at St Jude's Church at 9.15am this Sunday. Y5 families made their own 'Bambinelli' in their Advent workshop this week. Please try to come along.**

This week, we held the remainder of our Advent workshops which were incredibly well attended. Thank you so much for supporting the pupils and the school in such a wonderful way. We will certainly have more workshops next term—we have loved having you in school!



### Stars of the Week!

Nursery - Jaylen & Delilah  
Reception – Ollie-Rae & Jordan  
Year 1 - Lincoln & Orlagh  
Year 2 - Darcy & Ziyon  
Year 3 - Japheth & David  
Year 4 - Lya & Tommy  
Year 5 - Wesley & Anna-Beth  
Year 6 – Alfie B & Faye

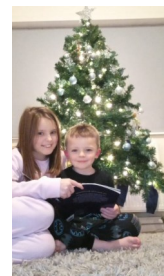
**Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on December 16th at 9.05am—parents are welcome.**



### Nativity Stories

We are delighted that so many of you have enjoyed our Nativity story bags. The pupils are thrilled when it is their chance to take the bag home. We have read your comments and it is wonderful to see the messages that have been sent in:

**'What a wonderful Christmas story this was. It has taught us that we should not be selfish and want and need at Christmas time. Our hearts are truly warm when we give to others and share.'** (Y4 family after reading 'Humphrey's First Christmas')



### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	87.7%	93.8%	80.7%	92.9%	96.7%	91.9%	86.7%	90.1%
This Term	92.2%	95.3%	93.9%	94.7%	94.0%	96.3%	93.1%	94.3%
Whole Year	92.2%	95.3%	93.9%	94.7%	94.0%	96.3%	93.1%	94.3%

**For safeguarding purposes, we do not allow filming of performances in school.**

### Sacramental Preparation and Dates

Please be aware of the following dates for pupils in Y3 and Y5 who will be receiving sacraments this academic year:

**January 28th**—11am mass at St. Dunstan's Church followed by confession for Y6 Confirmandi.

**February 7th**—Sacrament of Confirmation at 7pm, St. Dunstan's Church.

**March 4th**—11am mass followed by First Confession for Y3 pupils, St. Dunstan's Church.

**June 13th**—First Holy Communion, 10am mass, St. Jude's Church

There will be parent meetings that you will be invited to attend, dates

### Bring it on Brum! Remember to book!

Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for those aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals during the school Christmas holiday. The majority of clubs will run for 4 days during the week Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and a smaller number of clubs will run from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Each child is eligible to attend a maximum of 4 sessions during the winter school holidays.

Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a nutritious meal served up for **free!**

For the Winter programme we sent every family a code to use when booking; an email was sent to everyone on November 22nd. (This included information about food boxes and activity packs.) The code will enable families of children eligible for free school meals, to book online or take the codes to access the holiday activities and food programme. Families can visit [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk) from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** to book their children's free places, so they can take part in a local club and enjoy the mix of fun action-packed days and tasty food provided through the programme.

### FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

**December 13th**—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

**December 14th**—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six Year One Nativity Play at 2pm

**December 15th**—Christmas Parties

**December 16th**—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish

**January 3rd**—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

**January 4th**—Pupils return to school

**January 28th**—Confession after 11am mass, St. Dunstan's Church for pupils making their Confirmation.

**February 7th**—**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM**

**February 17th**—Pupils break up for half-term

**February 27th**—Pupils return from half-term break

**March 4th**— First Confession after 11am mass at St. Dunstan's Church

**March 31st**—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

**April 17th** -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

**April 18th**—Pupils return to school

**May 1st**—May Day Bank Holiday

**w/c May 29th**—Half-term week

### Our Advent Giving Tree Appeal

Every year at St. Jude's, we have a charity collection during Advent. Last year, we collected hats, scarves and toiletries for the St. Chad's Sanctuary. This year, we are offering our support locally and we are collecting again for The Spearhead Trust, a charity based in Druids Heath which runs a food bank. We collected for this charity as part of our Harvest celebrations and they were very grateful for our support. Again, we are collecting in date food items that can be used by families over these difficult financial times. Please support this very worthwhile appeal.



If you pay for milk for your child, the cost for next term is £12.80. Payment is requested by December 15th please. Any pupil under the age of five has access to free milk.

### Opening of Manningford Hall



Last week, we joined with our sister parish schools and attended the official opening and blessing of Manningford Hall by Archbishop Bernard Longley. The building is at the top of Manningford Road and is supported by the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. It is a warm hub, foodbank and a place for the local community to access a variety of support. As always, our pupils were an absolute credit, singing and reciting the John Henry Newman prayer with grace and talent. The Archbishop and Father Philip passed on their congratulations to the pupils because they were good! This was a very proud moment for school.

### Christmas Events

#### Christmas dinner dates:

**December 13th**—Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two (THIS IS AVAILABLE TO ALL PUPILS IN THESE YEAR GROUPS AND IS FREE OF CHARGE FOR EVERYONE.)

**December 14th**—Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six. (This is available to all children who have are entitled to free school meals even if they normally have sandwiches. If you pay for the dinner it is £2.40. Please email [enquiry@stjuderc.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjuderc.bham.sch.uk) by December 8th if your child normally has sandwiches and wants Christmas dinner instead.)

#### Nursery & Reception Christmas Sing-a-long

**December 12th at 9.10am**—please join the children in a very short sing-a-long to celebrate the festive season. Please wait by the hall door after morning drop off.

#### Year One Nativity Play

December 14th at 2pm - St. Jude's Church; parents and carers are welcome to join us for a special reflection on the birth of Christ.

**A reminder that, events must not be filmed or photos taken during performances. Photos may be taken afterwards but should never be of other people's children.**

#### Christmas Parties

December 15th—children can wear their party clothes on this day; we ask every child to contribute £1 towards the cost of food.

#### Christmas Boutique

December 16th—the shopping event of the year for our children! Parent volunteers are needed to prepare the gifts ahead of the date and to wrap them on the day. Please contact Mrs Smith via the School Office if you can help. We have some great gifts for the children to buy and they are worth a lot more than £1! **PLEASE** make sure that everyone contributes £1 on the day. Additional money can be sent in for children to buy extra gifts **IF** they are available.

### IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

School would like to inform you of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels. We would like to take the opportunity to remind you of the signs and symptoms. Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours a characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

As per national 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings', children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be **excluded** from nursery / school / work for **24 hours** after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications and if you have any concerns, please contact your GP or

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## Our November 2022 Ofsted inspection:

**GOOD IN  
ALL AREAS**

- Leaders have ensured St Jude's Catholic Primary School is a thoroughly safe and caring place to learn.
- The school's Christian values are at its heart.
- Pupils learn about a wide range of cultures and traditions. They show respect towards each other and adults.
- Pupils behave well in lessons and at social times.
- Pupils become articulate and enthusiastic learners.
- Leaders make sure that staff are well trained in safeguarding so that they are well placed to identify pupils at risk. They take the right actions to help any pupils who are vulnerable.
- Leaders have planned learning well across the whole curriculum.
- Leaders are ambitious for what pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), can achieve. They prepare pupils well for learning in secondary school.

## Reception applications for September 2023

Make your application online **by 15th January 2023** at:  
[www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions)