

ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful journey through Advent in school. The children have engaged in Masses and Advent Quiet Liturgies in a beautiful, reverent way. Thank you for all your support throughout Advent in all the activities below. I want to thank everyone for their support and help during this year.



Thank you for joining us in school to celebrate Masses during Advent with us. It has been lovely to welcome Father Paul Shaw to our Parish and School and I want to thank him and Deacon Antony all their prayers and support.

Mini -Vinnies Our Year 5 and 6 mini-vinnies took some Christmas cards and biscuits to Oakwood care home.



The Christmas productions were all amazing and were a wonderful celebration of Christmas. Thank you for all your help with costumes, learning lines and songs. It was a real team effort from everyone to make these such a success. As always we were very proud of the children as I am sure you were.

Thank you also for your wonderful support to our raffles during the productions.

Christmas Carols. Key Stage 2 led a carol concert during last Friday. They did a brilliant job and sang beautifully. Thank you to everyone who organised this and to everyone who came to watch.



The Christmas Fair was a tremendous success. Thank you for all your donations and for supporting the fair and the raffles at the nativities and carol service. The money raised goes to School Fund and helps towards the Christmas activities that the children do and other projects for the children. The amount raised was a record for us- £1,432. This is a fantastic amount and we are grateful to everyone who donated to the fair, helped to organise it and who came to support it on the night.

The Christmas Disco is tonight (Thursday 18th December) after school. EYFS/KS1 4-5pm
KS 2 5.15-6.15pm



The children are going to come in through the main office door at the front and then be picked up from the back of the school.



The children had party day this week and a special visit from Father Christmas who gave each child a gift.

School closes at **3.15pm on Friday 19th December** and we return to school in the New Year on **Monday 5th January, 2026.**

I would like to thank the whole community of St Raphael's- staff, pupils, governors, parents, carers and extended family for making this such a special time in school.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas. Enjoy this special time with your families and friends.

Kind regards,

Mrs L Lakner, Headteacher

May God's love shine in our lives as we care, share and learn together.