

St Teresa's Catholic Academy

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Last Sunday not only marked the beginning of Advent but also the launch of the Year of the God who speaks; an initiative dedicated to making people more aware of the Bible and how God speaks to us through it.

During this Liturgical Year we will be considering how we can more intentionally live, share and celebrate the Word of God. We will be saying this special prayer each day in school;

Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures.

Your son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 December	Advent Mass
12 December	1.30pm Foundation and Infant Nativity
13 December	1.30pm Foundation and Infant Nativity
16 December	Seuss 1 Trip to Wokingham Library
16 December	Infant Christmas Lunch
17 December	Junior Christmas Lunch
18 December	2pm Yr 3 & Yr 4 Christingle Service (In Church)
18 December	5pm Yr 5 & Yr 6 Carol Service (In Church)
20 December	Christmas Jumper Day
20 December	1pm End of Term

Clubs

Week commencing 9 December will be the last week for Clubs with the exception of Martial Arts, Dance, Netball and Football Clubs which will run for one extra week to cover cancelled dates earlier in the term.

Junior Carols

The Yr 5 and Yr 6 Carol Concert will be held on Wednesday 18th December at 5pm in the Church. If you would like your child to stay after school, please complete the ParentMail form. This event is open to all members of our community so please come and join us.

Card Payments

We now have a card reader in the office so payments can be made by card, there is a minimum charge of £10.00

Infant & Foundation Nativity

Booking closes later on today. Tickets will be sent home next week in book bags.



Christmas Lunches

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch, please complete the booking form on ParentMail by Monday 9th December.



Menu Change

Due to Christmas lunches earlier in the week we will be serving macaroni bake on Thursday 19th December instead of roast. If you wish to change your child's menu choice please contact the office.



End of Term

Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation

School Closes on 20th December at 1.00pm.
After School Club closes at 3.30pm

Dressing the Wokingham Christmas Tree

Last night we went to town to help decorate the Wokingham Christmas tree. We sang lots of carols and in between each carol the schools bought their decorations to the stage. We had made a large red and green bauble and glittery bells that we made out of plastic cups. If you are passing the tree in town, please look out for our decorations.

The Wokingham Times took a photo so we may be in the paper!

Abrienne & Winnie Y6



So much has taken place in school over the past two weeks it's hard to know where to begin! Our amazing SA Team surpassed themselves this year with our incredible Christmas Fayre. It was such a lovely event and a great chance for me to catch up with so many of you. A local resident, who has no connection with the school was so impressed with all that she experienced at the Fayre she felt compelled to write and let me know, which is fabulous feedback. My heartfelt thanks to all members of the SA Team who made this event such a success.

Last Friday myself and Mrs Cook attended the Annual Schools Day along with Canon Simon. It was an interesting day focusing on the difference between virtues and values and certainly left us with food for thought. We will be looking at this in more detail in the New Year so watch this space!

Monday night we held our very first Christmas Story Time and it was a truly magical experience! To see the children's looks of delight as they came back to school dressed in their pyjamas, clutching their teddies tightly was a very special moment. The children (and parents) took a tour of the school, listening to different Christmas stories along the way, and even managed to fit in some delicious hot chocolate and Christmas cookies. When we all came together at the end of the session for an impromptu performance of Jingle Bells I was struck by how very fortunate we are to have the opportunity to come together as a community in so many different ways. A huge thank you to the staff who once again went completely above and beyond and created a memorable evening for us all.

The next two weeks are jam packed with a variety of events so please make sure you check the website to ensure you don't miss out! I look forward to seeing you at our celebrations.

Best wishes,
Mrs Nikki Peters
Headteacher