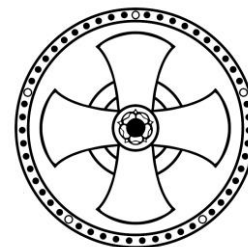




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Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a very busy and productive Autumn term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you a wonderful Christmas and a restful holiday.

It is difficult to single out particular events as being more noteworthy than others, but there are a few that I would like to mention and pass on thanks for.

### **Highlights from the Term:**

- **Parent Council and PTFA**

A huge thank you to the Parent Council and the PTFA for their hard work and dedication. Your contributions make a real difference to the school community, and we are incredibly grateful.

- **Christmas Crafts in Reception**

Thank you to the parents who came into school to support the Reception class with their Christmas crafts. Your time and enthusiasm made this a magical experience for the children.

- **Nativity Performances**

It has been a joy to see so many of you attending our nativity performances. The children performed beautifully, and your encouragement and enthusiasm as an audience meant so much to them.

- **Fr. Stephen**

We are very thankful to Fr. Stephen for celebrating Mass with us and for his ongoing connection with the school. The children are always respectful in church and we look forward to further increasing their participation during the mass.

- **Christmas Dinner**

A special thank you to Theresa and the kitchen team for the delicious



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Christmas dinner. It's always a highlight of the term, and this year was no exception!

- **School Trips**

Our school trips have provided the children with exciting and memorable learning experiences:

- Year 4 enjoyed their *scavenger hunt*,
- Year 1 had a wonderful visit to the *Royal Pavilion*, and
- The *Afrori Bookshop* trip was a particular treat for our children.

- **Singing Programme**

Thank you to Billie for leading the School Singing Programme. We hope you enjoyed the e-Christmas card and the festive joy brought home through the children's singing.

- **Support for Gambia**

We were deeply moved by the feedback from Jo and Aoife, who shared how your fundraising efforts have supported children in Gambia. Your donations provided bubbles, colouring books, pencils, sweets, and balloons to bring smiles to children who have been unwell. Thank you for your generosity—it truly made a difference.

- **Support with attendance**

Thank you for your support with attendance this term. We know that coughs and colds have been rife, but attendance at school is vital to your child's learning and progress. Please continue to aim for a **97% attendance rate**, as every day in school really does count.

## Looking Ahead

As we look forward to the new year, we are excited about the opportunities and experiences we'll continue to offer the children.

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support. It is a privilege to work together to ensure the very best for our children.

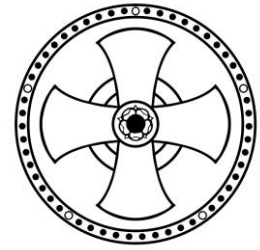
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## **A Christmas Prayer for Our Families**

*Loving God,*

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus,  
we give thanks for the gift of family, friendship, and love.  
Bless our parents, children, and all those we hold dear,  
that this Christmas season may be filled with peace, joy, and togetherness.

Watch over us during the holidays,  
keep us safe in Your care,  
and help us to share kindness and compassion with those around us.

May we remember the true meaning of Christmas,  
the gift of Jesus Christ, who brings light and hope to the world.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

*Amen.*

Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 6<sup>th</sup> January!

**Warmest wishes,**

Mrs Philbrook