



The Feast of Christ the King

Dear St Teresa's Community,

As we journey through this vibrant term at St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, I'm delighted to share some wonderful moments and updates that highlight the incredible spirit of our school community.

Last week, our Year 4 pupils recently led a remarkable collective worship experience marking Christ the King. Their reflective approach beautifully captured the essence of Christ as a servant king, and the parental feedback was overwhelmingly positive. It was a powerful moment of spiritual understanding that resonated throughout our school.

Athletic Champions

I'm immensely proud to share that our pupils have once again demonstrated exceptional sporting prowess. A group of St Teresa's students secured an athletics trophy at the small school athletics event, showcasing remarkable sportsmanship and determination. They competed against some formidable teams, and their hard work truly shone through. A special thanks to the parents who supported by providing transportation - we simply cannot achieve these successes without your incredible support.



Advent Begins

This week, the season of Advent has begun, and we've lit our first candle in anticipation of Christ's birth. I want to specifically commend Sophie from Year 6, who designed and arranged our whole school prayer table. It looks absolutely stunning and features a beautiful African nativity set generously donated by Sister Andrea.



Upcoming Dates:

- 6th Dec—Parish Christmas Fayre (Saturday)
- 8th Dec—Prospective parent's tour
- 9th Dec—KS1 Nativity 2.15pm
- 10h Dec—Rocksteady Concert
- 12th Dec—KS1 Nativity am
- 12th Dec—Christmas dinner day (Children invited to wear Christmas jumpers!)
- 15th Dec—De La Salle Nativity event (select students)
- 15th Dec—Carolling visit to retirement home (select students)
- 16th Dec: Y5/6 Christmas concert at St Basil's this evening
- 17th Dec—St Teresa's Christmas Bazaar
- 19th Dec—Last day of term (Half day)
- 5th January—Children return to school

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***The Parish of Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon
invites you to join us to celebrate Our Lord's birth!
Everyone is most welcome!***

5pm Family Mass – St Basil's – 24th December

6pm Family Mass – Holy Trinity – 24th December

At the family masses we encourage the children to dress up as shepherds and angels

10pm Midnight Mass – St Basil's – 24th December

10pm Midnight Mass – St Therese – 24th December

12 O'clock Midnight Mass – Holy Trinity – 25th December

8.30am Dawn Mass – Holy Trinity – 25th December

9am Dawn Mass – St Therese – 25th December

10.30am Mass – Holy Trinity – 25th December

11am Mass – St Basil's – 25th December



Donations
Welcome

**St Teresa's Christmas
Bazaar**

17th December 2025

3:30pm until 5pm

**Come and join in the
Christmas fun!**

STALLS INCLUDED

ARE:

- Toy Tombola
- Bottle Tombola
- Raffle
- Name the Elf
- Pin the Nose on the Snowman
- Santa's Grotto
- Make your own Bookmark stall
- Hot and cold refreshments

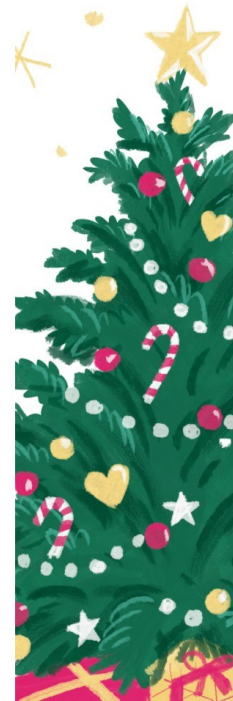


ST TERESA'S
CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR
DONATION APPEAL



Donations needed:

- Raffle prizes
- Bottles for the tombola
- Cakes or biscuits
(packaging and date included)
- Craft materials
- Books
- Toys and Games
(new or like new condition)
- Unused toiletries



**Thank you for your
support**

Updating School Displays

Our school environment is continuously evolving, with new displays that not only enhance our visual aesthetics but also celebrate our learning journey. Year 1 have created a beautiful display marking Red Wednesday. We've also reinstated the artwork from our creation day display at St Basil's in the school hall. Mrs Darby has crafted an informative display introducing our new Religious Education curriculum, and we've refreshed our "ways to pray" display, including a special section for our newly formed Rosary club.



Farewells and Welcomes

We're experiencing some staff changes that I'd like to share. We bid farewell to Miss Blower, our Year 3 teacher, thanking her for her hard work and wishing her the very best in her future endeavours. Joining our team, Mr Kitchener will be starting next week as a Year 3 teacher, and Mrs Wilkins will be coming on board as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA), supporting teachers and delivering lessons across the school.

A Brilliant Pantomime!

Oh no it wasn't...Oh yes it Was!

Our recent pantomime was an absolute triumph! The children's behaviour was exemplary, and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We were so impressed that we've already invited the drama company back for next year.



Updated Behaviour Policy

An important update regarding our Behaviour Management policy: We've comprehensively reviewed our existing policy, which had become outdated. The new policy better reflects our current practice as well as our Catholic ethos. It also incorporates trauma-aware practises which we have been implementing over the past few years. It will be implemented in January, and parents are invited to review the proposed policy and provide feedback. [The proposed policy can be read here.](#)

These moments - whether spiritual, academic, sporting, or creative - represent the heart of St Teresa's. They demonstrate our commitment to nurturing not just academic excellence, but the whole child.

Warmest regards,

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