



## Second Week of Advent

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

As we journey through the second week of Advent, I am delighted to share the wonderful moments that have illuminated our school recently.

### Ks1/EYFS Nativity



Our Key Stage 1 and Early Years Foundation Stage pupils delivered a truly magical nativity performance titled "Whoopsy Daisy Angel". The children were absolutely remarkable - their clear speaking, exceptional acting, and beautiful singing touched the hearts of everyone present. We were honoured to be joined by members of the Christus Catholic Trust and its Trustees, our dedicated governors, representatives from the local parish, and the local sisters.

The performance was more than just a play; it was a heartwarming celebration that captured the true meaning of Christmas - the birth of Jesus and the hope he brings to our world. I want to extend my sincere gratitude to the KS1 and EYFS team, along with our wonderful volunteers, who worked tirelessly to make this event so special.



#### Upcoming Dates:

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

Week beginning 5th January—Whole school celebration of the end of the Jubilee Year.

6th January—Year 3 and 4 mass

19th January—Catechist in working with Holy Communion children.

21st January—Select children competing at a bowling event.

22nd January—Select children competing at a swimming event.

23rd January—Year 3 collective Worship



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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 – 24<sup>th</sup> December

6pm Family Mass – Holy Trinity – 24<sup>th</sup> December

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

10pm Midnight Mass – St Basil's – 24<sup>th</sup> December

10pm Midnight Mass – St Therese – 24<sup>th</sup> December

12 O'clock Midnight Mass – Holy Trinity – 25<sup>th</sup> December

8.30am Dawn Mass – Holy Trinity – 25<sup>th</sup> December

9am Dawn Mass – St Therese – 25<sup>th</sup> December

10.30am Mass – Holy Trinity – 25<sup>th</sup> December

11am Mass – St Basil's – 25<sup>th</sup> December



Donations  
Welcome

**St Teresa's Christmas  
Bazaar**

**17<sup>th</sup> 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

## Wear Pink or Purple Next Thursday for BCCS

Next week, during the third week of Advent, we will be raising money for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS). The third Advent candle is traditionally pink, symbolising joy and hope. We invite our pupils to:

- Wear ONE item of purple or pink with their normal school uniform
- Make a donation to support BCCS

BCCS does incredible work supporting children and families across Essex and East London. They provide crucial counselling and emotional wellbeing services, helping children feel safe, supported, and cared for. The BCCS have supported many people in our school community over the years. This initiative connects directly to our Catholic Social Teaching principles:

- Human Dignity – recognising that every child is precious
- Solidarity – standing together to help others
- Preferential Option for the Poor – supporting those most in need



## Christmas Dinner Success!

Our recent Christmas dinner was another highlight. We were privileged to be joined by Fr Sabu and many of our governors. The atmosphere was filled with palpable excitement for the upcoming Christmas celebrations. The menu and hall layout was co-designed with the school council who had the lovely suggestion of Christmas crackers and background music. The food was excellent, and our children were wonderfully behaved. My heartfelt thanks go to our kitchen and midday staff for their exceptional support and organisation.

Looking ahead, I'm excited to for our Year 5 and 6 Christmas performance at the church next week. It promises to be another wonderful celebration of the Christmas spirit.

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