

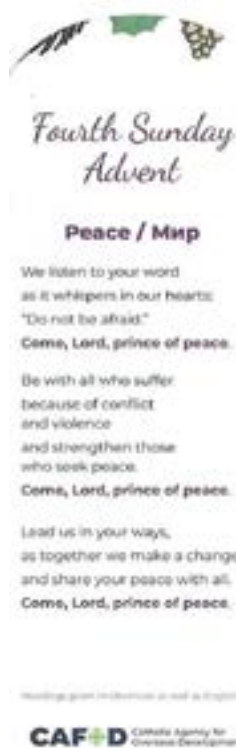


Message from the Headteacher

The Prayer

Lord Jesus, as we prepare to celebrate
the gift of yourself to our world,
we think too of our loved ones,
remembering that you said that there is
"more joy in giving than in receiving."
We ask you to bless us and those we love.
Amen

4th Sunday in Advent



What a wonderful week it has been continuing our Advent preparations as a school community!

We began the week celebrating the creative talents of our Key Stage 2 children, as they performed in the Christmas Carol service. A huge thank you to Mr Kinahan Brown, Mr Whybrow, Miss Haverty, Miss Willis, Mrs Brown and the amazing Key Stage Two team who put this together.

On Monday, Early Years visited Watson Place and on Tuesday, Key Stage One visited Willow Gardens. The residents particularly enjoyed joining in with the Early Years 12 days of Christmas. After singing the children spent some time talking to all the residents. This was such a lovely experience for both the children and the residents at the care homes.

Tuesday's assembly was all about the Pope's Jubilee Year of Hope, which will be launched in January. All classes have created a wreath filled with hopes for the year and it's a time for us to think of how to bring hope to others. Miss Hickman will be launching an art competition for this theme soon.

We ended the week celebrating our final mass of the Year together, where we could truly reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. Celebrating the birthday of Jesus is a very special time – a time to give thanks for all that we have – not materialistically – but for all the people in our lives who love us and give of themselves willingly to help us grow into being the best that we can be.

I cannot believe how quickly this calendar year has flown by. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Holy Trinity community - our staff and Governors – you are the foundation of all that is wonderful here at the school. My thanks also go out to our parents and family members for your continued support and collaboration in your child/ren's education and development – may this strong partnership continue into 2025 and beyond.

I want to wish everyone a very Happy, Holy and Blessed Christmas and look forward to welcoming our children back to school from 8.35am on Monday 6th January.

Have a wonderful break!



Catholic Life

Advent

"Heavenly Father, as we light the fourth Advent candle of love, may your love inspire us to love one another as you have loved us. Let your love guide our actions and words. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

'Well Done'

Handwriting Awards for this Term

Reception - Frankie

Year 1 - Yana Year 2 - Peter A

Year 3 - Nellie Year 4 - Aimie

Year 5 - Sophia Year 6 - Hamish

Headteacher's Award

Year 3 - For being intentional and prophetic in their dedication to rehearsals for the Carol Service and beautiful singing.

Attendance Award

Year 2 - 96%



SEN

Just a reminder that on Monday 13th January our Educational psychologist will be delivering a parent workshop at 2:00pm in the school hall. This will be themed around behaviour, emotional regulation and building resilience. Your child does not need to be on the SEN register in order for you to attend. Please email the office if you are able to make the workshop to give us an idea of numbers. There is no cost for this and we will provide hot drinks and sweet treats. Following this, on 20th January, we will be hosting our termly SEN coffee afternoon where SENDIASS will also be present.

ATTENDANCE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ON TIME

School Matters!



Our whole school attendance for this week is 93% which although around the national average, still remains below our minimum target of 96%.

The New Year is a time to renew and refresh, please ensure that your child is in school AND on time each day. The gates open at 8.35am and close at 8:45am. Missing out the Early Morning time each day equates to 50 minutes per week which is approximately 32 hours of extra learning which is equivalent to a week in school!

Winter Reading Challenge

Evidence demonstrates that reading for pleasure results in: increased attainment in literacy and numeracy; improved general knowledge; richer vocabulary and encourages imagination, empathy and mindfulness of others. Below is a link to the Winter Reading challenge. If your child chooses to take part, please ask them to share this with their class teacher.

<https://winterreading-challenge.org.uk/>



This Week in Pictures



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Michaelmas Term

Thursday 19th December	Whole School End of Term Mass - 9.10am
Thursday 19th December	School Closes at 12.05pm for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2025	Back to School
Thursday 9th January	Whole School Epiphany Mass
Monday 20th January	SEND Coffee Afternoon
Monday 3rd February	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check Year 3 & 4 Trip - Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Monday 17th February	Half Term Holiday

Mass Reminder

On Thursday 9th January we will celebrate our first whole school mass of the year together. You are warmly invited to join our celebration.

Christmas Masses

Please see below for timings of masses over the Christmas period.

Holy Trinity Chipping Norton

Christmas Eve: 5 pm Vigil of Christmas
11 pm Midnight Mass
Christmas morning 11am

St Teresa's Charlbury

Christmas Eve:
Midnight Mass 8 pm
Christmas morning 9.15 am

Reception Applications for September 2025

If you are a parent or carer with a child reaching the age of 4 between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, they will be due to start primary school in September 2025 and you have until 15th January 2025 to apply for their school place.

Please ensure that you apply in good time as, if you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child.

Safeguarding

Whilst Christmas is a wonderful and exciting time, for many families it can also be difficult due to continued work and financial pressures, as well as adjusting to different routines. Please see the link below on our website for Early Help support.

<https://www.holy-trinity.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/key-information/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

The Citizens Advice Bureau provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice on a wide range of issues.

<https://www.oxmindguide.org.uk/minditem/west-oxfordshire-chipping-norton/>

YOU MOVE

Low cost and free activities for families to enjoy together

<https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org/you-move>

YouMove is here to provide free or low cost activities for families living in Oxfordshire. If your child or children are in receipt of benefits related free school meals, or other eligible criteria, then we have a fantastic range of activities to enjoy together, including during weekends and school holidays. In addition, YouMove is here for children in need of support; this includes refugee children, young carers, children we care for or families highlighted by trusted early help providers.



SEND Parent Support course



A Course For Parents of Children & Teens With Additional Support Needs with



21st January - 11th February 2025

Venue: The Branch, 16 Market Place, Chipping Norton OX7 9NA.

This four-week course will provide tools for looking after your own wellbeing, alongside help and guidance for supporting your child's physical and SEND needs.

To find out more about the booking procedure contact: catherine.spring@thebranchtrust.org

CONNECT
A place to meet with other people & access support

**Tuesdays in term time
1-2.30pm @ The Branch
Market Place, Chipping Norton**

Everybody of all ages welcome!

*Helpdesk & appointments
with Citizens Advice available*