



To all in the St Francis Xavier community, thank you for all of your support over the past term and particularly for your generous donations to all of our fundraising events. Please see the items below for your information. From all at St Francis we wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Autumn Term - Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th December – Nativity EYFS – 10am
Nativity KS1 – 2pm

Tuesday 16th December – Nativity Y3 & Y4 – 2pm

Wednesday 17th December - Y5 & Y6 Advent Carol Service – 1:30pm **at St Peters in Chains church.**

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Party Day

Friday 19^h December – Christmas Dinner day

Friday 19th December – Carols around the Crib 1pm.

Friday 19th December – School closes at 2pm.

Monday 5th January – School Resumes for pupils

Carols around the Crib

Our Carols around the Crib service will take place on the 19th December at 1:00pm. We will be inviting parents to join us on the day. There is a limited number of tickets available (20). Tickets are allocated on a first come, first serve basis - please reserve your place via the school office.



Feast of the Epiphany

On Tuesday 6th January, we shall holding a special whole school liturgy to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Families are welcome to join us, please reserve a space by contacting the school office.



Winter Fayre

Thank you to all who attended our Winter Fayre on Friday 8th December. We are delighted that this event went so well, we will be continuing to sell our enterprise items over the next week and then will confirm how much we have raised This money will be invested in learning resources for the pupils.



School Closes at 2:00pm – Friday 19th December

On the final day of term, Friday 19th December, school will close at 2:00pm. The pupils will be dismissed at 2:00pm in the normal manner.

Pantomime

Years 1-3 had a wonderful time at the pantomime, Cinderella on Wednesday 3rd December.



School Choir

Well done to our school choir who have been bringing Christmas cheer to all through their performances at the Stirling centre and at our Winter Fayre.



No Rucksacks Permitted

Please note that rucksacks are **not permitted** in school. This is due to limited space in the class cloakrooms. Please send your child's belongings into school in a drawstring bag. This may be a school drawstring bag or a bag of your choice. Drawstring bags are available from the school office for £3.50

The Feast of St Francis Xavier

On Tuesday 3rd December, we were delighted to welcome Fr Darren into school to celebrate a Mass for the Feast of St Francis Xavier and to bless our Advent wreathes.



The Angelus

Throughout Advent each class will pray the Angelus at midday each day. If you would like to include the Angelus in your daily prayers at home, a copy of the prayer can be found on our website at: [Prayer and Liturgy | St Francis Xavier Catholic Primary School](#)

The Angelus is typically prayed during Advent at 6:00am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm.

Raffle Tickets

Thank you to all of you who purchased raffle tickets in order to help raise money for our school. Winners will be drawn at the Y3/4 Nativity performance next week. Tickets are still available from the school office or via ParentPay. All money raised will be invested in learning resources for the pupils.

