St Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

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CHRISTMAS FAIR 2026

Dear parents,

Our Christmas Fair is one of our biggest fundraising events and is always a great social occasion here at St Mary's. We hold our Christmas Fair on a biannual basis as we know they are demanding on families in several ways.

As you may know, families in all Catholic schools are asked by the Bishop to contribute towards the School Building Fund. This year's Christmas Fair proceeds will first be used to clear any remaining deficit in that fund. Following this, we plan to put all additional proceeds toward a proposed whole-school visit to the Christmas pantomime at the Storyhouse, Chester (more information will follow shortly).

Our Christmas Fair will be on **Thursday 3rd December** from 3.15pm onwards.

This year, we would like to start preparing for our fair as early as possible to spread out the requests on families and staff. With this in mind, we have the following planned:

Friday 13th November: non-uniform day in exchange for a donation for our Children's Lucky Dip or our 'Elfridges' children's shopping room (gifts for children to choose from, for adults at home)

Friday 27th November: Non-uniform day in exchange for a bottle for our Bottle Tombola.

Class Hampers: We are also collecting coloured items for the class hampers from next week. Hampers will be 'closed' and wrapped ready to sell tickets for a week before the fair.

EYFS	Rainbow
Y1	Silver/White
Y2	Gold/Yellow
Y3	Blue
Y4	Green
Y5	Purple
Y6	Red/Pink



We are hoping to have the following stalls at our Christmas Fair:

Cake stall, Bottle Tombola, Christmas Craft, Adopt-a-Teddy, Lucky Dip, Christmas Games, Hampers Raffle, Food and Drink, 'Elfridges.

We have a new stall idea this year, a children's only room "**Shopping at 'Elfridges**". Children can come into the Elfridges Room and choose a gift for a loved one at home. An adult will help them choose something appropriate, then help them to wrap it and write a label, all ready to take home for Christmas Day. These gifts will all be priced at £3-£4 each. Thank you to our school staff who have already made many donations to this stall.

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In order to facilitate the fair, all our staff stay and run stalls, as well as setting up and tidying up afterwards, but even with every staff member helping, we still don't have enough helpers. We do not have a PTA at St Mary's, but we do need help for events such as these to go ahead.

Please can you contact school if you are able to help on the day of the fair. Even if you are unavailable on the day of the fair, a few hours in the days leading up to the fair to help with preparation jobs would be appreciated.

In summary, we are collecting the following and would appreciate your help:

- **Bottles** – *Friday 27th November*
- **New items for Children's Lucky Dip or Elfridges** – *Friday 13th November*
- **Hamper Items** – *any day*
- **Good quality Teddy Bears –** *any day*
- **Cakes –** *on the day or the day before the fair*

Thank you for your substantial support – we hope to raise as much money as possible so that we have enough to subside a visit to the pantomime for every child in school. All help and contributions are warmly appreciated.

Kind regards,

Helen Thorpe

Mrs Thorpe
Headteacher