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Tuesday 16th December 2025

Dear Families,

As we approach the end of another very busy and productive term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. The staff and children have worked incredibly hard this term, and we are extremely proud of everything they have achieved. Strong partnerships between home and school ensure that we can offer the very best for the children, and we are truly grateful for all you do to support both the school and the wider community.

This term, we have been especially proud of how the children have grown, flourished, and shone throughout the Advent season. Their confidence, joy, and enthusiasm have been a delight to witness. From our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils performing at the Bridgewater Hall, to the wonderful EYFS and Key Stage 1 nativity productions, to the Key Stage 2 carol concert, every event has highlighted their talent and dedication. We were also incredibly impressed by the children who showcased their musical skills so beautifully in the guitar concert. Each performance demonstrated their hard work and the support they receive from home - well done to all of them.

This is my final update before we finish for the Christmas holidays on Friday.

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### Finishing Time - Friday 19th December

School will finish at 3.25pm on Friday 19th December.

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### Staffing

From January 2026, Mrs Jessop will begin a phased retirement. She will continue as Deputy Headteacher and will still oversee provision for children with Special Educational Needs but will reduce her working week to three days.

Following a thorough recruitment process, governors are pleased to appoint Mrs Hooligan as KS1 Phase Lead (full time) and Acting Assistant Headteacher for two days a week.



As part of our staffing restructure, Mrs Lee will offer support across Key Stage 2 with a particular focus on English and literacy.

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## Uniform

A gentle reminder that children should wear **sensible black school shoes**, not trainers.

Please also ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school when they return in January. Our full uniform policy is available on the school website.

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## Attendance and Punctuality

As always, good attendance and punctuality are essential for children to make strong progress. Ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time is one of the most valuable ways you can support their learning.

Please note that schools are no longer able to authorise absence for holidays or other non-exceptional circumstances. In addition, children who arrive after 9.25am will receive an absence mark for the morning session.

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## Year of Jubilee 2025

As we come to the end of the Jubilee Year, our school was honoured to receive the **Diocesan Anchor** from Holy Cross and All Saints. Our children participated reverently and respectfully in the celebrations and had the privilege of passing the Anchor on to St Teresa's as part of this special diocesan journey. It has been a meaningful and memorable experience for our whole school community.

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## Mass Times for Christmas

### Parish of St Teresa of Avila and St Joseph the Worker

In preparation for Christmas there will be a Penitential Service on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm at St Teresa's Church.

### Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

- 4.00pm - St Teresa's
- 6.00pm - St Joseph's



## Children's Christmas Nativity at St Teresa's Church 3.30pm Christmas Eve

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

- 9.00am - St Joseph's
- 10.30am - St Teresa's

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Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. We hope you enjoy a peaceful and joyful break with your loved ones. We send you every blessing for 2026!

On behalf of all the staff, thank you once again for your support throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the spring term on Monday 5th January at the usual time of 8.50am.

Sincerely,

E Clayton  
Headteacher

