



# STELLA Spotlight



'Together we strive for excellence, inspired by the joy of the Gospel'.

## Biking Viking Visit

The Biking Vikings will be in school raising money for Brain Tumour Awareness Charity on Wednesday 4th December. Children will meet the Vikings, listen to music and ask questions. As always, they will be selling crafts, jewellery and Christmas treats. Children can bring up to £5 into school on the day to use at the market stall.



## Whole School Mass

We will be holding a whole school Mass on Thursday 5th December at 9.05 a.m. for Advent.

All are welcome to attend.



## Church Car Park

Please note that the car park will be closed on the afternoon of Wednesday 4th December.

Can you please forward this message to whoever will be collecting your child on this day.

## Christmas Parties

Monday 18th - Year 1 and Year 2

Tuesday 19th - Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6

Wed 20th December - Nursery and Reception

On party days, children are invited to wear their own party clothes to school.

Lunchtime remains unchanged and children on packed lunch will still need to bring one on that day.



## Christmas Treat

On Friday 20th December children in Nursery and Reception are invited to come into school in cosy PJ's or even a Onesie. They will have a fun morning watching the Polar Express in the school hall with cinema sweet treats.



Please click on the image to take you to the Nativity dates and times.



This week Pope Francis reminds us,

"Jesus is not a figure from the past: he continues now and always to light the way for us."



Well done to Garden Club, who have worked hard to design a Christmas tree to display in the 'Brighten Ryton' Festival of Trees. Our tree is one of 25 trees, available to view, in Ryton Trinity Methodist Church. Why not pop along to this super family event and take a look.



### Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. We raised a grand total of £161.11 for the Royal British Legion.

### Christmas Dinner & Jumper day

On Friday 6th December children can wear their Christmas jumpers (instead of a school jumper). We will also be serving a Christmas dinner at lunchtime. Please note that there will be no jacket potatoes or sandwiches served on this day.

### Pre-Loved Holy Communion Wear

There will be an open day on Saturday 8th February of Preloved items at the Trusts head office in Washington. To arrange a visit please email: [ethos@bwcet.com](mailto:ethos@bwcet.com)

### Attendance

During celebration assembly on Friday, we have been celebrating whole class attendance and each week the class with the highest attendance will receive our Attendance Trophy, well done to **Reception** Class who won the trophy this week.

Week beginning: 25th November 2024	
Year group	Attendance percentage
<i>Reception</i>	<b>99.21</b>
<i>Year 1</i>	98.52
<i>Year 2</i>	95.83
<i>Year 3</i>	97.49
<i>Year 4</i>	98.15
<i>Year 5</i>	98.89
<i>Year 6</i>	94.07

St. Mary and  
St. Thomas Aquinas



Catholic Primary School

## ADMISSIONS 2025

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## Spotlight Celebration

### A Stella Star

Our children are Stella Stars and Lucy in Year 2 has shown us all how brightly she can shine. She recently had her hair cut and then donated this to the Little Princess Trust. I'm sure everyone can agree that is so wonderful. Well done Lucy.



Hallie started swimming lessons 2 months ago, and has just received her first badge, we are so proud.

Harry got trainer of the week for his team at Crawcrook United!  
Well done Harry.



Don't forget to send your images to Miss Green at [hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com](mailto:hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com)

## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 6th December

School Christmas lunch

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Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 9th December

Reception Nativity - Doors will open at 2.15 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. start

Tuesday 10th December

Keystage 1 Nativity - Doors will open at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start

Wednesday 11th December

Keystage 1 Nativity - Doors will open at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start

Thursday 12th December

Nursery Nativity - Doors will open at 8.30 a.m. for a 9.15 a.m. start

Keystage 2 Performance - Doors will open for Church at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start

Friday 13th December

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Thursday 19th December

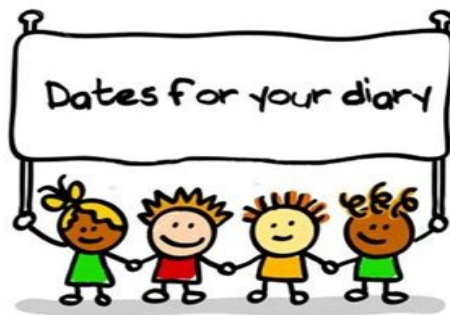
Christmas Mass 9.05 a.m.

Friday 20th December

Christmas Pantomime for Years 1 - 6 at the Tyne Theatre

Friday 20th December

Polar Express day for the children in Nursery & Reception Classes



Please note that if any of these dates change we highlight the new date in **Red**.

