



STELLA Spotlight



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



Our Stella Christmas Tree

As our Advent season is well underway, staff and children all through the school have helped decorate our wonderful Christmas tree. 'Tis the season...



Year of Prayer - Wednesday 4th December 2024

On Wednesday we take time out of our busy week to reflect on what we have and how grateful we are. A huge thank you to Grace McCabe and Joseph O' Neill Year 6 for hosting the broadcast along with Miss Wilson. **Please click on the praying hands** to hear it for yourself.



Christmas Parties

Monday 16th - Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 17th - Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6
Wed 18th 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 Mass Times

Christmas is a busy time for all, but one that reminds us of the essence of our being and the faith we share. Our parishes' Christmas Masses will be as follows:-
Christmas Eve :- 4.00 p.m. & 5.30 p.m. at Stella
Christmas Day :- 9.00 a.m. at St Agnes', Crawcrook;
10.00 a.m. at Stella.
Please note there will be no weekday Mass at either Stella or Crawcrook on Christmas Eve morning.

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



This week Pope Francis reminds us,
"God is merciful towards us. We too should learn to be merciful."



Gateshead Food bank

Today we launched our Christmas drive for Gateshead Food Bank. On this day, we ask everyone to bring in food donations to add to our tally and total weight. Each class will be collecting non perishable food items until the last day of term. All items will be boxed and then given to the food bank so that they can make up Christmas Hampers for those in need.

We would be grateful if you were able to bring in a tin or packet of dried food in each day before the end of the term. I wonder which class will collect the most!



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 **Year 2** who won the trophy this week.

Week beginning: 2nd December 2024	
Year group	Attendance percentage
Reception	94.84
Year 1	89.22
Year 2	100
Year 3	97.49
Year 4	82.22
Year 5	92.22
Year 6	96.67

Afterschool Clubs & Swimming

Friday 13th December will be the last swimming lessons of the term. These will resume again on Friday 10th January 2025.

Karate	Last lesson 9th December / Gradings 16th December
Art Club	11th December
Gardening Club	No Club on 10th December last one will be on 17th December
Grassroots	11th December
Tennis	12th December
Choir	The last one was on 3rd December

Thank you

A huge thank you to all of our families for supporting the Biking Vikings and the Brain Tumour Awareness Campaign. As a community we have raised a huge £620. Well done everyone.



Spotlight Celebration



Sam in Year 5 enjoyed his first archery lesson at the weekend and he got a Bulls eye. Looks like he could be a natural archer!

Don't forget to send your images to Miss Green at hgreen@smtb.bwcet.com

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 9th December
Tuesday 10th December
Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Monday 16th December
Tuesday 17th December
Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Friday 20th December

Reception Nativity - Doors will open at 2.15 p.m. for a 2.30 p.m. start
Keystage 1 Nativity - Doors will open at 1.45 p.m. for a 2.00 p.m. start
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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

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Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Party Day

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party Day

Nursery & Reception Party Day

Christmas Mass 9.05 a.m.

Christmas Pantomime for Years 1 - 6 at the Tyne Theatre

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**.



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