



# ST RAPHAEL'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2024



We have lots of activities planned and dates for your diary for the children during Advent and the run up to Christmas this year!



**ADVENT MASS:** Advent Mass will take place in school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am - everyone is welcome to join as we start our Advent journey.

**ADVENT REFLECTION:** We will be holding reflection sessions during Advent at which the children can take time to reflect and pray together. These will take place for the children in school each week during December as collective worship in the hall.



**CHRISTMAS CRIB BAGS:** The children will be bringing home advent worship bags from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. These are for you to share on the evening you have the bag as part of our advent journey and whole school community.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER & PARTY DINNER:** The Kitchen will be serving two festive meals with a Traditional Christmas Dinner on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and a Party Dinner on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. All children in school can have a meal on these days even if they normally have sandwiches. Each meal costs £3.48 for children in Nursery or Years 3 to 6, meals for children in Reception, 1 and 2 are free under the Universal Infant School Meal Initiative.



If your child does usually have sandwiches but would like a school meal on either or both of these days, please complete the online form below and make a payment online at [www.tameside.gov.uk](http://www.tameside.gov.uk) (Nursery and Years 3 to 6 only) before 10.00am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Orders will only be accepted via the online form. Please be aware that orders will not be accepted after this date due to kitchen deadlines.

**ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED ONLINE BY 10.00AM ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM AT**

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=uAQqYr0tek2Ro8b-g1UHn5umfc97sUFGIMD1JXLGqHtUNIVKN1oxQIM2N0IJRTdEMkxEWVBCSFVKRCQIQCNOPWcu>

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE AN ORDER FORM IF YOUR CHILD NORMALLY HAS A SCHOOL MEAL**



**CHRISTMAS FAIR & NON-UNIFORM DAYS:** This year the Christmas Fair will be held after school at 3.30pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the School Hall and in our Classrooms. We will have lots of activities as well as the traditional bottle and chocolate tombola, everyone is welcome, more information will follow!

In support of the Christmas Fair we will be having two non-uniform days and ask for donations on these non-uniform days as follows:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Chocolate Donations  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Bottle Donations**

**EYFS NATIVITY:** The children in Nursery and Reception Class will be performing a traditional Christmas Story in the School Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend this fantastic event, tickets are not required and doors will open at 9.00am, and we wish our children in EYFS good luck in their performance!





**KS1 PRODUCTION:** Year 1 and 2 will be sharing their Christmas Story in the School Hall on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.45pm and 6.00pm in the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend the performances, tickets are not required and doors will open at 1.30pm and 5.45pm for each performance. We are certain it will be a fun filled occasion!

**KS2 CHRISTMAS CAROLS:** Years 3 to 6 will lead a selection of Carols during assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, all are welcome.

**CHRISTMAS DISCO:** There will be a Christmas Disco in school at the end of term after school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The sessions will be run by school staff, and we ask that one parent for each nursery child stays with their child, no other parents are required to stay due to capacity in the hall. There be a DJ, Party Games and Prizes. Additionally, to ensure that the children don't need to bring any money on the day everyone will all be given a snack bag as part of their entrance fee which is to be paid online prior to the event.

#### THURSDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024

<b>EYFS, Year 1 &amp; 2</b> 4.30pm-5.45pm	4.30pm Arrival Through the main school reception entrance. 5.45pm Collect Reception at Year 3, Year 1 at Year 1, Year 2 at Year 2
<b>Years 3-6</b> 6.00pm-7.15pm	6.00pm Arrival Through the main school reception entrance. 7.15pm Collect Year 6 at Year 1, Year 5 at Year 2, Year 3 & 4 at Year 4

**If you would like your child to go to the Disco...**

**The cost per child for each Disco will be £5.00 this will be collected using SchoolMoney  
All entrance fees must be paid before the 19<sup>th</sup> December - thank you for your support.**

**PARTY DAY!** Christmas Party Day is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The children will have a day of Christmas fun including a visit from a very special guest - this is an own clothes day too so get your party clothes on!

**AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION:** If you use the After School Provision and have made bookings which you no longer require due to activities taking place, you cancel these via your MagicBooking account - help can be found [here](#) and via the help function within you MagicBooking account.

**PARISH MASSES:** Please visit the Church Website for up-to-date information about Advent & Christmas Mass times at St Peter's & St Raphael's Church in Stalybridge at [www.stpetersandstraphaels.org](http://www.stpetersandstraphaels.org).

**School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - School opens at 8.45am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in the New Year!**

NOVEMBER 2024		
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day - Festive Dinner Orders	10.00am
DECEMBER 2024		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas Crib Bags	NA
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Advent Mass	9.15am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations - Thank You	All Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day - Bottle Donations - Thank You	All Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS - Nursery & Reception Nativity KS1 - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance	9.15am 1.45pm & 6.00pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner - Order Deadline 25.11.24 Non Uniform Day - Christmas Jumpers Optional!	Lunchtime All Day
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 - Years 3-6 Carols in Assembly Christmas Fair	9.15am 3.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Party Day - Non-Uniform Day Party Dinner - Order Deadline 25.11.24 Christmas Disco	All Day Lunchtime See Above
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for Christmas	3.15pm