



**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**Dear Families,**

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Church Christmas Bazaar last Saturday. Your incredible support helped raise a staggering £7500 for our church - a true testament to the strength of our community.

Our Foundation children have filled us with pride this week. Their Nativity performances in church were simply delightful, embodying our December Virtue of JOY. The smiles on the faces of our audience said it all!

Tonight, our talented School Choir will be performing at the annual Menphys Carol Concert. We are wishing them the very best of luck and extend our gratitude to Mrs Thompson for her dedicated preparation and Mrs Auckland for accompanying them.

Looking ahead, we are eagerly anticipating the Year 1 and 2 Nativity plays next Monday and Tuesday. These performances are always a highlight of our school calendar, and they will be very special.

## Moments of Pride



*SWAP area in school. This is a space where any child can choose a book to keep at home. Children and their families are welcome to use this space every day (please see the attached flyer). It has already proved to be very popular!*

### Smartphone Free Childhood

Thank you to Daisy, Bella and Wilf from Year 6 who spoke to the BBC this week about Smartphones. Their mission is so admirable – they want to support younger children in being safe online and when using phones. The interview will be aired on BBC Radio Leicester in the new year as part of their 'Uncomfortable Conversations' series.

As we approach the end of term, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have such a supportive and engaged school community. Thank you all for your continued dedication to St Joseph's.

**Have a wonderful weekend,  
God bless,  
Mrs Dabbs**

## Key dates for your diary:

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** Last day of the term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**  
Christmas Holiday

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025** Back to school

## Christmas events



**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Reconciliations in school with Fr Chris for Year 4, 5 and 6 children

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Year 1 and 2 Nativity in the school hall at 2pm (ticketed event)

**Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Year 1 and 2 Nativity in the school hall at 2pm and 6pm (ticketed event)

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Church & Choir Carol Concert at Our Lady of Victories at 3pm (all families welcome)

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Benediction in Church at 11:30am (for years 2 to 6 – all families welcome)

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Theatre trip for Foundation & Year 1

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Choir singing in St Mary's Place at 1:30

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Choir singing at Rosewood Manor

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Dinner in school (please wear Christmas accessories, tinsel, headbands, hats...)

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Music Concert in the school hall – Musicians from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing (musicians' families are welcome to watch the concert)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** - PTFA Christmas discos in school – £2 to wear your own clothes to school – Christmas themed! Foundation, Y1 and Y2 at 1pm, Y3 and Y4 at 2pm, Y5 and Y6 at 3pm (parents to collect from school at 4pm)

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** - Christmas Liturgy in Church at 9:30am (all families and friends welcome to join us)

## PARENT and CARER – Exciting Offer!!

From **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024** to **Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025** a 20% discount will be available on fee-paying GoLearn courses across the county. The discount aims to encourage adults aged 19+ to take part in lifelong learning, improve employment opportunities, engage with their community, support their wellbeing, and stay active. Since our 2024/25 programme launched on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024, over 3,000 adults in Leicestershire have signed-up for community learning courses this academic year, and spaces are still available on over 250 courses starting from January 2025.

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