



Parent Bulletin 12/12/25

Lord of the Harvest,

*You saw the crowds and felt compassion for them.
You call us to be your labourers, to bring hope where there is despair,
to share kindness where there is hurt,
and to proclaim that Your Kingdom is near.*

*Give us courage to serve others freely,
as You have given to us without charge.
Help us notice those who feel lost and alone,
and guide us to be Your hands and heart in our school and community.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Welcome Message

Welcome to Week 6 of the half term. This week, pupils have enjoyed the KS3 trip to Chester Zoo as a reward for excellent attendance, a beautiful Carol Service at St Mary's Church and a fantastic cricket tournament for our Year 7 and 8 girls, as well as fantastic Tameside Cup match for KS4. Thank you for your continued support as we approach the end of term.

Assembly Focus This Week

The assembly focus has been Week 2 of Advent, with the theme of peace. During our Celebration of the Word, pupils reflected on the importance of peace in our lives and communities. They were also reminded about our ongoing harvest collection and the value of giving to others.

Chester Zoo Attendance and Behaviour Trip

This week, some of our KS3 pupils enjoyed a trip to Chester Zoo as a reward for their excellent attendance and behaviour. Despite the rainy weather, pupils had a fantastic time and we are incredibly proud of how they represented our school community. We look forward to organising more attendance trips in the future to celebrate and encourage outstanding attendance.

Year 7 and 8 Cricket Tournament

Some of our Year 7 and 8 girls had a fantastic time taking part in a cricket tournament at school this week. The all-day event featured some outstanding performances and we are



incredibly proud of their teamwork throughout the competition. Well done to everyone involved!

KS4 Girls Tameside Cup Quarter-Final Victory!

Our KS4 girls' football team performed incredibly well in the competition for the Tameside Cup this week with an amazing 13-0 win against Laurus Rycroft. The goals came from across the team: Niamh M (5), Mia E-C (3), Liv C (2), Alexi T (2), and Emily E (1). Well done to all involved!

Diocesan Art Awards

We are delighted that Sienna T and Abigail B in Year 11 have won the prestigious Diocesan Art Prize. Out of many entries submitted across the Diocese, their exceptional work was selected as winners. Today, they were presented with certificates and prizes by Damian Cunningham, Schools Officer for the Diocese of Shrewsbury. This is a fantastic achievement, and we are incredibly proud of their creativity and talent!

Christmas Dinner Day – Wednesday 17th December

We're excited to announce that Wednesday 17th December is Christmas Dinner Day! The cost for this festive meal, which includes a full roast and a sweet treat, is £2.61. There will be a choice of two drinks priced at 40p each, as well as a choice of sandwiches and snacks for those who do not wish to purchase a Christmas dinner.

If your child would like to join in, please ensure you top up ParentPay in advance.

Early Finish for Christmas

School will finish for the Christmas break on Friday 19th December, and pupils will return on Monday 5th January. On this day, pupils will finish at 12.30pm and the school bus will be available for those who need it. Pupils will enjoy an extended break time with a brunch offering in place of lunch. This will also be a non-uniform/Christmas jumper day in aid of Caritas, an incredible charity working to eradicate poverty globally. We kindly ask for a minimum donation of £1 via ParentPay. Thank you for your continued support in making a difference.

Important Update - Mock Exams - 2026

Please note that the dates for the Year 11 mock exams have been moved from January to February. This change allows pupils additional time to revise and prepare, as well as to benefit from the next set of intervention sessions. With the Christmas holidays approaching, we



recognise the importance of rest and relaxation; however, this is also a crucial period for revision and addressing any gaps identified in previous assessments.

To support their learning, pupils are encouraged to use resources such as MathsWatch, Sparx Reader, Sparx Science, the Padlet page, and the SharePoint document to strengthen their understanding and prepare for the upcoming exams.

Catholic Life

Annual Carol Service

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our annual Carol Service at St Mary's Church this Thursday. We hope the event helped you get into the Christmas spirit! A huge well done to our amazing pupil choir and readers.

Harvest Food Bank Collection

As part of our Harvest celebrations and commitment to giving back to the community, we are collecting donations for two local food banks until Monday 15th December. We would greatly appreciate contributions of tinned and canned foods, which will help support those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity.

Caritas Fundraising

We are proud to support the charity Caritas, which is guided by the values and principles of Catholic Social Teaching and inspired by the Gospel. Caritas works with people facing poverty. To support this important work, we will be hosting a non-uniform day on Friday 19th December and kindly ask that donations of £1 minimum per child are made via ParentPay.

Christmas Card Competition

We are thrilled to announce that Abigail B in Year 11 has won our in-school Christmas Card Competition! Her beautiful design was chosen from many fantastic entries submitted by pupils across the school. A huge thank you to everyone who took part and shared their creativity.

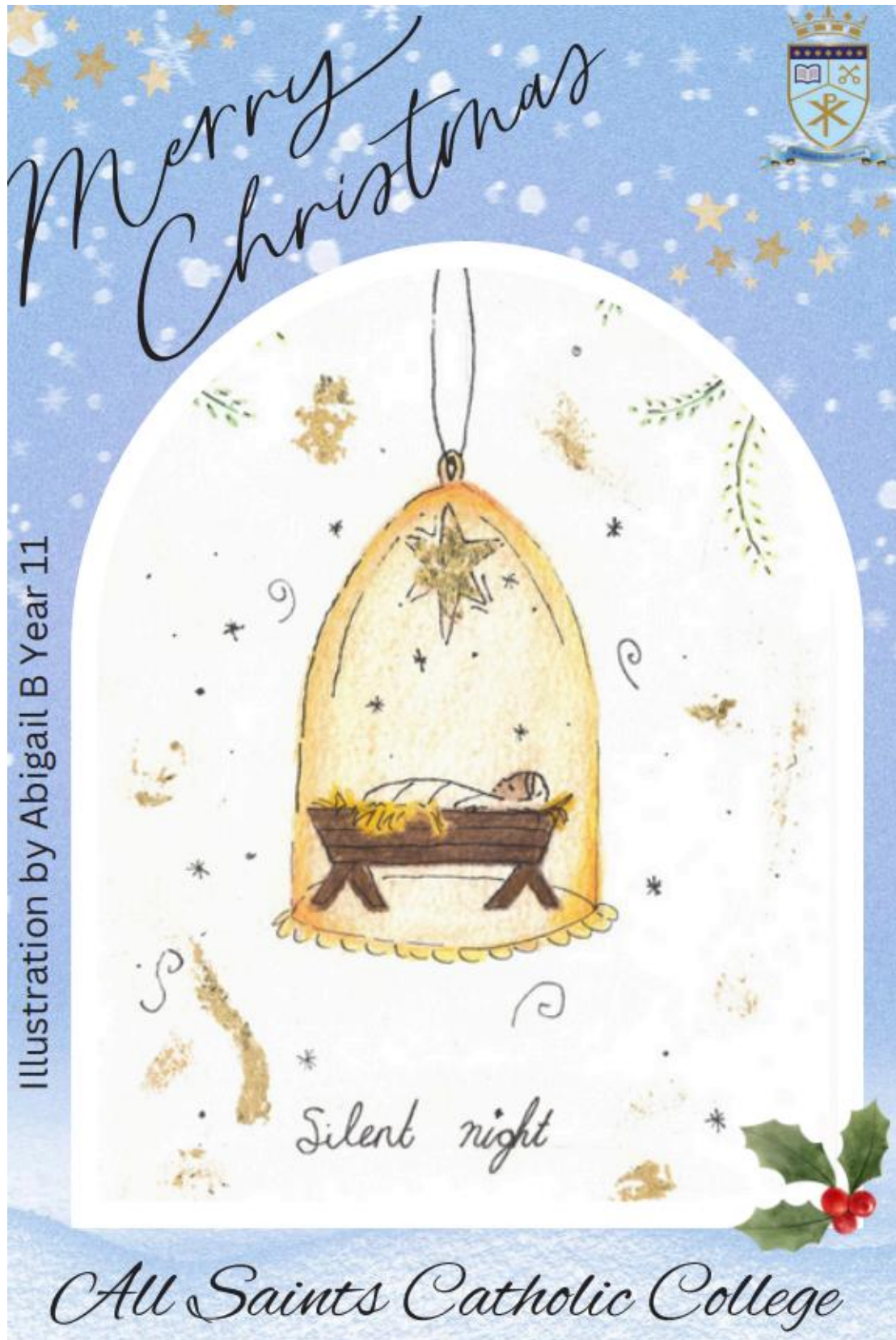


Illustration by Abigail B Year 11

All Saints Catholic College



ASAPs – Celebrating Achievement

We continue to celebrate pupil success through our All Saints Achievement Points (ASAPs) system. Pupils earn ASAPs for positive behaviour, effort, and contributions to school life. Once a pupil reaches 1,000 ASAPs, they will be awarded a Bronze Badge to recognise their achievement.

Some of our star pupils this week are:

- Mercy A - 7 Assisi
- Alexandra G-T - 8 Carlo Acutis
- Amelia D - 9 John Paul
- Samuel H - 10 Ward
- Harry H - 11 Kolbe

Rewards Assemblies

During the final week of term, all pupils will take part in rewards assemblies where we will celebrate their achievements and successes from this term. These assemblies are a wonderful opportunity to recognise hard work, effort and progress before we break up for the Christmas holidays.

Attendance

Ensuring that your child attends school each day is essential to their progress and academic achievement. We thank you for your support in ensuring that your child has excellent attendance.

Best form attendance this week:

- 7 Assisi
- 8 Assisi
- 9 Teresa
- 10 Teresa
- 11 Ward

The form with the best attendance this week is 8 Assisi - well done! As a result, they have been rewarded today with a hot chocolate during afternoon form time. We are looking forward to seeing who will win next week!



Save the dates:

- **Year 9 Parents Evening - 15th January 2026**
- **Options Evening - 5th February 2026**
- **Year 11 Parents Evening - 26th February 2026**

Final message

Please see the term dates at the bottom of the bulletin which have now been published for 2026/27.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Ms Gilligan



Term Dates for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term	First Day	Last Day	Days
Autumn 1	Thursday 3 rd September	Friday 23 rd October	37
Half Term Holiday	Monday 26 th October	Friday 30 th October	
Autumn 2	Monday 2 nd November	Friday 18 th December	35
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December	Friday 1 st January	

Spring Term	First Day	Last Day	Days
Spring 1	Monday 4 th January	Friday 12 th February	30
Half Term Holiday	Monday 15 th February	Friday 19 th February	
Spring 2	Monday 22 nd February	Thursday 25 th March	24
Easter Holidays	Friday 26 th March	Friday 9 th April	

Summer Term	First Day	Last Day	Days
Summer 1	Monday 12 th April	Friday 28 th May	34
Bank Holiday- Monday 3rd May			
Half Term holiday	Monday 31 st May	Friday 4 th June	
Summer 2	Monday 7 th June	Friday 16 th July	30

Staff Training

Date
Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026
Friday 27 th November 2026

Two school days are disaggregated into six twilight sessions throughout the school year and will not affect pupils.