



Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents/ Carers,



Monday Assembly:

On Monday we celebrated the feast day of Christ the King which is the final Sunday of the liturgical calendar – the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. The season of Advent begins on Sunday. We thought about why Jesus is a King. We remembered that Jesus is the Son of God. He came to share the truth of God's love for all people with us. He came to show us how to live, to teach us to help others, to love our neighbours and to share with them.

Thankyou Mrs Lees for leading our assembly on Monday.

Advent:

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting our first candle on the Advent Wreath on Monday and the children will be making their Advent Promises.



The Travelling Cribs will be going home today and we hope that you enjoy sharing the prayers and reflections with your children

During Advent we talk to the children about the true meaning of Christmas and how Advent is a really special time. As a Catholic school we talk about church and how our Parishes are also preparing for Christmas.

Advent is a lovely time for children to be in church. Our three Parishes will also be lighting their

wreaths and very soon the cribs will be ready.

Christmas Crib:

As the children continue their journey of faith during Advent, each class will be sending home a 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag containing a wooden crib, a tea light and a special prayer to share together as a family during this important part of the liturgical year.



Each class has one 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag and therefore we ask that it is returned to school the next day to ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to share in this experience during Advent.

Your child will take home either the 'Travelling Rosary', the 'Christmas Crib' or the 'Lenten Cross' at some point during the academic year.

The response from families who took home the 'Travelling Rosary' was very positive; it was a lovely opportunity for the children to share with you how we pray in school. I am sure that those families who receive the 'Christmas Crib' will experience a similar time of prayer and reflection this Advent.

EYFS Nativities:

We are really looking forward to welcoming Nursery & Reception parents into school to share our Nativities with you.

Each production will last approximately 20 minutes. and the timings are as follows:

- **R1: Tuesday 10th December 9.30am**
- **R2: Wednesday 11th December 9.30am**
- **RN3: Thursday 12th December 9.30am**
- **Nursery: Friday 13th December 9.30am**



Class 2W Parent Prayer & Liturgy:

Thankyou Class 2W parents who joined us for Class Prayer & Liturgy on Thursday. It was a lovely way to end our week and to share our prayer intentions with our families.



Welcome Workout:

Thankyou Year 1 parents for joining us on Thursday for this week's 'Welcome Workout.' It was a great start to our day!



Maths Mastery:

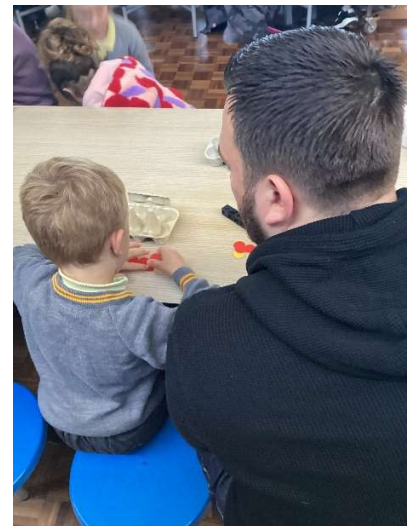
Thank you to all of our year 1 parents who joined us at the Year 1 Maths Mastery workshop on Tuesday. If you couldn't make it, your child will have brought home an activity pack so that you can join in at home. Maths mastery helps to lay a strong foundation for more complex maths in the future.

Governors:

This week the school Governors attended their second Full Governing Body meeting of the year so far.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Claire Sullivan and Mr Sean McMonagle to our board of Governors as our new Foundation Governor and Parent Governor.

We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Deborah Dodd who has been on our governing board for many years. We thank Mrs Dodd for her amazing support and dedication over the years and we send her on her way with lots of love and prayers.



At this week's meeting, Mrs Glynn and Mrs Lees gave the Governors a full update on work and activities in school, including the Catholic Life of Cheadle Catholic Infant School, SEND, budget, safeguarding and the work currently underway in relation to each area of the curriculum. We also discussed the action plan for the rest of the school year. Governors were pleased to hear about our allotment developments as well as high attendance of parents at parents' evenings and parent workshops/ events

One of the many policies ratified by the governors this week was the safeguarding policy for 2024-25. Please click on the link below to read this year's policy.

www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Safeguarding-Policy-2024.pdf

The term dates for 2025/ 26 were also agreed. Please click the link below to view them.

<https://www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/School-Holidays-202526.pdf>

Christmas Fair:

Today the children, staff and parent helpers have been busy setting up the school for the Christmas fair.

The grotto is ready and I have had a message from the North Pole to say that Santa is on his way and is looking forward to meeting all of the children from Cheadle Catholic Infant & Junior Schools.

A huge THANKYOU to all of you for your help in getting the Fair organised.

Please note that the stalls will be cash only.

The school looks fantastic and we are looking forward to welcoming you here tomorrow 10am-12.30pm.

A huge thank you to Mark Toombs from Nottcutts who has once again kindly donated a beautiful Christmas tree to school. The tree will bring lots of festive joy to the children, staff and parents over the coming weeks.



Christmas Cards:



We know that our children love to give and receive Christmas cards, it is an important Christmas tradition and brings lots of joy to many people. We also know how time consuming it can be for you and for the staff who have to help children give out all of their cards. This year we would again like to offer an alternative suggestion. We would like each child to send one card only to their whole class. In this way we will be supporting the environment and you will also be saving money. The cards will be displayed in the classrooms for all to see.

This is, of course, only a suggestion.

Please note that if you do send in individual cards they will only be given out on a Friday so that teaching time during the week is not impacted.

Parish News:

St Ann's news:

St Ann's are currently developing their youth ministry within the Parish. This will consist of a group of children of any age who want to be involved in the Mass. They will be given the opportunity to read bidding prayers, help with the offertory, collections and welcoming. Once children have made their Holy Communion they could train to be an Altar Server if they wish.

Children who participate regularly will receive medals and certificates as a thankyou for their ministry.

If any child wants to be part of the group they just need to turn up at 5pm Mass on Saturday or 11am Mass on Sunday and speak to Carol, Lorraine, Hilda or Julie.

St Vincent's news.

The St Vincent's annual " Toy Mass" is on the 1st Sunday of Advent, December 1st and it is being led by the children themselves. If you would like your child to sing, do a reading, take up the gifts or take part in any way, please contact stockport3parishes@gmail.com .

Christmas events for children at St Vincent's

Toy Mass	December 1st;	9.30am
Christingle Service	December 15th	3pm
Crib afternoon	December 18th	from 3pm
Children's Vigil	December 24th	4.30 pm
The Nativity of the Lord	December 25th	9.30am

Universal Infant Free School Meals.

The week beginning 2nd December will be Week 1. Please click on the link for the menu.

www.cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Cheadle-RC-Inf-My-School-Menu-Week-1-.pdf

Admissions. If you have a child due to start school in September 2025 (born between September 1st 2020 and August 31st 2021) online applications are now open. The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2025**

Applications for nursery places for September 2025 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31st March 2025.**

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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Congratulations to our new Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Finlay & Thomas

R1: Pippa & Isla M

R2: Serena & Edward

RN3: Harry & Finn O

1O: River & Lucas

1DW: Jamie & Haylia

1BW: Noah & Olivia

2L: Kayley & Oliver

2W: Dawson & Ivy

2N: Felicity & Ralph

Diary Dates

Saturday 30th November: 10am-12.30pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 19th November 6-7pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Saturday 30th November 10am-12.30pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 3rd December 5-6pm	Open Evening for 2024-25 parents
Thursday 5th December: 8.50-9.10am	Year 2 Welcome Workout
Tuesday 10th December 9.30am	R1 Nativity
Tuesday 10th December: 5.45-6.30pm	Bedtime Stories
Wednesday 11th December 9.30am	R2 Nativity
Wednesday 11th December 5.45-6.30pm	Bedtime Stories
Thursday 12th December 9.30am	RN3 Nativity
Friday 13th December 9.30am	Nursery Nativity
Tuesday 17th December	Santa Dash: Wear Santa hats or Christmas fancy dress. Buckets will be available on the day for donations.
Wednesday 18th December: 5pm	Year 2 Carol Service at St Ann's (All welcome)

Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Party Day Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 6th January	School opens for Spring Term