



## Advent: Love

We lit the second candle on our Advent wreath this week focussing on the virtue of Love. This candle is also known as the Bethlehem candle. 'Let all that you do be done in Love' (1 Corinthians 16:14). In addition, Fr Karol blessed our copies of the new translation of the Lectionary which were used for the first time at Mass in school on Tuesday.

## Love in Action

Also, on the theme of love, a group of students from St John Fisher and St Thomas More were trained to be ambassadors for Caritas on Monday by Sister Judith Russi. This involved looking at the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and working together to formulate action plans to apply these principles into concrete actions. The day ended with the students presenting their action plans to a small panel of leaders and discussion about how these will be implemented across both schools. Well done to all students involved, thank you to Sister Judith and we look forward to the next stages.

## CAFOD

Thank you for the donations to CAFOD yesterday during our Christmas themed mufti day. Special thanks to the Sixth form leaders who arranged additional stalls and activities throughout the day.

## Progress 8

You may have seen the article in the Peterborough Telegraph about Secondary school Progress 8 scores being published this week. We were very pleased with our Progress 8 score of 0.67 which is classed as 'well above average.' Well done to everybody!

*Kate Pereira*  
Executive Headteacher

## Celebrating a Busy Term

The Sixth Form started our series of celebration assemblies today. We believe in celebrating our successes whether it be high attendance, positive attitude to learning, achieving merits, completing the DoFE, becoming Caritas ambassadors or simply being helpful. Next week, each House will have their celebration assemblies and it is always a lovely way to celebrate each others' and our own successes!

## Last Day of Term

Advanced warning that we finish school on Friday 20 December at 2pm. As usual, we celebrate Christmas

together on this last day of term with a liturgy and a Christmas meal for all staff and students to enjoy.

## Return to School

School opens for all on Monday 6 January 2025.

*Mrs Wilmore, Head of School*

## Catholic Schools Carol Service

Last Thursday evening we celebrated our Catholic Schools Carol Service. It was an incredibly beautiful night, which began with a candlelit procession with the students humming and then singing Silent Night. St John Fisher were joined by St Thomas More, Sacred Heart, and St John Henry Newman. Each school sung their own prepared carol, which was interspersed with congregational carols and readings telling the Christmas Story. What a truly wondrous evening it was and how wonderful the children sang and read! Our grateful thanks to so many who were involved; to all the readers, musicians, choirs and especially Mrs Pearson our music lead who led all the schools as a joint choir and to all the music leads at each school for all their hard work, rehearsals and conducting! It is so important to recognise how much goes on as part of the preparation for an evening such as this so my final thanks go to our Site Team, Catering staff, IT staff and everyone who was involved.



*Mrs Goodfellow, Lay Chaplain*

## Sixth Form News

This week we have had much to celebrate in the Sixth Form. First, we welcomed our new Student Leaders. Urte Ginkute and Dawyn De Azevedo are our Head Students and they will be supported by Lilly Hutchings and Oskar Ciach as our Deputy Head Students. We look forward to hearing what they plan to do in the New Year and welcome them in their new roles as our Student Leadership Team for 2025.

We also celebrated all of the great things that our Sixth Form students have been doing over the past term. This included celebrating good attendance, attitude to learning, progress and saying goodbye to our Student Leaders from this year. Thank you to all those students that have contributed positively to the Sixth Form this term and especially to Sean O'Shea, Claudia Rodrigues-Pires, Jasmine Lewis and Andre Acquaye for all their hard work over the past year.

*Mrs Reay, Assistant Headteacher*

## Extra-Curricular Activities 2024-2025

### Monday Lunchtime

All Years – Choir – Room 101  
All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Film Club  
All Years – Boys Basketball – Sports Hall  
All Years – Chaplaincy Ambassadors – Chapel  
Year 10 – Italian Club - 209

### Monday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years - Boys/Girls Football - Astro  
All Years – Netball Club – Courts  
All Years - Homework Club Study Centre  
Key Stage 4 – Basketball – Sports Hall  
Year 9 – Food Club – Room 306  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### Tuesday Lunchtime

All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Girls Basketball & Benchball – Sports Hall  
Year 7 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### Tuesday After School

All Years Homework Club Study Centre

### Wednesday Lunchtime

All Years – String Ensemble – Room 101  
All Years – Maths Help Club  
All Years – Girls Football – Sports Hall  
Year 7 – Drama Club – Room 501  
Year 8 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

### Wednesday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years – Badminton Club – Sports Hall  
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre  
Ad-hoc – Production Rehearsal - 501

### Thursday Lunchtime

Key Stage 3 – Art Club  
All Years – Choir – Room 101  
All Years - Maths Help Club  
All Years – Cricket Club – Sports Hall  
All Years – Optional Studio Space - 501  
Year 9 - Blooklet Club French – Room 211

### Thursday After School

Duke of Edinburgh activities  
All Years – Fitness – Gym  
All Years – Homework Club Study Centre

### Friday Lunchtime

Christmas lunch  
School closes @ 2pm

**Academic Tutoring**  
**Year 11**  
**2 December – 13 December**  
**2024**

Upcoming Events	
16-19 December	House Celebration Assemblies
20 December	End of Term school closes at 2pm.
9 January	Certificate Collection Evening 3.30pm – 4.30pm for Summer 2024 examination series

## Safeguarding Reminder

A reminder to all parents that the school car park is only to be used by staff or parents that have been invited for booked appointments with staff members. Please do not drop off or collect students within the school grounds, for the safety of all students. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

## Appointments

Medical appointments for students need to be made outside of school hours and, if unavoidable, proof of the appointment must be provided.

*Mr Olaman, Deputy Headteacher*

## Free School Meals

Is your child eligible for free school meals? We are keen to make sure they get the support they need, both short term with meals / vouchers but longer term in terms of schools support via the pupils premium. If you think you may be eligible please complete the form online at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). Claiming Free School Meals not only provides your child/children with a meal allowance each day of £2.70 but also brings in valuable additional funding to the school.

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get).

To apply for Free School Meals complete the Free School Meal Application Form on the website below [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals).