



St. Edward's NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers and the St Edward's family,

We have come to our last day of school before Christmas at the end of what has felt like a very long term. A big thank you for all your support during these challenging times. A really big well done to all of our staff who have worked so hard to keep our school going, and have kept the teaching, and the recovery moving, at such a pace. A massive thank you to all the children. They are truly an inspiration to us all in the way they have followed all of the new rules and have adapted to a new way of learning, both in the classroom and at home.

I am so glad that we have managed to have some class parties and we have put together a wonderful Nativity production. Plus, we were able to finish with a whole school Christmas Mass. Thanks to the wonders of technology, I promise that we will continue with our Christmas celebrations in the new year, including our Christmas lunch and further class parties for any year groups which have been working from home recently. Hopefully, Father Christmas will still manage to visit some of our younger children during the first week back. Obviously he will be very busy on Christmas Eve, but we have asked him to stay a little longer this time.

I wish you and all of your families a restful and peaceful Christmas. I am well aware that for all of us, this will be a Christmas like none other, but we have each other to always lift and support us through difficult moments. Our Lord will keep us strong, and will always be there for us.

On behalf of the staff and the governors, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and happiness over the holiday, and new year. Please remember to keep safe at all times.

We look forward to seeing you all on 4th January, 2021.

*God Bless
Mr P Underwood*



School Nativity

The school have been working hard to put together a Nativity that showcases some of the many talents the children possess. Here are some of the photos while preparing for the Nativity video. Please [click here](#) to watch the whole school production video. There is another version of each classes videos which will be shared on our website! Please look out for it. This will also be available in our YouTube channel, Thank you.



"FOLLOWING CHRIST WE REACH OUR GOALS"



Jupiter and Saturn are set to cross paths in the night sky, appearing to the naked eye as a "double planet".

The timing of this conjunction, as the celestial event is known, has caused some to suggest it may have been the source of a bright light in the sky 2,000 years ago.

That became known as the Star of Bethlehem.

The planets are moving closer together each night and will reach their closest point on 21 December.

Keen stargazers in the UK will have to keep a close eye on the weather to avoid an astronomical disappointment.

"Any evening it's clear, it's worth grabbing a chance, because the weather doesn't look great," Dr Carolin Crawford from the University of Cambridge's Institute of Astronomy told the BBC.

(Article extracted from the BBC website)

*Star of
Bethlehem*



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Christmas Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas eve. (24th Dec.)

6:30pm, 9:00pm & Midnight (12am)

Christmas day (25th Dec.)

8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

Boxing Day(26th Dec.)

9:15am

Sunday, 27th Dec.

8:30am, 10:00am & 11:30am

*May the blessing of
Jesus Christ fill your
lives with utmost
Love and Peace.*

M E R R Y

Christmas

and a
Happy New Year
2021!

GOSPEL - LUKE 1:26-38



26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth,

27 to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

28 He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, you who enjoy God's favour! The Lord is with you.'

29 She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean,

30 but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour.

31 Look! You are to conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus.

32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David;

33 he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'

34 Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I have no knowledge of man?'

35 The angel answered, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God.

36 And I tell you this too: your cousin Elizabeth also, in her old age, has conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, 37 for nothing is impossible to God.'

38 Mary said, 'You see before you the Lord's servant, let it happen to me as you have said.' And the angel left her.

Prayer for Everyone

Lord, in a season when every heart should be happy and light, many of us are struggling with the heaviness of life—burdens that steal the joy right out of our Christmas stockings. In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again.

This Christmas, make it real in our hearts. Touch our hearts and make us feel thy everlasting love, protection, peace, hope and joy. Make us remember that you are always by our side.

Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now.

Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting—that Your love never changes, never fades, and that You never abandon the purpose for which You came: to save us from our sinful condition, and to give us life eternal, the joy of relationship with a holy God.

Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever.

Amen.