



NOTRE DAME DU ROSAIRE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING TOGETHER, LOVING GOD



Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly wonderful term for our school community. Our children and staff have worked incredibly hard and achieved so much. Throughout the term, pupils have enjoyed a wide range of visits and trips that have enriched their learning and brought it vividly to life beyond the classroom.

Over the past month in particular, we have joyfully celebrated the season of Advent through our beautiful Christmas nativities, carol services and our recent joint Mass with St Mary & St Michael Catholic Primary School, which brought our wider Catholic school community together in prayer and thanksgiving. These moments have been a real highlight and a reminder of the strength of our shared faith.

Our children have also represented the school brilliantly in sport, taking part enthusiastically in football and netball fixtures. We look forward to rugby starting again next term, alongside the return of the Trinity Shield tournament, which we were proud to win last year against the other Catholic schools.

As always, our Catholic community has shown extraordinary generosity and compassion through its fundraising and charitable work. This term, we have raised enough to fund a week's stay in the baby flat in Southampton for a family whose child may need treatment at Southampton Children's Hospital. We have also contributed over 60 shoeboxes to the Rotary Shoebox Scheme, bringing Christmas gifts to children who would otherwise go without. In addition, we collected over 100 pairs of high-quality shoes for the St Nicholas Shoe Scheme, ensuring that practical support reaches those most in need.

We are hugely grateful to our fantastic PTFA for their continued dedication and hard work. The movie night, Christmas parties and raffle, complete with an array of beautiful hamper, were all tremendous successes. Our thanks also go to Hanson's Grab & Go for providing such delicious party food for our celebrations.

The term concluded with a joyful Celebration Assembly, where we awarded house trophies and cups and celebrated the many achievements of our pupils. We also said a fond and heartfelt farewell to Mrs Robert, who is leaving us to begin a new chapter elsewhere. She will be greatly missed, and we thank her sincerely for her contribution to our school.

As we enter the Christmas season, we are reminded of the true message of Christmas: to show love, kindness and compassion, and to think of those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We encourage families, where possible, to attend Mass over the Christmas period—details can be found on the following page.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the term. I wish you and your families a peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year, filled with joy, hope and God's blessings.

Warmest regards,
Mrs Robertshaw





Christmas Mass Times

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday 24th December

St Joseph 5.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

OLSS 6.30 pm Christmas Carols

OLSS 7.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

St Joseph 8.40 pm Christmas Carols

St Joseph 9.00pm Mass during the Night

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25th December

Notre Dame 8.00 am Mass at Dawn

OLSS 10.00 am Mass during the Day

St Joseph 10.30 am Mass during the Day (No Evening Mass)

Friday 26th December ST STEPHEN

St Joseph 10.00am Mass for all Altar Servers

Saturday 27th December ST JOHN

St Joseph 10.00am

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday 20th December 10am at St Joseph's Church.

This is the main opportunity for confessions, so please make every effort to attend in Preparation for Christmas.

May this sacred time bring peace and joy to each of us and to our parish community. - Father Inna

