

HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2021

**Awake Awake, for the Lord is coming**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the season of Advent we look forward to preparing together for the celebration of the coming of Our Lord at Christmas.

In light of the continued pandemic and to keep us all safe and well, the performances in **red will only be available to watch on livestream. We will not be recording the performances and this will be your only opportunity to join us watching live from your device.** You will need to complete the GDPR Christmas consent form by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November please. This will be available on 'forms' on ParentMail.

This year we are challenging our Upper Key Stage Two pupils to take on a more active role in leading the younger children with understanding the liturgical season of Advent. Year 6 pupils will be leading the whole school in our Advent days. The children are writing their own liturgies with exciting PowerPoints and will be teaching classes for the day! Year 5 are providing an opportunity to bless our Advent wreath, listen to the scripture readings and share the meaning of each week through Advent focusing on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of Advent.

**Our Advent days are to also help reach our £400.00 target that we have pledged to the St Vincent De Paul Society to feed the homeless in Birmingham this winter. We have supported this charity for many years and they do a wonderful job with your kind and generous donations. Thank you for sending in £1.00 on your child's Advent day.**

We are hoping to bring some festive joy to the local community with our school choir carolling at Morrisons and hopefully visiting the local residents and Parish Leisure Club. This will be dependent on our risk assessment of the current covid situation.

The children will be receiving their Advent calendars. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a family in song and prayer.

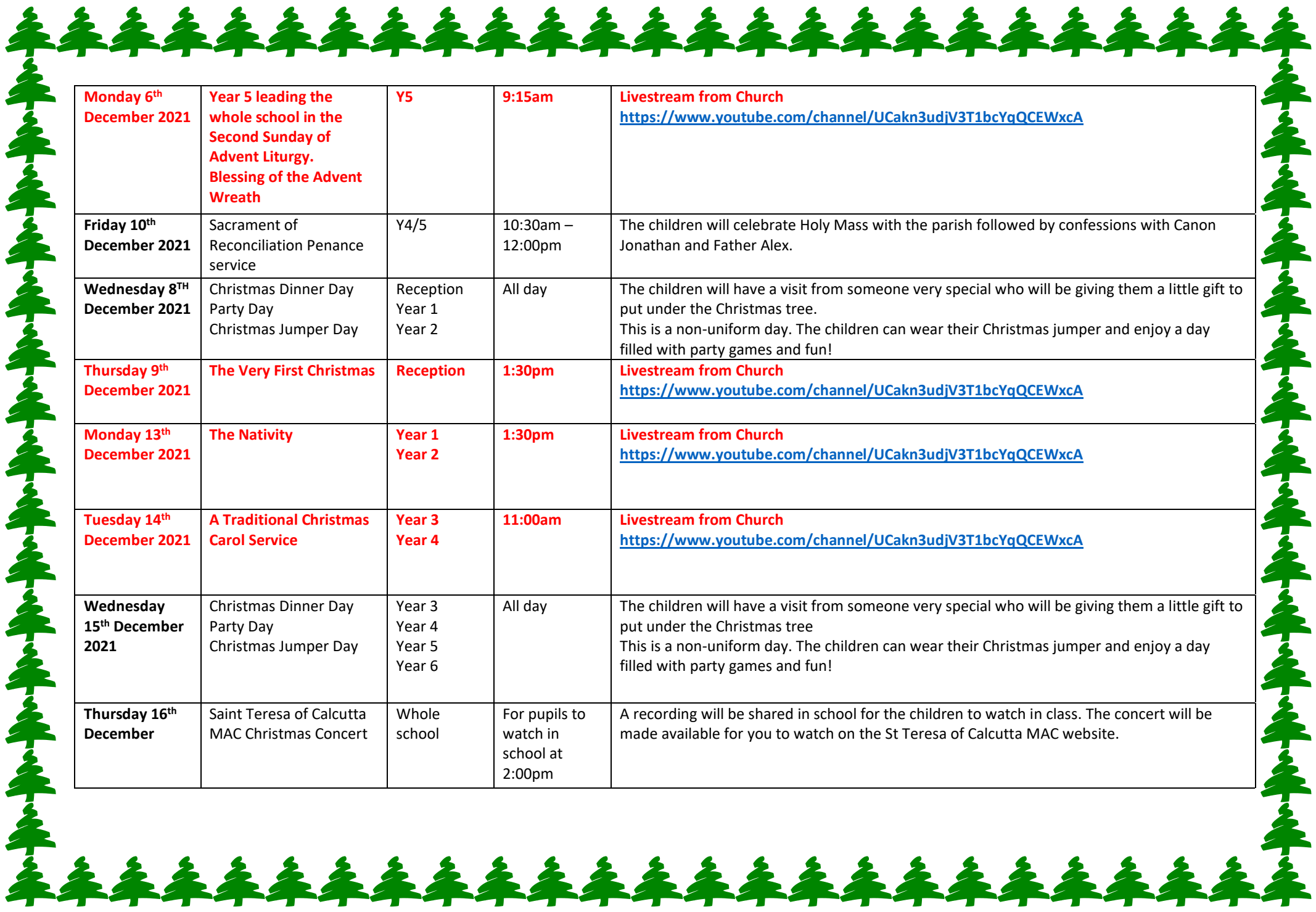
**May we open our Advents hearts in faith, hope, love and joy as we walk together to celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Thank you for your help and understanding as we continue to keep each other safe.**

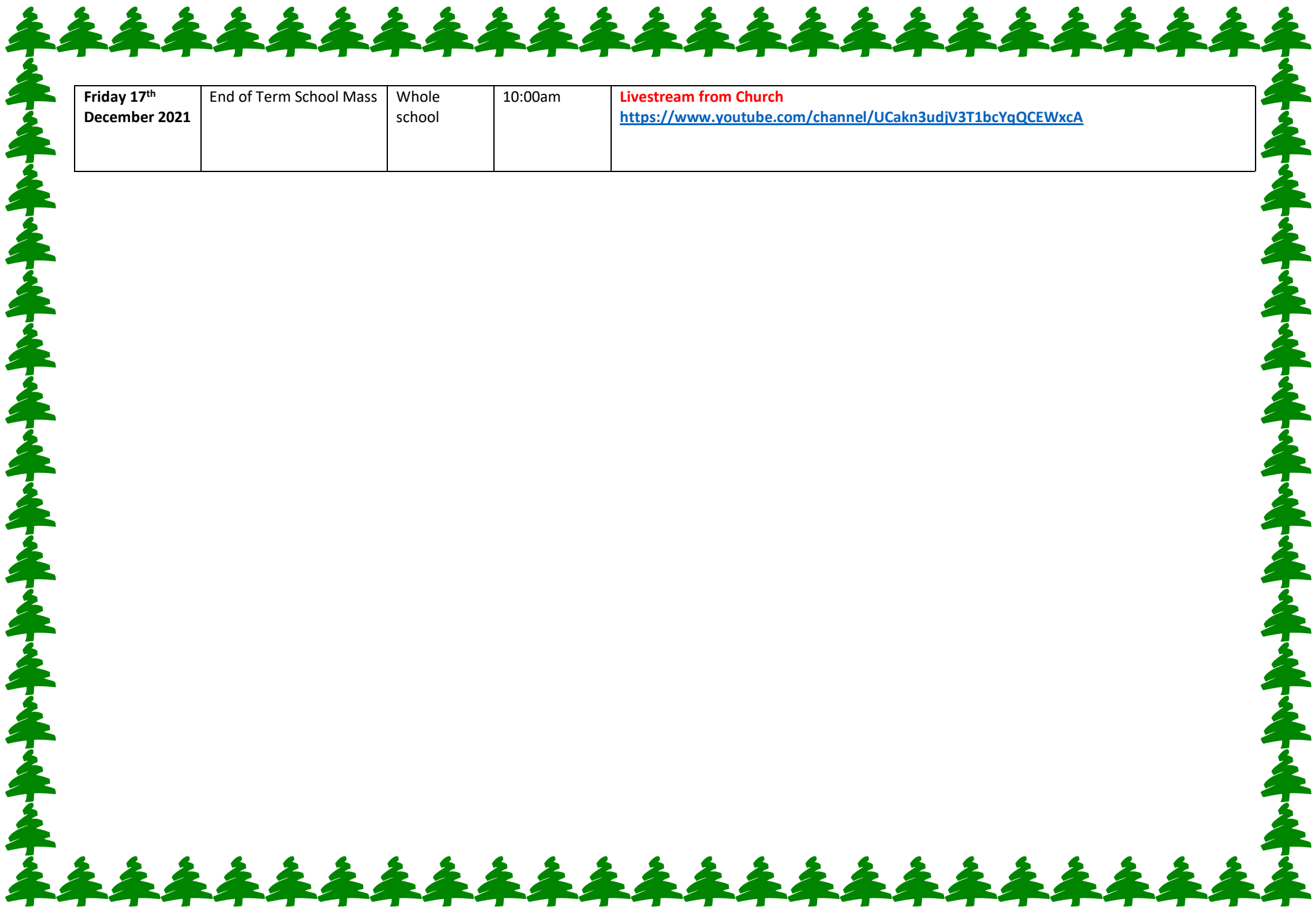


**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT SHOULD THE COVID PANDEMIC WORSEN IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CANCEL PERFORMANCES AT SHORT NOTICE.  
WE APOLOGISE IF THIS HAS TO HAPPEN AND APPRECIATE YOUR UNDERSTANDING.**

DATE	EVENT	YEAR GROUP	TIME	INFORMATION
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021</b>	Preparing for Advent with Year 6 children leading the liturgy and organising and leading our off timetable do something different Advent Day.  Blessing of the Christmas Tree and light switch on.	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6  The Young Disciples	All day  9:45am	This is a non-uniform day. Please wear <b>purple</b> . £1:00 donation for the SVP to feed the homeless in Birmingham this Christmas.  Canon Jonathan
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	Preparing for Advent with Year 6 children leading the liturgy and organising and leading our off timetable do something different Advent Day.	Reception Year 1 Year 2	All day	This is a non-uniform day. Please wear <b>purple</b> . £1:00 donation for the SVP to feed the homeless in Birmingham this Christmas.
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021</b>	<b>Year 5 leading the whole school in the First Sunday of Advent Liturgy.</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Livestream from Church</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA</a>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Penance service	Y6/5	10:30am – 12:00pm	The children will celebrate Holy Mass with the parish followed by confessions with Canon Jonathan and Father Alex.



<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b>Year 5 leading the whole school in the Second Sunday of Advent Liturgy. Blessing of the Advent Wreath</b>	<b>Y5</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Livestream from Church</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA</a>
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation Penance service	Y4/5	10:30am – 12:00pm	The children will celebrate Holy Mass with the parish followed by confessions with Canon Jonathan and Father Alex.
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	Christmas Dinner Day Party Day Christmas Jumper Day	Reception Year 1 Year 2	All day	The children will have a visit from someone very special who will be giving them a little gift to put under the Christmas tree. This is a non-uniform day. The children can wear their Christmas jumper and enjoy a day filled with party games and fun!
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b>The Very First Christmas</b>	<b>Reception</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Livestream from Church</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA</a>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b>The Nativity</b>	<b>Year 1 Year 2</b>	<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Livestream from Church</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA</a>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	<b>A Traditional Christmas Carol Service</b>	<b>Year 3 Year 4</b>	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>Livestream from Church</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA</a>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	Christmas Dinner Day Party Day Christmas Jumper Day	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5 Year 6	All day	The children will have a visit from someone very special who will be giving them a little gift to put under the Christmas tree This is a non-uniform day. The children can wear their Christmas jumper and enjoy a day filled with party games and fun!
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Saint Teresa of Calcutta MAC Christmas Concert	Whole school	For pupils to watch in school at 2:00pm	A recording will be shared in school for the children to watch in class. The concert will be made available for you to watch on the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC website.



Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	End of Term School Mass	Whole school	10:00am	<b>Livestream from Church</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCakn3udjV3T1bcYqQCEWxcA</a>
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