



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Advent Term 2025 Newsletter 11



"With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully busy and joy-filled week it has been here at St Mary's as we begin our Advent preparations. On Wednesday, we were grateful to welcome Fr Jithu, who joined us to bless our Advent wreath—a special moment that helped centre us as we look forward to the coming season.

The excitement continued with M+M Productions' annual pantomime; this year's performance of A Christmas Carol was thoroughly enjoyed by all and brought plenty of laughter and festive spirit. Some of our pupils also had the privilege of joining other schools for an Advent reflection at the Cathedral, a beautiful opportunity for prayer and togetherness.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Buck, who will be joining the teaching team in January as our new Assistant Headteacher. We look forward to the experience and enthusiasm she will bring to St Mary's.

In addition to all of this, we are excited to share that new play equipment will soon be installed on the school field. New additions to our playground have already begun to arrive and are being constructed. These developments form part of our commitment to encouraging imaginative play and enriching the children's outdoor experiences.

...and of course, today's Christmas Fair was a fantastic success—wow, what a turnout! It was wonderful to see so many families, friends, and members of our community coming together to support the event. Thank you for your generosity, warmth, and continued support; it truly makes our school the special place it is.

Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed Advent season.

**Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen**

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion



The Blessing of the Advent Wreath



On Thursday Fr Jithu together with our Mission team led the whole school in a celebration of the word including an Advent Wreath Blessing. During this celebration of the word Fr Jithu reminded us that each one of us carries a light that comes from Jesus.

Term Dates

Advent Term 2025

Term starts: Monday 3rd November 2025

INSET Day: Friday 21st November 2025

Term ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Lent Term 2026

INSET Day: Monday 5th January 2026

Term starts: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Term ends: Friday 13th February 2026

Half Term:

Monday 16th February 2026-Friday 20th February 2026

Advent Reflection at the Cathedral



Thank you to our group of pupils who represented the school at the Advent Reflection. This is an annual event where the Northampton Catholic Schools join in song and prayerful reflection, as we journey through this Advent Season.

Key Dates this term

9th December- Y 4 Carol Singing at Nazareth House

9th December – PTA School Disco

Please book your child's place on MCAS by 6th December- Please note bookings are closing soon.

10th December- Reception/ KS1 Nativity Production

2 performances: 9.45am and 2pm-

No admission after start times

12th December- Carols on the Square **3.45pm**

16th December – Christmas Lunch + Christmas Jumper day

17th December – KS2 Christmas performance 'A Silent Night'

2 performances: 10.45am and 2pm-

No admission after start times

19th December – Last Day of Term

School Pantomime Experience- A Christmas Carol



We welcomed M&M Productions into school on Wednesday who gave a wonderful performance of A Christmas Carol. The children were delighted when the characters moved down the central aisle of the hall and brought two members of staff up to assist with the dancing. Everyone had a brilliant time. Thank you very much for your payment contributions; this really helps us in providing these opportunities for the children.

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The School Choir Performance



Our school choir delighted everyone with an impromptu performance during today's celebration assembly, sharing one of their favourite songs with the whole school. Their enthusiasm and teamwork shone through and created a lovely moment for all. On the 16th December, the choir will be performing a short concert for parents, showcasing the songs they have been working hard to perfect. We look forward to celebrating their talent once again.

Poetry Recitals- Year 6 and Reception



We really enjoyed a poetry recital from Year 6 and Reception classes. The Year 6 pupils spoke clearly and confidently as they recited *The Eagle* by Lord Tennyson, and the reception children charmed everyone with their lively performance of *Humpty Dumpty*. Both groups did a wonderful job and made the event truly memorable.

Christmas Fair



Thank you for supporting the PTA Christmas, Fair. Well done to our pupils in the school council and Pupil leaders for assisting with the stalls. Thank you to staff and parents who also helped and gave their time so generously to support the school.

School Council and Head Pupils Stall



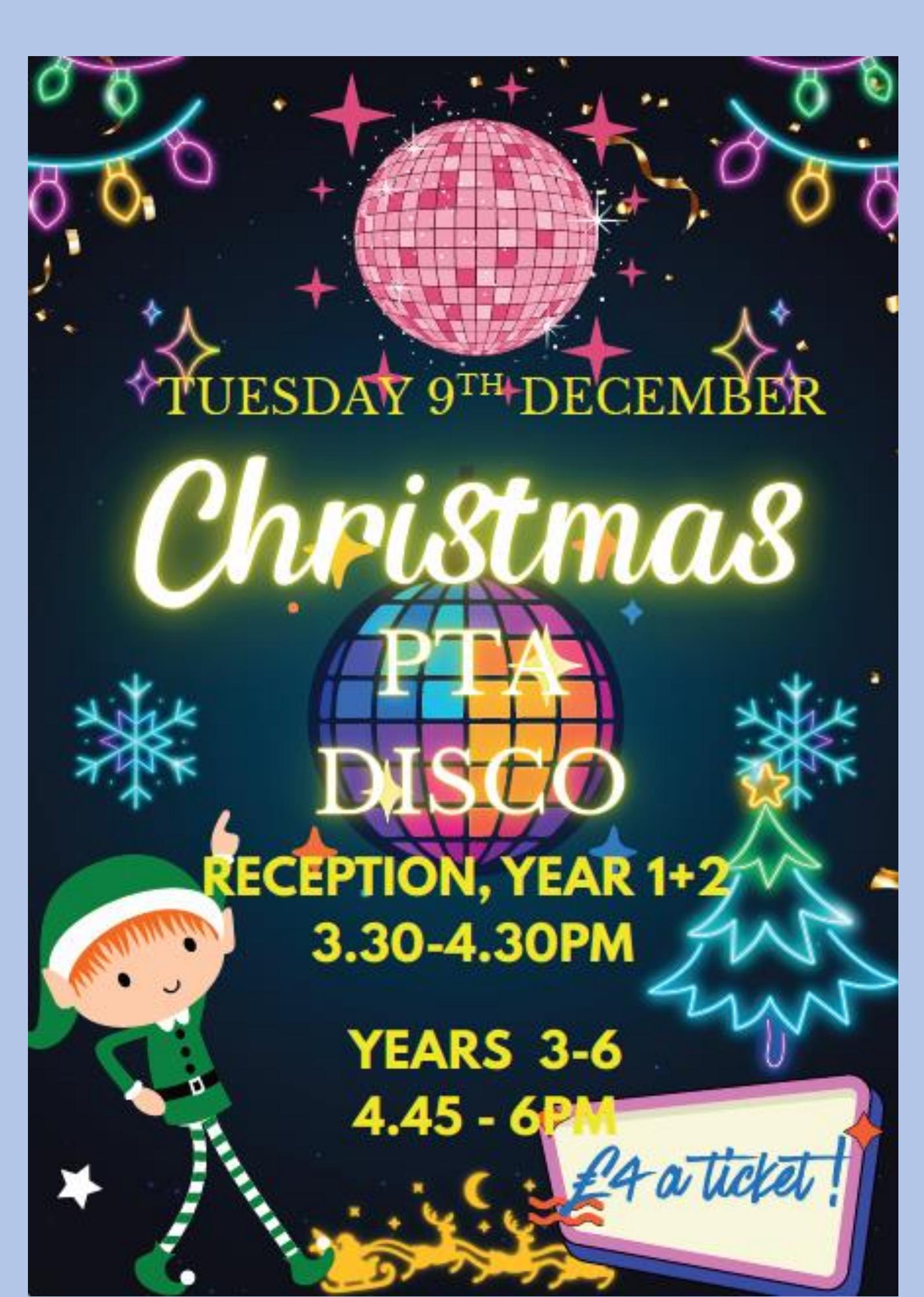
Well done to our School Council for their creativity and hard work in making such lovely crafts for the Christmas Fair. Their thoughtful designs and teamwork helped make the event extra special, and we are very proud of their efforts!

New Play Equipment Installation



We are delighted to announce that new play equipment will be installed on the school field over the coming weeks. This exciting addition will offer our pupils fresh opportunities for active play, imagination, and outdoor fun. We can't wait to see the children enjoying the new space once it is ready!





TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Christmas

PTA
DISCO

RECEPTION, YEAR 1+2

3.30-4.30PM

YEARS 3-6

4.45 - 6PM

£4 a ticket!





TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER

**RECEPTION, YEAR 1+2 ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
FROM
3.30-4.30PM**

School staff will supervise from 3.15pm and children will need to be collected from their classes at 4.30pm

**YEARS 3-6 ARE INVITED TO
ATTEND FROM 4.45 - 6PM**

Children must arrive with and be collected by a responsible adult from their usual classroom at 6pm. Please leave coats and mobile phones with the adult that drops off.

**Tickets are available through
MCAS all proceeds will go to PTA
funds for some more exciting
events.**



£4 a ticket!