



The Redeemer

Church of England Primary School

Headteacher: Mr M Power

20th December 2024

Monthly Update – December

Dear Redeemer friends and family,

We have nearly reached the end of 2024 – what a term it has been!

Visits, trips, pantos (Keep Right), Christmas Fairs, Nativities ...an extra Nativity, (Chicken Pox) Cathedral Carols, parties, lunches and then on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week Ofsted came knocking on our 'inn' door! However, there was room at our 'inn' and all at The Redeemer warmly welcomed our visitors. To quote of one of our pupils - it all went 'splendidly'! (The report will be published towards the end of January.)

Continuing the Nativity theme, Mr Devine is soon to become Father Devine, as the birth of his and Nicola's first child is imminent. We pray for the safe delivery of their bundle of joy.

Within each end of year message, I thank you all: children, carers, parents, colleagues and Governors for your continued help, understanding and kindness. I hope that the absolute sincerity of my gratitude to you all, rings out clearly in this message. This last week, has been truly humbling, as all in our family have shared their gifts - especially the gift of time with a generosity of spirit that is awe-inspiring. Working together, is a celebration of so many individuals and their many talents, which not only allows our children to learn, but to grow into the caring future for which we hope.

Finally, in this time of gift giving, I am really sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Aspinall who has been a colleague, a friend and a motherly figure to us all since 2004 when The Redeemer first opened its doors. In all those years, Mrs Aspinall has supported some of our most loved children with devotional care: not just the written curriculum, but playing Boccia, singing, dancing, craft work and reading stories of dragons to the very end for Macauley. If we didn't have the resources in school, Mrs Aspinall brought them in from home. (Mr Gill said that she was a Guinness Book of Records Holder for the number of bags she carried into school each day.)

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If staff have been ill she has volunteered to work in their place. If Mrs Aspinall wanted to raise money for charity she got out her knitting needles and made woollen hats. There are so many ifs, that Mrs Aspinall has turned into a reality as a force for good. Jackie we ALL thank you. If it were not for the fact that you are retiring to your beloved Tom and family, it would be so much harder to say goodbye. But we send you our very best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

Mr Power

Headteacher

Nativities

What an incredible two weeks it has been at our school! Our youngest pupils from Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 put on a series of outstanding Nativity performances. Reception shared their traditional Nativity, Year 1 performed Stable Boy, and Year 2 delighted audiences with Bethlehem B&B.

Our pupils worked tirelessly to learn their lines, dances, and songs, showcasing their hard work and talent in front of more than 600 people across four performances. A heartfelt thank you to all parents, carers, and families for your continued support, and to our dedicated staff whose hard work made these memorable performances possible. Well done, everyone!



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Christmas at The Redeemer

Christmas at The Redeemer is always an incredibly special time, and this year has been no exception. The festive spirit arrived on 29th November when our magnificent 12-foot Christmas tree was unveiled. Pupils and staff transformed the school with beautifully decorated classrooms and corridors, setting the stage for a season filled with joy and celebration.



Since then, we've enjoyed a host of festive events, including Nativity performances, a spectacular Cathedral performance, and a special Nativity for guests from Branch Court Care Home. We've shared a delicious Christmas lunch, enjoyed pantomimes and a magical 'Pantivity,' held fun-filled class parties, gathered for Carols by the Tree, and concluded with our heartfelt final Carol Service.

We hope all our children have cherished these special moments, celebrating the season's message of joy, hope, and love. Thank you to everyone who helped make this Christmas truly unforgettable!



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Careers Week

A heartfelt thank you to the many parents and carers who responded to our Careers Week appeal. We've received an overwhelming number of volunteers, and we are excited about the opportunities this will create for our pupils. Mr. Smallridge will be in touch soon with those who have kindly offered their time as we begin planning for Careers Week 2025. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Key Dates Spring 1 2025

To assist you in planning ahead, please find below the key dates for the Spring 1 term.
Please note dates may be subject to change.

Tuesday 7th January

School reopens for Spring 1

Monday 27th January

Careers Week

Wednesday 29th January

Open Afternoon – Whole School 15:20 – 17:15

Friday 14th February

Break up for Half Term

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