Newsletter 12

Cheadle Catholic Infant School

27th November 2026

We love because He first loved us • 1 John 4:19

Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Monday Celebration of the Word:

On Monday we celebrated the feast day of Christ the King which is the final Sunday of the liturgical calendar – the last Sunday of Ordinary Time. The season of Advent begins on Sunday. We thought about why Jesus is a King. We remembered that Jesus is the Son of God. He came to share the truth of God's love for all people with us. He came to show us how to live, to teach us to help others, to love our neighbours and to share with them.



Advent:

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We will be lighting our first candle on the Advent Wreath on Monday and the children will be making their Advent Promises.



The Travelling Cribs will be going home on Monday and we hope that you enjoy sharing the prayers and reflections with your children

The Travelling Crib prayer bag contains a wooden crib, a battery tea light and a special prayer to share together as a family during this important part of the liturgical year.

Each class has one 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag and therefore we ask that it is returned to school the next day to ensure that as many families as possible have the opportunity to share in this experience during Advent.

Your child will take home either the 'Travelling Rosary', the 'Christmas Crib' **or** the 'Lenten Cross' at some point during the academic year.

The response from families who took home the 'Travelling Rosary' was very positive; it was a lovely opportunity for the children to share with you how we pray in school. I am sure that those families who receive the 'Christmas Crib' will experience a similar time of prayer and reflection this Advent.

During Advent we talk to the children about the true meaning of Christmas and how Advent is a really special time. As a Catholic school we talk about church and how our Parishes are also preparing for Christmas.
Advent is a lovely time for children to be in church. Our three Parishes will also be lighting their wreaths and very soon the cribs will be ready.

EYFS Nativities:

We are really looking forward to welcoming Nursery & Reception parents into school to share our Nativities with you.

Each production will last approximately 20 minutes. and the timings are as follows:

- **R1: Tuesday 8th December 9.30am**
- **Nursery: Wednesday 9th December 9.30am**
- **R2: Thursday 10th December 9.30am**



Year 2 Carol Concert: Tuesday 15th December

- **St Ann's Church 5pm: ALL welcome**

Parish news:

St Ann's: To mark the first Sunday of Advent, children attending the 11am children's liturgy will have the opportunity to make their own Advent wreath.

Christmas Markets:

Christmas officially arrived at Cheadle Catholic Schools today with our annual Christmas Markets! There was a wonderful festive atmosphere throughout the school as the children explored the stalls, guided by our fantastic Year 6 helpers. A huge thank you to Mrs Marshall for all her hard work in making the day so special for everyone, and a big well done to our Year 6 pupils for being such wonderful helpers.



Have you ever heard of Jolabokaflod?



Roughly translated it means **'Christmas Book Flood'** and it is the Icelandic tradition of giving and enjoying books on Christmas Eve with a cosy blanket and a delicious treat.
Every year we have our own Cheadle Catholic version of the Jolabokaflod. This year ours will be on Thursday 17th December. All the children need is a blanket/ cushion and a book from home (or they can read one of the many we have in school) so that they can enjoy a calm and cosy Christmassy reading session with their friends at school. It also makes a lovely Christmas tradition to try at home as well.

Christmas Cards:



We know that our children love to give and receive Christmas cards, it is an important Christmas tradition and brings lots of joy to many people. We also know how time consuming it can be for you and for the staff who have to help children give out all of their cards. This year we would again like to offer an alternative suggestion. We would like each child to send one card only to their whole class. In this way we will be supporting the environment and you will also be saving money. The cards will be displayed in the classrooms for all to see.

This is, of course, only a suggestion.

Please note that if you do send in individual cards they will only be given out on a Friday so that teaching time during the week is not impacted.

Christmas in Stockport: festive things to see and do:

Get into the Christmas spirit with festive events across Stockport's libraries, museums and Stockroom, with something for all ages to enjoy.

Please click the link below for more information:

https://news.comms.stockport.gov.uk/x1-ph-2hq1/Share

Christmas Fundraising for The Christie:

So many members of our Cheadle Catholic family have been touched by cancer, and many of us have sadly lost loved ones to the illness. We all know the incredible work that The Christie does, so as part of our Christmas fundraising, we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Thursday 17th December** in exchange for a donation to the charity.

Children are welcome to wear whatever they like, including their sparkly Christmas outfits! Please note that the following day (**Friday 18th December**) is our Christmas Party Day, which will also be an own-clothes day.

Year 1 Maths Workshop:



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Tuesday morning for our Year 1 Maths Workshop. It was wonderful to see parents and children working together and exploring how we use practical objects and materials to bring maths to life in the classroom. The morning was a great success. If you were unable to attend, don't worry—we will send this week's maths pack home in your child's blue bag.

Reception parents who wish to attend the workshop on **Tuesday 19th January 9.15am-10.15am** please click on the link to register.

https://forms.gle/EdXRdnA2udCo6tL28

PSA News:

Tickets – On Sale Now!
Each child has been sent home with **two books of raffle tickets** in their bag. Tickets are just **£2.50 per book**, and all funds raised will go directly towards supporting our schools.

If you're able to sell your books, please return the **completed ticket stubs** along with **£2.50 cash per book** to the **school office/class teachers by Friday 11th December.**

If you're unable to sell any tickets, please simply return the **unsold books** to the school office so they can be redistributed.

Thank you for your support and good luck in the draw!





Bedtime Stories:

TICKETS £6 per child

The Bedtime stories will be on the following evenings and are open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2:

Wednesday 9th December: 5-6pm

Thursday 10th December: 5-6pm

Bookings can be made via Parent Pay

Open Evenings

We will be hosting one more Open Evening this year for 2027 prospective parents.
This will be held on:

Tue 8th Dec 6-7pm

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2027 please ask them to email admin@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk in order to book a place.

Admissions. If you have a child due to start school in September 2027 (born between September 1st 2022 and August 31st 2023) online applications are now open. The closing date for Reception applications is **15th January 2027**

Applications for nursery places for September 2027 are also being accepted online.

To apply for a September 2027 start, your child must have been born between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.

Closing date is **31st March 2027**
www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If you have any queries please email the admissions team at admissions.support@stockport.gov.uk

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Glynn.

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Congratulations to our new Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Dania & Ari

R1: Ella & Bligh

R2: Eddie & Isabel

1O: Jacob & Liliana

1DW: Louie & Meredith

1AB: Lily & James

2L: Freddie & Ava

2W: Beck & Sam

2N: James & Isla

Provisional Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th December	R1 Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 8th December	Open Evening for 2027-28 parents 6-7pm
Wednesday 9th December	Nursery Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 9th December	Bedtime Stories 5-6pm
Thursday 10th December	R2 Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 10th December	Bedtime Stories 5-6pm
Tuesday 15th December: 5pm	Year 2 Carol Concert at St Ann's Church
Wednesday 16th December: 9.30-10.15am	Coffee morning at school with our school choir: ALL WELCOME
Friday 11th December	PSA Cake Sale
Thursday 17th December	Jolabokaflod
Thursday 17th December	Wear own clothes to school in aid of The Christie
Friday 18th December	Christmas Party Day
Friday 18th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January	School opens for Spring Term

Christmas Club:
Practically Family do not offer a Christmas Holiday Club but for parents who need one, Meadowbank Primary School offer a **mix of paid places and free HAF-funded places**
HAF vouchers were sent out yesterday.

(Flier on next page).

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MON 21 – THU 24 DECEMBER

YEAR 1+

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CAMP

AT MEADOWBANK PRIMARY · SK8 2LE

4 days of sport, games & festive fun

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ACTIVITIES

- Festive Games & Fun
- Football
- Dodgeball Games
- NERF Games
- Handball
- Mini Olympics
- Arts & Crafts
- Multi-Sports
- Cinema Afternoon

CHOOSE YOUR DAY

NEW: EARLY & LATE PICK UP

Standard	Early Start	Late Finish	Full Day
8:45am–3:30pm	7:55am–3:30pm	8:45am–5:30pm	7:55am–5:30pm
£26	**£31**	**£33**	**£36**
4 days £104	4 days £124	4 days £125*	4 days £139*

SCAN TO BOOK

*Thu 24 Dec finishes at 3:30pm – late pick-up runs Mon–Wed parents.esc-schools.co.uk/school/meadowbankprimary

HAF funded Book via Holiday Activities

Childcare vouchers accepted

20% off each extra sibling

OFSTED registered

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