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Cheadle Catholic Infant School

28th November 2025



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.

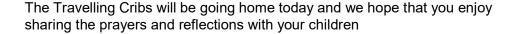
Dear Parents/ Carers,

Monday Assembly:

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 this 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.





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.

Christmas Crib:

As the children continue their journey of faith during Advent, each class will be sending home a 'Christmas Crib' prayer bag containing a wooden crib, a 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.

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:

- R2: Tuesday 9th December 9.30am
- Nursery: Wednesday 10th December 9.30am
- R1: Thursday 11th December 9.30am
- RN3: Friday 12th December 9.30am



Year 2 Carol Concert:

Wednesday 17th December: St Ann's Church 5pm: ALL welcome

Class 1DW & 1BW Parent Prayer & Liturgy:

Thankyou Class 1BW & 1DW parents who joined us for celebration of the word this week. It was a lovely way to end our week and to share our prayer intentions with our families.





Maths Mastery Workshop

It was great to welcome Year 1 parents into school this week for the Maths Mastery Workshop. Hopefully, you picked up some useful tips and you'll have fun trying out the activities together at home.

If you couldn't make it, your child will have brought home an activity pack so that you can join in at home.

Nursery Welcome Workout!

Thankyou for joining us on Thursday morning Nursery parents. What a great way to start the day! We hope that you enjoyed it.



Mini Vinnies:

We are excited to introduce you to our new Mini Vinnies group, the junior branch of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVP). This program is centred on 'caring and sharing' and is a fantastic way for our children to put their faith into action by serving others in their school and local community. Our Mini Vinnies will be helping us to look at creative ways to fundraise and identify people in need so we can actively support them and make a real difference in their lives.



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 18th December. All the children need is a <u>blanket/ cushion</u> 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.



Foodbank Support:

If you require any support from local foodbanks over the Christmas period please contact Mrs Glynn in confidence.

headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk

Governors:

This week the school Governors attended their second Full Governing Body meeting of the year so far.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Emily Cahill to our board of Governors as our new Foundation Governor.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Clare Shaw who has been on our governing board for many years. We thank Mrs Shaw for her amazing support and dedication over the years and we send her on her way with lots of love and prayers.

At this week's meeting, Mrs Glynn and Mrs Lees gave the Governors a full update on work and activities in school, including the Catholic Life of Cheadle Catholic Infant School, SEND, budget, safeguarding and the work currently underway in relation to each area of the curriculum. We also discussed the action plan for the rest of the school year. Governors were pleased to hear how hard our children are working as well as high attendance of parents at parents' evenings and parent workshops/ events.

Parish News:

St Vincent's

- 7th December Toy Mass /Children's Mass 9.30am
- 17th December 3pm til 4 30pm Crib afternoon. Come and see cribs from around the world
- 21st December Making Christingles at Liturgy time 9.30 Mass
- 24th December Children's Christmas Mass at 4. 30pm
- 9.30 am Christmas Day St Vincent's

And finally:

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Glynn.

Congratulations to our new Stars of the Week:

Nursery: Eddie & Ava

R1: Winnie & Henry

R2: Enzo & Jude

RN3: Indie & Oscar

10: Ava & Finn

1BW: Edwin & Sophia

1DW: Lyra & Connie

2L: River & Cian

2W: Will & Aurelia

2N: Aminah & Lorelei

REMINDERS:

Thumbs Up!

Our first Thumbs Up session will be held on Tuesday 2nd December from 8:50 am to 9:15 am.



Bird Food Collection - No Nuts, Please!



We are excited to announce that our school is collecting **bird food and seeds** to help support local wildlife as the weather turns colder. Students and families are invited to donate **seed mixes**, **suet pellets**, **mealworms**, **and other bird-friendly foods**.

Important: Please ensure all donations are **nut-free** to keep our allergy-sensitive pupils safe.

Children can either give to their class teacher or school office. Thank you for helping us take care of our feathered friends

PSA News:

Raffle Tickets:

If you're able to sell your books, please return the **completed ticket stubs** along with **£5 cash per book** to the **school office/class teachers by Wednesday 10th 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 £5 per child

Places are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

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

Wednesday 10th December: 5-6pm

Thursday11th December: 5-6pm

Bookings can be made via Parent Pay



ELFRIDGES

Infant School – 02/12/25 Junior School – 09/12/25



Children will have the opportunity during the day to buy one/two pre wrapped gifts for loved ones (these are gifts for adults)



please pay via parent pay in advance or exact £4 cash on the day

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas!

Forest School next session- 5th December: Reception & Nursery

Open Evenings

We will be hosting one more Open Evening this year for 2026 prospective parents.

They will be held on:

• Tue 9th Dec 5-6pm

If you know anyone who may be interested in a Reception or Nursery place for September 2026 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 2026 (born between September 1st 2021 and August 31st 2022) online applications are now open. The closing date for Reception applications is **15**th **January 2026**

Applications for nursery places for September 2025 are also being accepted online. Closing date is **31st March 2026**

www.stockport.gov.uk/schooladmissions

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

headteacher@cheadle-inf.stockport.sch.uk

Tel: 4858733

Diary Dates...

Provisional Diary Dates

(Red indicates new date or change of date)

Tuesday 2 nd December	Thumbs Up 8.50-9.15am
	ELFRIDGES in school
Friday 5 th December	Christmas Treat Stall after school
Friday 12 th December	Christmas treat stall after school
Tuesday 9 th December	R2 Nativity 9.30 (change of date)
Tuesday 9 th December	Open Evening for 2026 parents 5-6pm
Wednesday 10th December	Nursery Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 10 th December	Bedtime Stories 5-6pm
Thursday 11 th December 9.30am	R1 Nativity 9.30am (change of date)
Thursday 11 th December 9.30am	Bedtime Stories 5-6pm
Friday 12 th December	RN3 Nativity 9.30am
Friday 12 th December	Raffle to be drawn after school on Junior

	playground
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 2 Carol Concert at St Ann's Church
	5pm
Wednesday 17 th December	
	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 th December	Jolabokaflod
Friday 19th December	Christmas Party Day
	School closes for Christmas holidays
Monday 5 th January	School opens for Spring Term