



The Blessed Peter Snow
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St. Paulinus Catholic Primary Academy

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Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



Friday 1st December 2023

Dear Parents / Carers

Sunday 3rd December marks the first day of Advent and for us in school it is the start of preparations for Christmas. Below you will find all the information you need about different things we do at Christmas time and how they will be a little bit different this year.

Coppers for CAFOD – commenced 27th November 2023

Don't forget to donate your coppers for CAFOD. Last year we managed to buy all sorts of things for families living in poverty to support themselves e.g. buying queen bees so they could make honey or chickens for eggs. We also bought things to help them get water and mosquito nets to keep them safe at night. I wonder what we will buy this year?

CAFOD
Just one world



The children can bring in their coppers (or larger denominations if you would prefer) at any point between Monday 27th November and Friday 15th December. As the common phrase goes, every little counts! Coppers may not hold much value on their own but once combined they can really change someone's life through this scheme.

Parents are invited to our wonderful Nativities:

EYFS: Come to the Manger	Tuesday 12 December, 09:30
Years 1 & 2: Born in a Barn	Wednesday 13 December, 14:00
Year 3, 4 and 5: A joint Christmas carol service	Thursday 14 December, 09:30 @ St. Paulinus Church
Year 6: Bethlehem, the musical	Tuesday 19 December, 14:00



You can also buy a laminated photo of your individual child and their class in their costumes/outfits for £1 and the cost of the DVDs will be £ 3.00 each or two for £ 5.00. A letter will be sent home soon for parents to send back if they would like to buy either of these items.

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Chocolate raffle, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day! Thursday 21st December 2023

Yes, I am sure you are all excited to hear the chocolate raffle, Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day is coming up. The special Christmas day will be on Thursday 21st December 2023.

Children are expected to wear their uniform on this day, but with a festive jumper.

Raffle tickets can be bought from the class teacher - £1 for a strip of 5 or 20p per ticket. Children are allowed to buy as many tickets as they want and these will be on sale from Monday 4th December 2023 until Wednesday 20th December 2023.



FofSP Fun & Buns / Christmas Fair - Friday 8th December 2023

Parents are invited to attend our annual event organised by Friends of St. Paulinus :

09:15 – 10:30 EYU & KS1 / 13:30 – 14:45 KS2 (Years 3 – 6)

The children will be invited into the hall with their class teacher to buy buns, Christmas items and small novelties. If you are unable to attend, please send your child/ren to school that morning with a small amount of spending money in a named envelope. It would be useful if you could include some loose change, so they are able to find amounts themselves.



In order for this event to be a success, **we would appreciate donations of buns and cakes**, which could be brought into school on Wednesday 6th / Thursday 7th December, or sent into school with your child/ren on the 8th December.

Raffle tickets will be sold on the day at 20p each, £1.00 strip. Any purchase of raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated. The raffle will be drawn at the end of the day and the winner announced on Monday, 11th December.



Christmas cards:

I've had a few questions as to whether children can bring in Christmas cards from home this year. The answer is yes, but this is not an expectation. If your child wishes to give out cards or write a card for the whole class, please ensure they are in school by Wednesday 20th December. You can request a class list of first names from the School Office if you wish.

Christmas party day – Non-Uniform Day! – Friday 22nd December 2023:

Christmas party days will take place on Friday 22nd December this year. Children are allowed to come in their party clothes this day.



Last day of term arrangements:

As per tradition, we will be closing school slightly earlier for the end of Autumn Term on Friday 22nd December as follows :

Nursery : 11:45 | Reception / Years 1 – 6 : 13:15

Children will be able to be picked up from their normal places in the playground. Due to lunches we cannot accommodate earlier pick-ups.



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School Bus

School buses will be running and will leave school at 13:05, then make their pick-up at St. John Fishers at 13:20.



Kids Club

Please contact Sara if you would like to use this service on the last day of term.



We're really looking forward to the start of our Christmas season in school and I look forward to seeing these amazing productions!

Thank you for continued support of the school, it really means so much to myself and the staff that we are blessed with such wonderful families in our community – we are all very lucky!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miss Hayes'.

Miss Hayes, Headteacher

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Summary of the key up and coming dates for your diary



Saturday 2 nd December 13:00 – 16:00	St. Paulinus Church Christmas Fair @ Parochial Hall
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Sunday 3 rd December	1 st day of Advent
Tuesday 12 th December 09:30	Parents Invite: EYFS – Come to the Manger
Friday 8 th December 09:15 – 10:30 13:30 – 14:45	FofSP Annual Christmas Fun ‘N’ Buns event EYFS & KS1 Parents Invite KS2 Parents Invite
Wednesday 13 th December 14:00	Parents Invite: Years 1 & 2 - Born in a Barn
Thursday 14 th December 09:00 – 10:00	Parents Invite: Coffee Morning & Chat with Debby Murphy (Parent Co-Worker)
Thursday 14 th December 09:30	Parents Invite: Years 3 , 4 & 5 – A joint Christmas carol service @ St. Paulinus Church
Friday 15 th December	Last day to bring your Coppers for CAFOD into school
Tuesday 19 th December 14:00	Parents Invite: Year 6 – Bethlehem, the musical
Wednesday 20 th December 13:30	Mince pies and Christmas carols for grandparents & parishioners Last day for bringing Christmas cards to school
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Jumper Day (<u>wear school uniform</u> , but with a festive jumper) / Christmas Dinner Christmas raffle draw & Christmas cards handed out
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Party day and non-uniform day Last day of term – School closes at 13:15



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