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This Week

It has been a busy end of term! Monday was our Christmas party day. On Tuesday, children took part in our Santa Dash fun run on the field and playground. Our PTA organised Storytime with Santa for Nursery and KS1 in the Forest School. Wednesday was Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day. Congratulations to all our Stars of the Term who received Plaza Cinemas tickets as their reward yesterday. Some children in KS1 and KS2 earned 'golden book tickets' for being enthusiastic readers. Thursday was also our PTA film afternoon for KS2.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Liturgies

In Monday's Prayer and liturgy assembly, we thought about the Advent themes of joy and love. In today's three liturgies, we shared the message of Isaiah, the birth of Jesus and some lovely singing.



Radio Merseyside

Reception class RG were featured on BBC Radio Merseyside yesterday morning on the Tony Snell Show, from 11.26. They were recorded during their Nativity rehearsals. Listen here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m002nbgs> or follow the link on our homepage.

Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Word is a four-week holiday special with the words, 'Christ', 'Mary', 'Joseph and 'Hope'. Please take some family time each week to read it. Please visit our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page.

[https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission](http://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission)

Christmas Mass Times

Please take the time to visit one of our churches over Christmas when they are looking particularly beautiful. These are the Christmas Mass times:

	SS Peter and Paul's	St Helen's
Christmas Eve	7pm and Midnight	8pm
Christmas Day	10.30am	10am
Boxing Day	12noon	

Mass times for other churches in the Deanery are in the attachment.

19th December 2025

Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass times for our churches are:
St Helen's: Sunday 10am
SS Peter and Paul
Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am
St Joseph's
Sat 6.30pm, Sun 11.15am

Diary Dates

January

Mon 5th: INSET Day
Tue 6th: Start of Term
Thu 8th, 15th and 22nd: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 1
Wed 14th: 6pm Y6 Parents and carers SATs/Residential Meeting
Fri 30th: 6pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Mass of Enrolment

February

Tue 3rd: 10am/2pm Y1 Candlemas classes TBC
Thu 5th: 9am 2M Rejoice
Tue 10th: 9am RFZ and 4B Rejoices
Wed 11th: 9am 3C Rejoice 3.30pm-5pm Parents' Evening
Thu 12th: 3.30pm-7pm Parents' Evening
Thu 12th, 19th: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 2

March

Thu 5th: 3.45pm Y5 Sacramental Preparation – Eucharist Part 2

Attendance



Advent Masses

Thank you to everyone who came to our Wednesday morning Advent Masses.

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for December is for Christians in areas of conflict. *Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and peace.* Pope Leo XIV 2025. Pope Leo XIV's video is on Our Catholic Life > Prayer, Liturgy and Jubilee page: <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/prayer%2C-liturgy-%26-jubilee>

Catholic Pic

This month's Catholic Pic can be read on our Catholic Life > Our parishes and Archdiocese page or at: https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_december_2025

CAFOD Advent Calendar

CAFOD's Advent calendar emails offer daily prayers and reflections through your Advent journey, alongside information about ways in which you and your family can support CAFOD's ongoing activities. Sign up at: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>

Eco Council – Ten Ways to Be Eco-Friendly at Home – 10. Spread the word!

The Eco Council encourage us to spread the word and educate others about how we can look after our common home, to make it a safer and cleaner place for everyone.

South Sefton Foodbank Collection

Thank you for all the donations to South Sefton Foodbank on Tuesday. They were greatly appreciated.



NHS Website

There are a number of seasonal illnesses around at the moment. Sefton Council have asked us to share this NHS guide for parents and carers. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> There is also a link on our Key Info > Attendance page.

Reception Request for Phones

If anyone has any old mobile phones/old fashioned dial phones, please could Reception have them for their roleplay corners. Thank you.

Fundraising

Well done to Brooke, Lucy, Helena, Darcie-Rae and Lucas in Year 5 who raised £13.50 for Pets Foundation by holding a 'Design your own puppy' competition.

Attachments

This week's attachment has the Christmas Mass times for Sefton Coast South Deanery, the Children's University Winter Challenge, news from Breakfast Club and a flyer for the CAFOD Fun Run on 27th December.