

# All Hallows

## Catholic High School

# Newsletter

20th December 2024



**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

As we approach the joyful season of Christmas, I want to take a moment to reflect on the blessings of the past term. In the spirit of Advent, we have embraced the important themes of hope, peace, joy, and love, coming together as a school community to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ.

May this Christmas break bring you peace and rest, and may the New Year be filled with renewed faith and abundant blessings.

This newsletter highlights all the aspects of our school that make our community more than just an academic institution. We aim to provide our young people with opportunities to grow and flourish in their friendships, develop their gifts and talents, and nurture their spiritual lives. So many pupils have taken advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered by our dedicated staff. Today, we conclude our term before the Christmas holiday – a long and fruitful period where so much has been achieved. I wish all our families and friends in the All Hallows Community a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours faithfully,

Alison Cooper

**Headteacher**



The school office is open  
8.00am until 4.00pm

### **Celebrating Over 20 Years of Christmas Collecting**

For over two decades, I've had the privilege of collecting donations from the generous staff here at All Hallows with the goal of creating two beautiful hampers for our school main raffle prize and the Pensioners Christmas party and contributing to other good causes. It has become a cherished tradition that has not only brought festive cheer to our school community but also provided support to others.

In total over the last 20 years, we've raised nearly £18,000 – an incredible amount that has made a real difference to the lives of many. That's thanks to the kindness and generosity of our teachers and staff who have supported this effort year after year. I've seen firsthand how much this collection means to so many, from the excitement from the raffle to the smiles at the Pensioners party. Beyond that we've also been able to donate to other charities, spreading even more joy and goodwill. As this was my last time of collecting, I would just like to say how much I am filled with gratitude for the community we have built here. I'd like to thank all the staff who have contributed over the years, you've all played a part in making this tradition such a success, and I'm deeply grateful for your support. With heartfelt thanks

Susan Haydock (Teaching Assistant)



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## Christmas Assembly

Today we celebrated our Christmas assemblies, a time of prayer celebrating the great feast of Christmas. The theme of our assembly this year was Pilgrims of Hope, reflecting on the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem and the journey they were about to embark with Jesus. Their journey to Bethlehem and beyond was not an easy road but it was filled with hope. They knew that they needed to place their trust in God, and through that they could be hopeful about the journey ahead, even with its uncertainty and challenges. During the assembly we invited everyone to think about their own journey so far and where they find the hope to persevere through any challenges. The assembly involved community carols, scripture, drama, dance and time for personal prayer for reflection.

The theme was inspired by the call of Pope Francis for 2025 to be a Year of Hope, a jubilee year to renew hope and journey closer to God. We look forward to celebrating this jubilee year and exploring this theme of being pilgrims of hope further, growing closer to God in the process.

Thank you to all the pupils involved in this beautifully reflective liturgy and all the staff involved.



## Staff Prayer

Staff gathered at the beginning of Advent for a time of prayer and adoration. This twilight afternoon retreat gave staff time to stop and pray at the beginning of a busy season and have time to pray together. Different prayer stations were set up around the arts theatre inviting staff to pray in a variety of different ways. Thanks to Fr Michael from St Oswald's, Longton, we were also lucky enough to be able to have a time of adoration, a time to be present with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.



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# SVP Christmas Lunch

A huge thank you to our wonderful SVP pupils and accompanying staff who helped to organise the parish SVP Christmas lunch. Our pupils really enjoyed being serving lunch and entertaining those that attended and it was a fantastic community day full of festive fun.



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# Christmas Carol Concert

On the run up to Christmas we held a Christmas concert that is done every year. It was held in the arts theatre. It was full of an excited audience ready to sing along to their favourite Christmas carols. The All Hallows Community choir joined with the pupil's choir to create a Christmas extravaganza. The singers were joined by the bands. To make it even better we had dance groups that performed to classic Christmas songs. By the end of the concert the audience were full of Christmas spirit. After the concert the audience had a chance to go to the senior dining room to purchase some mulled wine and some other Christmas decorations.



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### All Hallows Primary School Roadshow

As I'm sure most of you know already, All Hallows love to put on many festive celebrations to live up the Christmas period, one of which is the fantastic primary school roadshow. This takes place every year and is loved by everyone involved or watching the show. Pupils from the performing arts department all come together and prepare lots of different acts to be performed to the primary school children and staff. A great deal of organization, planning and effort is put into this project by the head of performing arts, Mrs Colclough, and her amazing team. There is a big variety of acts which we perform including dance, singing, choir numbers and bands.

So, on the very exciting day of the roadshow, all the pupils and staff involved meet together and get onto the coach which takes us to the different primary schools in our community which usually includes St. Oswald's, Our Lady and St. Gerard's, St. Teresa's and St. Mary Magdalene's. We believe this is not only a good opportunity for the pupils of All Hallows, but for the children of the primary schools because by watching our performances, they could get inspired to express their own talents and join us in performing arts when they join high school. We do like to encourage them to discover and show their talent from a young age and we give them the chance to join in by giving them instruments like triangles and bells so they can contribute to the wonderful music.

This is an incredible day, adored by everyone and it gives the All Hallows pupils and staff a chance to spread the joy and meaningful messages of Christmas. Not only does it get everyone in the Christmas spirit, it is the perfect way to spend a day before Christmas. Everyone in the performing arts department is very unique and is good at different things so this event is a brilliant way to bring all of us together as one. It is also a good way to make our school unique as we have never seen it done before by any other schools. Overall, it is a fun opportunity for many people and helps us to prepare for Christmas and embrace the joy it brings!

Written by the Pupils in Performing arts clubs



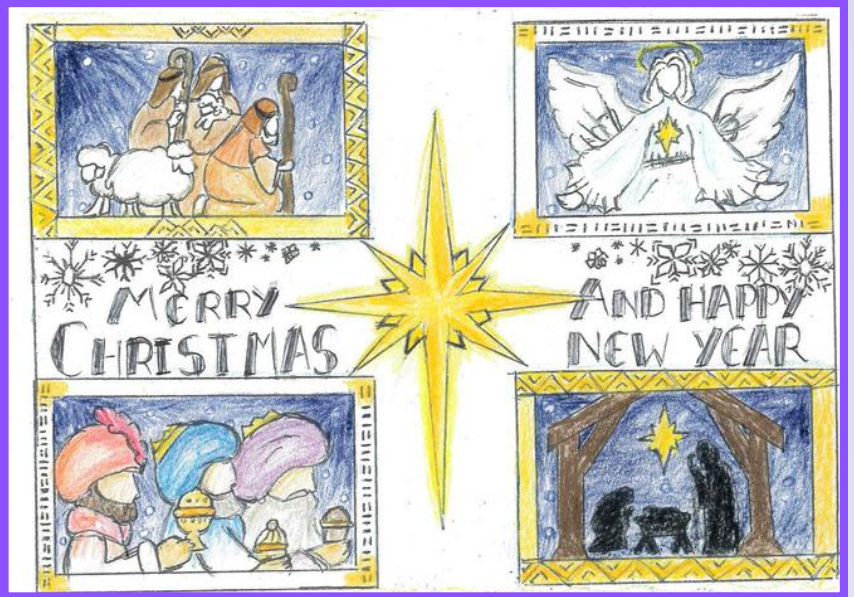
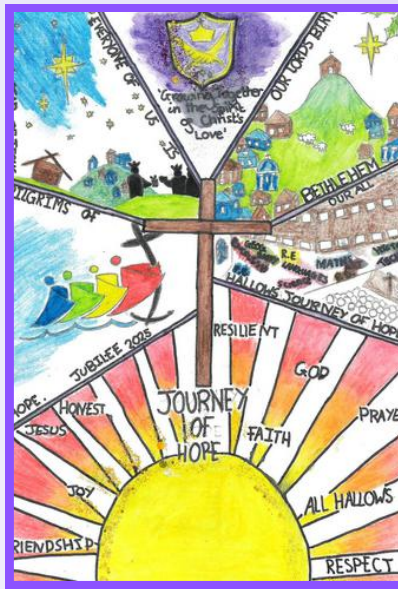
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## All Hallows Design a Christmas Card competition

Congratulations to our talented pupils who have won this year's All Hallows Design a Christmas Card competition!

- First place: Constance Woosey from Year 7
- Runners-up: Lily Barnett from Year 7 and Onaopemikiitan Atalabi from Year 9

Well done to all participants, and a special shout-out to our winners for their amazing creativity and hard work!



## Penwortham Christmas Market



We would like to take this opportunity to commend our talented pupils and members of the All Hallows' Community Choir for their fantastic performance at the Penwortham Christmas Markets! Their delightful singing truly spread holiday cheer and got everyone into the Christmas spirit.

A huge thank you goes out to our amazing PTFA for their outstanding efforts at the market! Their hard work resulted in raising over £500 with the tombola stand, which will be a tremendous benefit to our school community.

We'd also like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who generously donated bottles for the event. Your support means so much to us!

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## Year 9 Trip to the Manchester Christmas Markets

On Tuesday 10th December, 109 Year 9 students and 16 of their teachers went to the Christmas Markets in Manchester. We all had a great time visiting the different stalls and attractions. A great deal of festive food was consumed! We also bought presents for loved ones and even sang Jingle Bells in St Ann's Square! I would like to thank the students for their good behaviour and great attitude, and I would also like to thank their teachers for accompanying us and making the trip so fun. Joyeux Noël tout le monde!

Mr Hennigan



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### **Senior Citizens Christmas Party**

It was a pleasure to welcome senior citizens from our local parishes and community into school on 11th December for our annual Christmas Party. The afternoon was filled with fun and cheer, with a beautiful afternoon tea, provided by our kitchen staff, festival entertainment from our very talented pupils and Christmas bingo. The afternoon concluded with some community carols and raffle for one our famous All Hallows Christmas hampers and other lovely gifts. Staff, pupils and visitors had a wonderful afternoon together and we very much look forward to welcoming everyone back next year. A huge thank you to the kitchen team for providing a delicious and beautifully presented Christmas afternoon tea, to the performing arts department for the wonderful entertainment, to all the staff who helped to make the afternoon such a success and a very special thank you to Mrs Haydock for yet again another set of incredible Christmas hampers. Mrs Haydock has been our hamper queen for many years, and we can't thank her enough for all the years she has dedicated to making such lovely gifts and prizes for our school community.



### **Advent Appeal**

Throughout Advent we have been collecting several items as part of our Advent Appeal. This year we have supported the Metanoia Project, a community that runs, amongst other ministries, a homeless drop-in in Preston town centre. They run entirely off donations and thanks to your kindness and generosity we have been able to donate a minibus full of donations. To find out more about the work of the Metanoia Project you can visit here: [Thank you to everyone who has donated, prayed for and engaged with this years appeal.](#)

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## **Festive Run**

On Wednesday, All Hallows hosted its very first Festive Run, a wonderful event that brought together all 181 Year 8 pupils to don their most festive attire—ranging from Santa suits to quirky onesies. The students ran a spirited 2km around the school grounds to raise much-needed funds for the homeless in Preston, supporting the Metanoia charity.

The atmosphere was filled with laughter and joy as everyone participated, and to top off the festive spirit, our fantastic Year 11s served delicious hot chocolates to warm up all the runners after their efforts. A big thank you goes out to all the staff who dedicated their time to support this event and joined in the fun by dressing up as well! Your enthusiasm helped make the day truly special for everyone involved.



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### **STEM Club Christmas Stall**

The students of STEM Club created some fantastic Christmas pieces to sell to raise funds for their club during the recent Christmas Concert. The stall looked amazing and it was a pleasure to be able to sell unique gifts to the visitors to the concert. Well done to all the pupils involved.

### **Royal Society Young People's Book Prize**

During the next half term after Christmas there will be a judging panel, created from students in Years 7-9, who will be able to take a book each week to read. The following week they will then offer their reviews on each book, leading to a vote for their favourite which is ultimately submitted to the Royal Society as part of their judging process. We have 6 exciting books to be shared and each Wednesday lunchtime we will meet to complete some fun activities linked to the books as well as produce a video entry for their competition. If any pupils are interested in taking part please sign up on synergy (look for the STEM Club Weds lunch group). The first session will take place on Wednesday 8th January at 12.35pm in room 39.



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## **Farewell**

At Christmas we say goodbye to two important members of our All Hallows Community.

Mr David Wallbanks joined All Hallows back in September 2016 as a History Teacher from Westhoughton High School. He quickly proved himself to be a hit in the classroom with his exciting historical stories and clear passion for his subject. In September 2021 Mr Wallbanks took over from his wife, Mrs Carol Wallbanks, and became Head of History. Under his leadership the department has gone from strength to strength with Mr Wallbanks developing an enriching historical curriculum that has seen pupils learn from different teaching styles and experiences. Mr Wallbanks has always been keen for pupils to learn outside of the classroom and in his care, pupils have benefited from historical visits to London, the World War One battlefields in France and Belgium, Durham Cathedral, The Globe and the annual memorable trips to Beeston Castle and the Liverpool museums. In the pastoral side of school life, Mr Wallbanks was the form tutor for 7 Margaret for 6 years. He was an invaluable member of the Year 7 team, welcoming students into All Hallows and making sure they were happy and settled in their first year. We want to thank Mr Wallbanks for the contribution he has made to All Hallows and for the care and time he has spent nurturing our children.

Mr Wallbanks is looking forward to spending time with his beloved dog Bobby and his wife Carol in the New Year and he has already booked a round the world trip to Australia and New Zealand! Being retired means he will also have time to be an amazing grandad to his grandchildren Sophia, Teddy, Isla and Charlie. The History department will remain in safe hands in the care of our new Head of History, Mr Liam Jenkins. Everyone at All Hallows wishes Mr Wallbanks a long and happy retirement and thanks him for his huge contribution to our school.

We also say farewell this term to Mrs Monaghan. Mrs Monaghan has worked as part of the Pastoral support team in school for a year. She has been a huge support to all pupils, but particularly those in the lower school. She has supported the Year 7s tremendously in their transition to secondary school and has helped them to settle well into the school community. Mrs Monaghan has brought her artistic flair to the Pastoral team and has established a very popular 'Art Therapy' session. The art work produced in these sessions is incredible and a real testament to her creativity. We would like to take this opportunity to say the most enormous thanks to her for her hard work and care for our pupils. We wish her all the best in her new venture.



## **Candy Cane Fundraiser**

8 Francis have been spreading joy, hope and love during advent by raising money for the PTFA.

They have organised the sale of candy canes which could be bought and sent to friends throughout the school with kind words and messages written on them.

The whole form has been involved and raised a fantastic £96!



## **The Trafford Centre Trip (A review in numbers)**

16/12/2024

82 Year 10 pupils

85 Year 11 pupils

13 Staff

4 coaches

32.4 miles (each way)

£100's spent on Christmas treats

A huge thank you to all the staff who gave up their evening to help with the trip. The pupils were exceptional!

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# Peter Pan

A massive congratulations to the following students who recently performed in the pantomime production of Peter Pan:

- Sophie Ridgeway (Yr 8) – Peter Pan
- Emilie Beresford (Yr 10) – Mother Darling and Quiet Voice
- Eirian Grilli (Yr 7) – Slightly, Lost Boys
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Their incredible performances brought the magic of Peter Pan to life, and we couldn't be prouder of them!

## **Fundraising Success**

The production raised an amazing £2700 for three incredible charities:

- Alder Hey Children's Hospital
- North West Ambulance Service
- Great Ormond Street Hospital



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## Girls Badminton District Tournament



Congratulations to our Under 16 Girls' Badminton teams for their outstanding performance in the district tournament! Both teams played incredibly well, finishing at the top of their respective groups and securing spots in the final against each other. Team 1 claimed first place, while Team 2 finished in second.

Team 1 - Hannah S, Ruby L, Naomi S & Renae R  
Team 2 - Amarah O, Beth C, Jess M & Poppy F



Additionally, congratulations to our Under 14 Girls' Badminton teams for their fantastic effort in the district tournament! Both teams played exceptionally well, with Team 1 finishing in first place and Team 2 in fourth place. Your determination and teamwork have been impressive—congratulations to both teams!

Team 1 - Juliette B, Olivia P, Olivia D S & Charlotte B  
Team 2 - Amelia W, Halle R, Libby R & Poppy S

## South Ribble District Swimming Gala

A huge congratulations to all the pupils in Years 7, 8, and 9 who took part in South Ribbles' first ever District Swimming Gala! Special thanks to Hutton for hosting and making this event a memorable one - we're already looking forward to it being an annual fixture on our calendar!

And a massive congratulations to our swim teams who made us proud! The Year 8 boys team took top spot, finishing 1st overall, while the Year 9 boys team swam their way to a well-deserved 2nd place. Meanwhile, the year 8 girls team showed great spirit and determination, finishing 4th overall. Well done to all involved!

## Year 7 Netball



Fantastic news for the Year 7 A Netball team! What an incredible way to kick off their South Ribble league fixtures with a stunning win of 63-1 against PGHS. Their teamwork and skill on the court clearly made a significant impact. A big congratulations to Emily Ames for being named Player of the Match—you truly shone out there! This team is definitely one to watch, and we can't wait to see how they continue to perform this season. Keep up the great work, A team!



Congratulations to the 7B and 7C netball teams on their fantastic performance against PGHS! It's great to hear that both teams showed significant improvements, especially the C team. A special shoutout to the 7B team for their impressive victory with a score of 23-1, and congratulations to Niamh Dixon for being named Player of the Match! The 7C team did an excellent job as well, holding their own to a 5-5 draw, with Constance and Alyssa shining as co-Players of the Match. Keep up the excellent work, teams!



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# Football

## **Year 7 Boys**

On Friday, 29th November, the Year 7 Boys Football team travelled to Corpus Christi High School in Preston to compete in Round One of the Lancashire Cup. The night consisted of a four-team group stage, with the first-place team (at the end of the evening) guaranteed a place in the second round. The first of our three fixtures saw us come up against Corpus Christi. The boys put in a solid opening performance to win 2-0 and begin the evening with a positive start. Next up, we faced Longridge High School, and the boys raised their performance levels further by storming into a 5-0 lead before conceding two late goals to end the match with a 5-2 win. The boys were now in control of their destiny, knowing that a win against Brownedge St Mary's (in the final game) would finish the night top the group on nine points. The team produced a classy, attacking display with chance after chance and converted many shots to win the game 7-1. All ten players played a huge part in what was a dominant night for All Hallows, resulting in us progressing to the second round of the Lancashire Cup! Special mentions to Luke Maddock, Josh Murphy, Josh Heys and George Paterson for some brilliant individual performances.



On Friday, 6th December, our Year 7 Boys Football team travelled to Penwortham Priory to compete in the second round of the Lancashire Cup against St Michaels of Chorley. This game was sure to be a much tougher test than round one, with our opposition consisting of four academy players from professional clubs around the North West. The opening ten minutes of the game proved to be a very tough period that saw All Hallows go 3-0 down in the opening stages of the match. All Hallows managed to get through this difficult start and showed excellent resilience and teamwork to turn the game around and make it 3-3 before the half-time whistle. In the second half, both teams played some excellent football with the scores being tied 5-5 at the full-time whistle. This meant that there would be a 10-minute period of extra time to be played. After a long, gruelling battle against very good opposition, All Hallows managed to score another two goals to go 7-5 up and finish the game as winners and earn a place in the third round of the Lancashire Cup. This was an incredible team performance with many fantastic individual performances to help us advance further in the competition. Special mentions to Joe Dixon, Ollie Roberts and Harry Pilkington for their outstanding performances. Into the next round we go! Well done boys!

## **Year 11 Boys**

We would like to send a huge well done to the Year 11 Football team who won their fixture against Balshaw's 5-3. It was a great display as the boys took an early lead and outplayed Balshaw's from start to finish. The boys went home with a well-deserved win. Man of the match- Thomas Holme



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# WELLBEING ART

Rainbow flowers



With Mrs Monaghan



Circles of life



Aztec tapestry



Mindful feathers



The Gratitude tree

Well done to all the pupils who participated in the well-being Art session this year. The pupils created these beautiful vibrant collaborative art pieces through mindful art on Friday lunch times. It was an absolute pleasure working with you all. Best wishes to all for next year from Mrs Monaghan.

**The five imaginative art works were created by**

Lily Goulden lee, Oscar Fell, Ellie Howarth, Eleanor Ryding, Kate Martin, Olivia Nisbet, Rylan Cook, Lizzy O'Brien, Ben Thompson, Harrison Willacy, Will Hough, Elvi Thornton, Millie Hodgson, Mollie Molloy, Emili Teimuri, Lucy Ash, Amelia Wypijewska, Gabriella Terry, Natalia Filipiak, Alicia Holden, Hallie Mattison, Lola Taylor, Emily Crew, Liam Nelson, Tristan Bayliss, Joel McGuill, Jowita Malecka, Eliza Jakubiak, Kiita Atalabi, Alfie Styles, Herbie Jones, Ted Forster, Jessica Hull, Eirwen Walker, Sienna Bob, Jess Whittaker, Pippa Beale, Cora Sweeny, Ellie Lee, Libby Connell, Daisy Baines, Jemima Phanda



## Year 11 Revision Techniques

On Monday, December 16th, we had the pleasure of hosting representatives from Cardinal Newman College, who conducted two informative 'Revision Techniques' sessions for our Year 11 students during their Personal Development (PD) lessons. The pupils learned valuable strategies to enhance their revision as they prepare for their mock examinations and future assessments.

Cieran and Emma also provided insights on managing revision fatigue and emphasized the importance of balancing study with self-care. The students exhibited outstanding behavior throughout both sessions and were delighted to receive a complimentary pen as a token of appreciation!



## Forgotten School Items

Due to the increasing number of forgotten items being brought into school, our office staff are finding it challenging to deliver them to students during the day.

Unfortunately, the volume of items has reached an unmanageable level, making it difficult for the staff to efficiently carry out their duties.

Starting in January, we're introducing a convenient solution to help reduce disruptions and make it easier for students to receive their forgotten items. A designated 'Forgotten Items Box' will be placed outside the main school entrance, where parents can deposit items such as PE kits, books, and other essential items. To ensure a smooth and efficient process, our office staff will check the box at the following times: 8:55 am, break time, lunchtime, and 3:05 pm. They will then deliver the labelled items to the respective students, helping to minimize classroom disruptions and allowing students to focus on their learning.

We believe this new system will greatly benefit both students and staff, and we appreciate your cooperation in using the Forgotten Items Box.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND**

## LIVE PARENT/CARER SLEEP WEBINAR

Sleep is a **SUPER** Power

We all need sleep, and some of us would like even more of it!

This webinar aims to provide an overview for parents/carers on the purpose of sleep, the impact of poor sleep, and advice and strategies to improve sleep and overcome some common sleep difficulties. The strategies may be applied to both adults and children and young people.

**When:**  
Tuesday 28th January; 11am – 12.15pm  
Thursday 30th January; 1pm - 2.15pm

**Join Our Webinars!**  
Our webinars are open to all young people and parents/carers of students who attend our allocated schools and colleges.

Register now using the link below or simply scan the QR Code to secure your spot!

<https://bit.ly/JanuarySleepWebinar>

To attend please sign up before 5pm Monday 27th January.

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## ATTENDANCE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

From January 2025 All Hallows will be using a new platform for monitoring school attendance. School attendance has become a national concern. There is clear evidence that good attendance is linked with academic success, improved social skills and overall well-being. Our school community has felt the effects of poor attendance. When a child misses school, it not only impacts their learning and skill development but also affects the rest of the class. Teachers strive to keep the class progressing while addressing gaps for absent students, all within a limited curriculum time. Frequent absences can also lead to anxiety, as children may lose confidence in a subject due to falling behind. We are now closely monitoring attendance and will be introducing the school's new 'Attend' system. It is linked to our existing Synergy System. This will be used to communicate with you regularly about your child's attendance and to keep you informed of any concerns or achievements. We continue to seek your support to help instil resilience and determination in your child, ensuring they succeed both academically and holistically while enjoying their time at school. Please look out for the new Attend communications in your email and texts and get in contact with the Mrs Rainford or Mrs Washington if you have any queries.

Thank you



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# Let's Talk Ketamine

## - Families & Carers

WithYou welcomes families, carers and concerned others to an information session around Ketamine.

Grab a brew, and let's talk ket.

Join WithYou for a 90 min session to understand what ketamine is, how it is being used and the current harm reduction for young people.

Date: 8th January  
Time: 10-11:30

Venue:  
Burnley Zone,  
Whittam Street,  
Burnley BB11 1LW



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# Epiphany

The Journey of the Wise Men

## Word of the Week

Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means the least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

**"Like the Magi, let us lift up our eyes, listen to the desire lodged in our hearts, and follow the star that God makes shine above us. As restless seekers, let us remain open to God's surprises. Let us dream, let us seek and let us adore."**

POPE FRANCIS

## Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus,  
The wise men gave you gold;  
they knew you were a king.  
The wise men gave you incense;  
they knew you were God.  
The wise men gave you myrrh;  
they knew you would die.  
We give you ourselves.  
We know you love us.

The wise men followed the light of a star to find you in Bethlehem. Help us to follow your light so that we can live as children of God.  
Amen.

# Epiphany

(e-piph-a-ny)

(n) A moment of sudden revelation; a poignant, sudden, profound understanding.

Think about the Magi. The Bible doesn't tell us how long their journey took, but it does seem it was significant. And they would have had to leave some things behind to follow that star.

But they were willing to make the journey, because they knew they would encounter someone special, even though they might not have known exactly how that would play out. It seems almost certain that they encountered problems and delays, but they didn't quit. They could have tried to take shortcuts and gotten lost, but they stayed on the right path. Herod could have been a roadblock, but they got around him.

They gave up their time, their treasure, and really themselves to make this journey. They kept their eyes on that star and followed it. They put their best effort into it, believing that would be enough.

Click the logo to find out more about the Jubilee year.

**JUBILEE OF HOPE 2025**

The Jubilee Year of Hope in 2025, called by Pope Francis, has begun. This year is a special time for the Catholic Church to focus on hope, healing, and renewal.

Pope Francis declared this Jubilee to help people rediscover the power of hope in their lives, especially after the challenges and struggles of recent years, like the pandemic. The year will be marked by prayers, pilgrimages, and events that emphasize God's mercy and the need for unity and compassion in the world. It's a chance for everyone—young and old—to reconnect with their faith, find forgiveness, and spread hope to others.

You will find out more about this Jubilee year next week and how we are going to celebrate in school.

Matt Maher- Hope for Everyone (Listen here)

We Three Kings. (Listen here)

**YouTube**

Astronomers' theory of the Star of Bethlehem (Click here)

Epiphany Reflection (Click here)

## Staff Vacancies

We are seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team. Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.

<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/>

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