



Dear parents/ carers

Today is the final day before the long-awaited Christmas holidays.

As ever, the build up to Christmas has made school a very special place to be – the Key Stage 1 nativity was – as always – a highlight for me.

This week....

....has been fabulous. There has been something every day to support the build-up to the Christmas holidays. Thank you to all who were able to take time out of their busy days to join us at the Christingle service Monday afternoon or 1 of the Carols Around the Tree celebrations today. There are lots of photos from the week on Dojo!

Reception/ Year 3 2026:

We are still holding tours every Monday at 10am and 1pm for prospective parents who have children due to start Reception in 2026 (or move from an infant school to Year 3). Tell your friends!

Also remind them that all applications through the Derby City Council website need to be done by January 15th (or the Derbyshire website if you live in Derbyshire!)

We do have spaces in most year groups if you have friends who are looking to change their children's school.

Staffing:

I am delighted to say we have been able to recruit an excellent teacher – Mrs Kang – to cover Mrs Downings maternity leave. Mrs Kang will start after February half term but is already known to us as a school as she has been here many times as a supply teacher in several classes. She will also spend time with Mrs Downing and Year 3 between now and starting to make sure that the change in teacher is as seamless as possible.

St John Fisher
Catholic Voluntary Academy

Tours for prospective parents

Running every Monday from 10am to 11am and 1pm to 2pm. No need to book, come along and find out how you and your child can become part of our wonderful school community.

"St John Fisher is a warm and welcoming school. Pupils enjoy their learning and are happy. They feel safe." Ofsted 2023

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Parking:

Please make sure you park in line with the Highway Code as you drop off and collect your children – also respecting our neighbours. Parking safely and correctly helps keep the children who come to our school safe. Thank you.

Mass at Christmas:

Masses at church for Christmas are as follows – I know Fr Mark would love to see your families at church during this period.

English Martyrs:

6.30pm Christmas Eve

12.00am Midnight

9.00am Christmas Day

11.00am Christmas Day

Finally, all that is left for me to say is Merry Christmas from all of us at St John Fisher to you and all of your families. I hope you are all able to have a wonderful, fun and (at times) relaxing family Christmas break. Please do take a few minutes to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas during your celebrations.



Best wishes

Graham Lobb

Headteacher

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For I know the plans I have for you; plans to give you hope and a future – Jeremiah 29:11



January:

Monday 5th - Back to School

Tuesday 6th - Mass (Epiphany) 10am at Church

Tuesday 6th - Year 5 first swimming session

Wednesday 14th - Year 1 Retreat Day

w/c Monday 19th - STEM week

Wednesday 21st - Year 1 Celebration of the Word (9:15am - preceded by Y1 breakfast at 8:30am)