



Friday 12th December 2025

Head Teacher's Weekly Update

Dear Families,

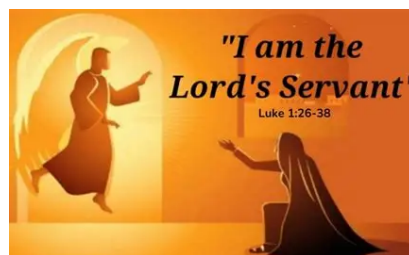
I would like to extend a warm welcome to all families and members of our school community to our annual Carol Service being held next Tuesday 16th December at St Joseph's Church, Blaydon, starting at 5.30pm. It truly is a joyful way to mark Advent and the end of our Autumn term. Thank you for every donation to our Advent fundraising appeals this year: Feeding Families and Joe's Place.



With only one weeks remaining of this term please find a reminder of our end of term arrangements [End of term letter to parents December 2025](#)

Prayer Theme

The angel Gabriel visits Mary and says: *"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. You will conceive and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus."* Mary is surprised and asks, *"How can this be?"* But the angel tells her, *"Nothing will be impossible for God."* And then Mary says something amazing: *"I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me according to your word."* Mary didn't have all the answers, but she trusted God completely. Her "yes" changed the world. This Advent, we can be like Mary. We can say "yes" to God in small ways by being kind, forgiving others, and praying every day. [Luke 1 26:38]



We have prayed together as a community

'Lord, help us to trust You like Mary did. Help us to say "yes" with love and bring Your light to others' Amen.

Please follow the link to some excellent prayer and reflection resources for Advent: [Advent Reflections](#)

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Last Week of Term: Schedule

- A reminder that attendance is compulsory throughout the last week of term for all pupils.
- As usual we will schedule our annual festive events where we celebrate the strength of our community and enjoy spending time with each other.
- Please see below the schedule of events for our final week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lessons as normal	Lessons as normal Carol Service at St Joseph's Church 5.30pm	Festive themed non-uniform day Lessons as normal in the morning Christmas Lunch served in the canteen Personal Development sessions pm for Years 7&8 Christmas quiz P4 for years 9&10 Christmas Quiz P5for years 11,12&13	Cinema Trip in the morning Christmas Quiz P4 Years 7&8 Personal Development sessions Years 9,10,11,12 & 13	Advent Masses Design the STM Christmas 2026 Christmas Card Competition Buses at 1pm Christmas Holidays begin! All pupils return to school on Monday 5th January.

A reminder to use our house email addresses if you have any queries.

St Bernadette	St Catherine Laboure	St John Fisher	St Therese	Sixth Form
STM-StBQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-StCLQueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-stjfqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-sttqueries@stm.bwcet.com	STM-SixthFormQueries@stm.bwcet.com

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Yours sincerely,

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