

December
News 2024



Important Dates:

Monday 2nd December - Friday 20th December Wear Christmas Jumper to School.

Wednesday 18th December P1 - P3 School Show

Friday 20th December School Closes at 11.30am for Christmas Break.

School re-opens Monday 6th January 2025.

Confirmation: Saturday 22nd March at 11am in St Patrick's Church Dungiven

First Holy Communion Saturday 10th May 11am St Matthew's Drumsumn.

December

We will be having our annual **Christmas Jumper Fundraiser**. This year it will run from Monday 2nd December until Friday 20th December. Children can wear their Christmas Jumper to school, instead of the school cardigan/ jumper or they can wear a Christmas hair accessory/ sock etc.

Children are asked to make a donation in the collection box in their classroom.

All funds collected will be donated to St Vincent de Paul. We hope that the who festive and bright and that we raise money for this good cause.



Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

With the Christmas season fast approaching, we would encourage parents to recycle any outgrown Christmas Jumpers that their children may have. We have a box in the foyer for donations please donate or help yourself to them.

Christmas Nativity Play

Our annual Nativity Play performed by P1 - P3 is "**It's a Party**". The children and teachers are currently all very busy preparing for Christmas.

Parents and grandparents are welcome to join us at St Matthew's this year to see the children perform.

Christmas would simply not be the same without watching our children perform their Show.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who supported our P6/7 Enterprise Day at St Matthew's GAC Craft Fair Our budding entrepreneurs had a great day. There is a small amount of stock available to purchase in the school foyer if you missed the fair.



After School Clubs will finish Friday 6th December and resume after Christmas Break on **Monday 6th January**

Mondays Block 2

Multi Sport Club

P1 - P3 2pm - 3pm

P4 - P7 3pm - 4pm

Tuesdays

Cross Country Club P4 - P7

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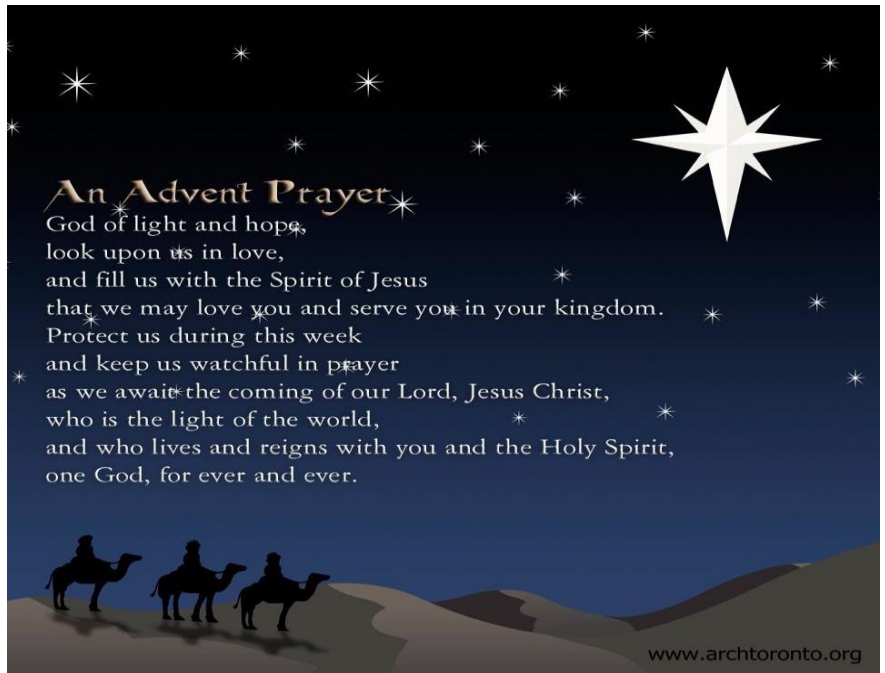
Thursdays

Dance Club Block 2

P1 - P3 2pm - 3pm

P4 - P7 3pm - 4pm

All children should be collected from the Front Door. Please ensure you collect your child promptly as the coaches need to leave promptly.



An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope,
look upon us in love,
and fill us with the Spirit of Jesus
that we may love you and serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
as we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
who is the light of the world,
and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Prayer

During this special time of Advent, we would encourage you to read the Advent Prayer each day with your child.

PTA Christmas Fundraiser

The PTA are holding their annual Christmas Hamper Fundraiser. Families have been asked to please sell as many squares as they can and return the sheets with money on/ before **Tuesday 17th December**. The draw will take place on Wednesday 18th December at the School Show.

Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Applications for free school meals can be made online on the EA website at <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Children Starting P1 in September.

If you know anyone starting P1 in September 2025.

Online Applications will open at Noon on 10th January and close Friday 24th January at noon



On behalf of myself, the Governors, and staff I would like to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!