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Advent and Christmas 2026

An invitation to our families

Parents, carers and families are warmly invited to join us as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.

Everyone is welcome at our Masses and usual Friday celebration assemblies. Come and spend time with Jesus, pray with our children and share the joy of our school community.

Parents and carers are also warmly invited to join their child for their class Advent craft afternoon. Please find your class date and time below.

During November, we will remember loved ones, pray for peace and prepare our hearts for Advent. Using CAFOD's Catholic Social Teaching resources, children will practise kindness, fair sharing and care for God's world.

November key dates

Date	What is happening
Mon 2 Nov	**Teacher training day** **School closed to pupils**
Wed 4 Nov	Mass for All Saints and All Souls with Fr Paul.
Thu 5 Nov	Outdoor Classroom Day.
Fri 6 Nov	Year 6 Remembrance celebration assembly. Non-uniform day: chocolate donations.
Wed 11 Nov	Remembrance liturgy and bulb planting. Year 6 Advent craft afternoon: 2.00-3.00 pm.
Fri 13 Nov	World Kindness Day. Non-uniform day: bottle donations. Year 5 Advent craft afternoon: 2.00-3.00 pm.
Mon 16 Nov	Odd Socks Day. Anti-Bullying Week and our school road safety focus begin.
Wed 18 Nov	Year 3 Advent craft afternoon: 2.00-3.00 pm.
Fri 20 Nov	Non-uniform day: toy donations. Year 4 Advent craft afternoon: 2.00-3.00 pm.
Week of 23 Nov	Fr Paul blesses our Advent wreaths during the week.
Wed 25 Nov	Year 1 Advent craft afternoon: 2.00-3.00 pm.
Thu 26 Nov	Celebration assembly at 9.00 am. Non-uniform day: toy donations. Year 2 Advent craft afternoon: 2.00-3.00 pm.

Date	What is happening
Fri 27 Nov	**Teacher training day** **School closed to pupils**
Mon 30 Nov	Daily Advent liturgies begin.

Thank you for any donations you are able to give. Please look out for further timings and invitations through school communications.

Our Lady and St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

December celebrations and prayer

Join us for the Christmas Fayre, our KS1 nativity and KS2 carols as we share the joy of Christmas together.

December key dates

Date	What is happening
Wed 2 Dec	Reception Advent craft afternoon: 2.00-3.00 pm.
Fri 4 Dec	**Non-uniform day: spare change for local and national charities.** **Christmas Fayre at 1.00 pm.** **Join us for a festive afternoon together.**
Thu 10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day. Children to arrive in their Christmas jumpers.
Fri 11 Dec	Non-uniform day: spare change for local and national charities.
Mon 14 Dec	**KS2 Christmas Carols at 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm.** **St Clare's celebration at 7.00 pm (to be confirmed).**
Tue 15 Dec	Christmas dinner day.
Wed 16 Dec	**KS1 Nativity. 10.00am and 2.00pm**
Thu 17 Dec	Christmas party day.
Fri 18 Dec	**Non-uniform day: spare change for local and national charities.** **9.30am Mass with Fr Paul.** **1.30pm Bumper Celebration Event.** **School closes for the Christmas break.**

Our daily Advent prayer focus

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week beginning 30 November Hope				
30 Nov Welcoming Jesus	**1 Dec** Patience and kindness	**2 Dec** Making room for everyone	**3 Dec** St Francis Xavier Our global family	**4 Dec** Small actions that bring hope
Week beginning 7 December Peace				
7 Dec St Ambrose Faith and peace	**8 Dec** Immaculate Conception Following Mary's example	**9 Dec** Caring for God's world	**10 Dec** Care and dignity for every child	**11 Dec** Celebrating peacemakers
Week beginning 14 December Joy				
14 Dec Preparing with joy	**15 Dec** A place for everyone at the table	**16 Dec** The shepherds Good news for all	**17 Dec** Wise choices Everyone belongs	**18 Dec** Mass Sharing Christ's love