



## St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Walker

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a fantastic festive week in school, and we want to thank everyone who has been part of it. It was lovely to welcome families into school and to share these special moments together at such a busy time of year.

The children really did themselves proud during their Christmas performances. They brought so much enthusiasm, energy, and joy to the stage. From the singing to the acting to the sheer confidence they showed, every child played their part brilliantly. It was clear how much effort they had put into rehearsing, and it was wonderful to see them enjoying the experience. We hope you left feeling as proud of them as we did.

On Thursday, we held our first Christmas Fayre in quite some time, and it was a real highlight of the week. The hall was full of festive cheer - families chatting, children exploring the stalls, and staff and volunteers working hard to make it a memorable event. The support from our community was incredible, and it was great to see everyone coming together.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated items, volunteered their time, or simply came along to join in. Your support means so much. All the money raised will go straight towards improving our outdoor learning environment, helping us create a space where children can explore, learn, and play all year round.

We'd also like to thank our staff team, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make this week run smoothly. From rehearsals to set-up to managing busy days, their hard work doesn't go unnoticed.

We are still selling raffle tickets, and they will be available to purchase from the school office until Tuesday 16th December. If you have not yet had the chance to buy yours, there is still time and every ticket sold helps support our school community.

### Aspirational Campaign:

In January, we will be taking part in St Alban's first Aspirational Campaign. It will be based on the book *The Dot* by Peter Reynolds. This initiative will help raise aspirations and support children in recognising how amazing they are.

### Arbor Lunch Reminder

Please ensure your child's lunch choices on Arbor are completed at least **24 hours before each Monday**. The school office is currently having to contact parents for meal choices, which is taking a significant amount of time. Completing selections in advance helps us ensure lunches are ordered correctly and on time. Scheduled reminders have now been set up on Arbor. If you need help, we are happy to guide you, and a step-by-step guide will be added to the website.

### Attendance Policy Update

The updated Attendance Policy is now available on the school website. All unauthorised absences that fall within the policy will be referred to the Local Authority. As a result, parents may be issued with a warning letter or a penalty notice. This will be implemented from **Summer Term 2026**.

For further information, please see the link: *School Attendance and Absence*.

### Book Swap

We are delighted to announce that we have launched a Book Swap in the school entrance! We now have a dedicated cupboard where children can borrow a book and swap it for another. If you have any books at home that are in good condition and would like to donate, we would be very grateful. Happy reading!

### **Key dates**

Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 18th December - Children may wear Christmas jumpers

Thank you again for your continued support. It's been a busy week, but a hugely enjoyable one, and we couldn't have done it without you.

**Mrs Yeoman**