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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the school term, I want to say a big thank you for your support. It has been a busy and successful term, and yesterday's celebration assembly showed just how much our children have achieved. It was lovely to hear your kind words of thanks.

Thank you for supporting the children during their Nativity performances last week. These were a fantastic way for the children to show their talents, and it was wonderful to see so many of you there. Your support means a lot to us. I also want to thank the KS1 and Foundation staff for their hard work in making the performances so special. We are lucky to have such a great team in school. Thank you also to our wonderful KS2 children and staff for leading a beautiful carol concert this morning; it was lovely to see so many parents attending.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. In the Gospel reading for Christmas Day, we hear: *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us"* (John 1:14). This reminds us that Jesus came to be with us, bringing love, hope, and light into the world. Just as a light shines in the darkness, we are called to share that love and kindness with one another. During this special season, may we take time to reflect on how we can bring light to others through small acts of love and generosity.

On the back of this letter, you'll find the Christmas Mass times. Attending Mass is a great way to celebrate the season and enjoy a quiet moment with your family during this busy time and I know Father Julian would really like to welcome the families of our school over the Christmas period.

A quick reminder: school will reopen on **Monday 6th January 2025**.

Finally, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I hope you enjoy the holiday with your family and loved ones.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. S. Rathbone
Principal



Parish Christmas Mass Times

Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December
English Martyrs` 4.00pm

Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass
St. Joseph`s, Goldenhill 4.30pm

Night Mass
English Martyrs` 6.30pm

Christmas Day

Midnight Mass
St. Joseph`s, Goldenhill 12.00 midnight

Dawn Mass
St Patrick`s, Packmoor 9.00am

Mass of the Day
St. Joseph`s, Goldenhill 11.00am

Boxing Day

St. Stephen`s Day, Servers` Mass
St. Joseph`s, Goldenhill 11.30am

