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Issue 11: Autumn Term

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## *Catholic Life*

As we prepare for the season of advent the Saint John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust lay Chaplain has put together some resources for families to use. These can be found here:

[St John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust - Advent Booklets](#)  
[St John Southworth Catholic Academy Trust - SJSCAT Advent Reflections](#)

The Trust Chaplain has also invited all parents to join the monthly prayer session on Teams, held on the **first Friday of each month from 2:45 to 3:00pm**. Find below the dates and link below. The sessions are designed to enable families to come in prayer, share a Psalm or Gospel reading, and offer our prayer intentions. This is a time to pause, give thanks for the week, pray for one another and our community, and entrust our families to God's care as we enter the weekend. These will be held on **December 6<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>, February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

[Click here to join the prayer on Teams](#) Meeting ID: 372 905 578 739. Passcode: noFQnG

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A series of Advent events and Carol Concerts.

- Wednesday 11 December – Reception Nativity
- Friday 13 December – Key Stage One Nativity.
- Tuesday 17 December Christmas Carol Concert in Our Lady of Victories Church at 2pm.

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Our Wednesday Word for this week that links in with the Sunday Gospel is:

*Preparation*



Certificates for the week:



**Year 6 Emma & Ella**

**Year 5 Keyla & Iman**

**Year 4 Valerii & Ines**

**Year 3 River & Lucas**

**Year 2 Massimiliano & Matthew**

**Year 1 Eleonore & Matteo**

Happy Birthday to.....

**Pernille – Year 2**

**Vladimir – Year 2**

**William - Reception**

**We hope you enjoyed your special days!**

## *From the Executive Head...*

The festive season is in full swing! The Christmas tree is up, and our display boards now reflect the Advent themes of hope, joy, peace, and love. The children's beautiful prayers and Christmas wish lists are proudly displayed in the entrance corridor.

This week, our pupils donated over 420 handmade Christmas cards and 50 pairs of gloves to the local homeless center—thank you to parents for your support. Preparations for the Christmas Nativities are underway, and we appreciate your help with lines and costumes. Year 3 impressed us with an inspiring assembly on growth mindset, while Year 6 had a packed week, including an evacuee experience, the Royal Hospital Chelsea Carol Concert, and rehearsals for next week's Christmas Festival.

Next week, we'll enjoy a performance of *Beauty and the Beast*, the Year 6 Christmas Festival, and a festive Christmas lunch. Thank you for your continued support as we embrace the joy of this season!

*Mrs K Wyatt*  
*Executive Headteacher*



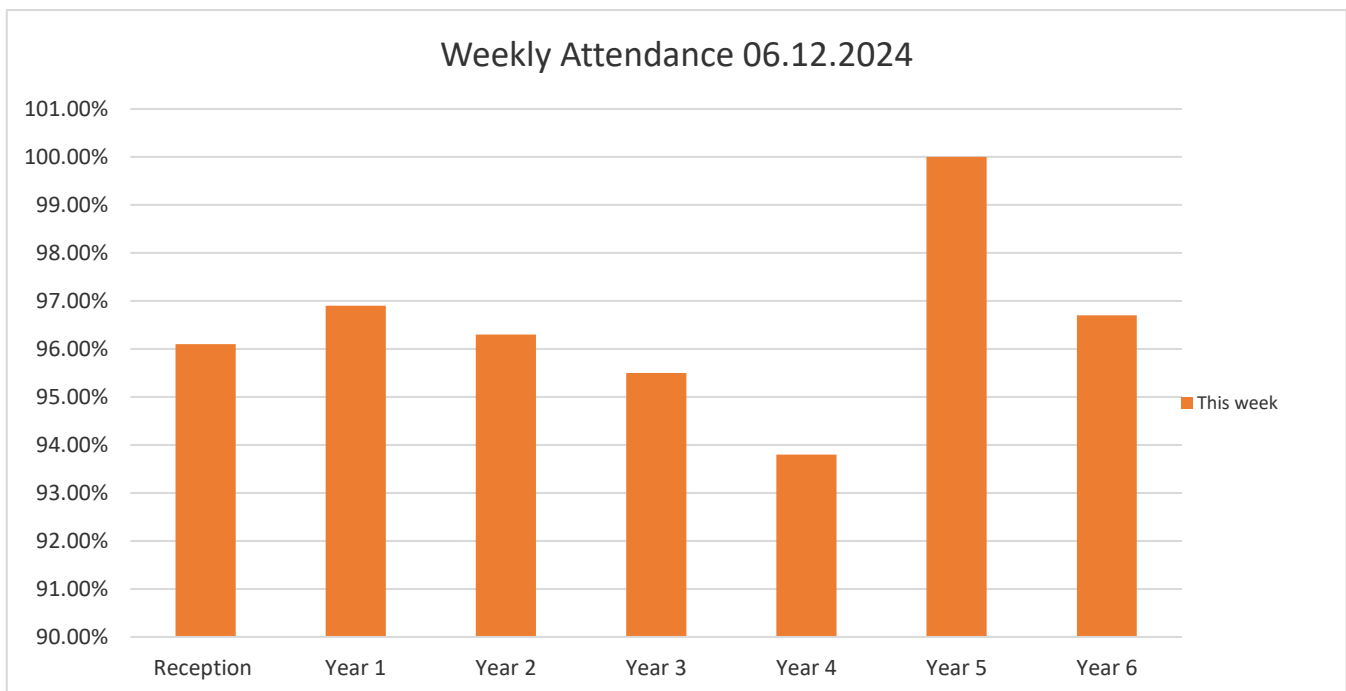
Last Friday, the circus came to town when classes in Key Stage 2 participated in exciting workshops. The children had great fun experimenting with a variety of equipment such as spinning plates, juggling balls, hoops and diabolos. We were so impressed to see the children showing a growth mindset as they tried to learn new skills whilst also having fun. The children were able to show case one skill they had learnt in a showcase assembly at the end of the day.



## Attendance

Well done **Year 5!** You have the highest attendance at 100% attendance this week!!

Weekly Attendance 06.12.2024



**Remember – we aim high for attendance for each child!**