

# Autumn Term Newsletter

# Number 470 – 19th December 2025



Welcome to the last newsletter of 2025.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for all your kind gifts, cards and good wishes for Christmas. Staff and I have been overwhelmed by your generosity and appreciation.

Your generosity in supporting the food parcels for families in need has been deeply appreciated. Because of your kindness, we have been able to bring comfort and joy to those who need it most during this special season. This effort serves as a powerful reminder of the value of coming together as a community. By working side by side, we not only improve the lives of others but also strengthen the connections that make our school such a meaningful place. Thank you for everything you have done to make this possible.

#### **Christmas Concerts**

We had the final concert for this year on Thursday when Year 5 and Year 6 performed for parents. It was wonderful to see so many family members attend. We have had some wonderful performances from all the children this year and their singing, acting, and narration were truly heart-warming, reminding us once again of the true meaning of Christmas. The children were confident, joyful, and beautifully prepared. Thank you to all staff for their creativity, dedication, and patient rehearsals, and to our parents for supporting the children with costumes and encouragement.

#### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December was a huge success. Thanks to the dedication of staff, volunteers, and the overwhelming generosity of our school community, we raised close to £2000. This incredible amount will help us provide much-needed resources and opportunities for our children. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and support. It was also so lovely to see so many of our past pupils come and join us on the day.

#### **Christmas Eve Mass**

We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Family Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm at English Martyrs' Church, especially those who have been part of our school choir. It would be wonderful to see as many children as possible.

#### Support for parents

Winter holiday camp. Once again, Joy Sports Academy Winter Camp is ready to bring your child four magical days of festive fun, games, and creativity. See information sent out on the Jotter.

#### **Edenred vouchers**

The LA has provided Edenred vouchers for the Christmas holidays so please check your email for the link to the voucher.

#### St Vincent De Paul

Thank you to the SVP (St Vincent De Paul Charity) for their support throughout the year by providing help and support for families in need in the form of vouchers and food for the food hampers.

#### Miss Lynch

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lynch to the role of Year 5 Class teacher and we are sure she will be a valuable asset to our school community. We are very excited about this new chapter for Year 5 and look forward to seeing Miss Lynch continue to build upon the excellent relationships she has already built with the children.

#### Return to School in January

#### Remember that we reopen on Tuesday 6th January after the Christmas holidays.

As always, we will be closely monitoring the attendance especially on the last week of term and at the start of term. The EWO will be requesting a list of names of children absent during those times.

I want to thank all of you for your continued support this term. I wish you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas May the timeless message of Christmas fill your heart and home with joy now and throughout the coming year.

Mrs. Heath Headteacher

Should you have any queries please contact us on: <a href="mailto:admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk">admin@clitherow.brent.sch.uk</a> iheath@clitherow.brent.sch.uk or bnolan@clitherow.brent.sch.uk



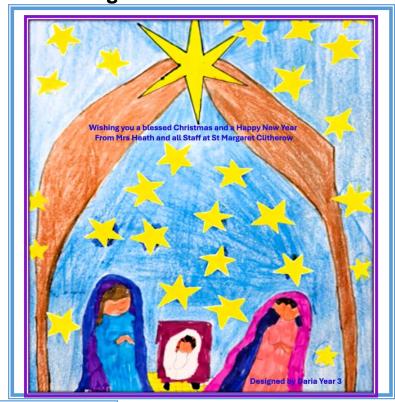








# Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the Staff at St **Margaret Clitherow's**







**Diocesan Christmas Card Competition** 2025 **Finalists** 











Children with 100% Attendance for the Autumn Term 2025	
Elixir	Reception
Sean	Reception
Jayson	Reception
Aletheia	Reception
Ayoub	Reception
Emanuel	Reception
Benedict	Year 1
Dominic	Year 1
Julian P	Year 1
Julia	Year 1
Roshana	Year 2
Matylda	Year 2
Kajetan	Year 2
Vaani	Year 2
Benedict	Year 2
Ethan	Year 2
Joshua	Year 2
Denitsa	Year 2
Raegan	Year 2
Eric	Year 3
Alicja	Year 3
Aliyah	Year 3
Amelia	Year 3
Eunice	Year 3
Hadassah	Year 4
Evelyn	Year 4
Tymon	Year 4
Bastian	Year 4
Zova	Year 4
Jett	Year 4
Adrian	Year 4
Jenna	Year 5
Aidan	Year 5
Kidus	Year 5
Shenzah	Year 5
Maya	Year 5
Pola	Year 5
Tiana	Year 5
Victor	Year 5
Nhea	Year 6
Kaleb	Year 6
Blanca	Year 6
Isaac	Year 6
Maya	Year 6
Angelina	Year 6
Nadia	Year 6
Shannon	Year 6
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Congratulations to the 47 children who had 100% attendance for the Autumn Term.

FORTHCOMING DATES	
5th January	INSET (SCHOOL CLOSED)
6 <sup>th</sup> January	School starts
12 <sup>th</sup> January	After School Clubs start
12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 to Wallace Collection
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 to Wallace Collection
16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 & Year 5 to Gordon Brown
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 to Wallace Collection
Please check out the calendar on the jotter for dates and times of events.	

Please ensure your child's pencil case (KS2) is restocked over the holiday as a large number of children have delayed learning this term as they have not had the basic stationery that is required, for example, pencils, rubbers, sharpeners, rulers, a glue stick and coloured pencils. Thank you for your support.

A huge thank you to Friends of St Margaret's for all the event organised this term and thank you to all the families that supported these events.

A total of £3500 has been raised from Bingo night, Raffle, Christmas Fair and Discos.

A huge thank you also to Hoopers
Estate Agents for their sponsorship.
The money raised will help towards trips
and equipment for the children.

#### **Meet our Governors:**

Ms Michelle Bourne interviewed by Blanca and Kaleb

# What made youwant to become a school governor?

I wanted to become more involved with the school.

## What does a governor do? How does your support help our school?

There are lots of meetings and I come in to school to see children and give advice to support teachers and children.

# How did you become a governor?

I put myself forward and was voted to become a governor.

# What is your favourite part of being a governor?

I love going in to the school to see the children.

## Was it your dream job as a child? If it wasn't what was?

It wasn't. My options were: singer, dancer, teacher, athlete, author or actress.

## Do you have any favourite hobbies?

Singing, dancing, playing sports and going to the theatre

# How do you make sure we have enough fun things to do at school?

By speaking to children and taking suggestions e.g favourite songs at school discos, microphone for singers

## How do you make sure we have good teachers?

I watch presentations given by the teachers and go into classrooms.

#### Do you think the school should have more clubs or activities?

Yes, as many as possible. I am always helping to provide clubs for the school.

# How do you help the school make decisions, like what books we read or what food is in the canteen?

I always listen to the children and try to come up with plans to make sure the school is providing what the children are asking for. St Margaret's is a lovely school.