

## Reception Newsletter – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Thank you

Thank you very much for the very kind messages for Christmas and generous gifts you gave to Mrs Long, Mrs D’Arcy and me.

We are very grateful and really appreciate them all.

### Phonics – Level 2

We’ve completed Level 2!!!!!!

This week we learned that when there is a ‘s’ at the end of words it usually says a ‘z’ sound. This is the final sound within Level 2. Our Tricky words were ‘is’, ‘it’ & ‘in’. Please add the tricky words into your child’s tricky word book.

The Parent Support Sheets and flashcards can be found on the class Phonics & Reading webpage: <https://www.st-annes.walsall.sch.uk/phonics-reading/>

After the holiday we will review level 2 and move swiftly to Level 3.

Last week I completed a phonics check on the sounds and tricky words within Level 2. The children did exceptionally well at recognising them on sight. I have added a message in your child’s links book for sounds your child didn’t know. If you have no message, it means your child read all of them. After Christmas I will assess their skills blending to read regular words.

Now the children are becoming more confident at using their Robot Fingers to read regular words, they need to start to become fluent readers with 2 and 3 letter regular words. If your child can recognise these words without having to sound them out, then please do encourage them to read the words on sight without having to sound them out. Please continue using Robot Fingers if your child needs to.

### RE – The 4 Weeks of Advent / The Christmas Story

We lit the pink candle on our Advent Wreath on Monday. The children who went to Mass at the weekend were able to tell me which candle I needed to light on Monday. Well done for being observant. The children were then able to say some thoughtful prayers and consider how they can prepare themselves for Jesus during Advent.

The children spent some time sequencing pictures and retelling the story of the birth of Jesus. Ask your child if they can retell the story. They might like to use a children’s Bible or Nativity story book for support.

### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** - School reopens for Spring Term

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January** – Mass at 9am. You are welcome to join us. **\*\*\*Note the change in date \*\*\***

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January** – Mufti Day for unwanted Christmas gifts. This could be smellies, to chocolates, to small toys & games. They can be for men, women or children. They will be used by the PTA for Mother’s Day shop and for raffle prizes through the year.

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year to you all. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday and see you in 2026.

Mrs Turley