



# ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

## Key dates and arrangement for the last two weeks of term

Below is information regarding some key dates and the arrangements for the last month of this term.

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December - MAC Christmas Carol Service – 13:30

Our annual MAC Christmas Carol will be streamed if parents, carers or friends of Archbishop Ilsley and the St Teresa of Calcutta Multi Academy Company wish to tune in. This is the link to access the webcam: <https://www.holysoulschurch.co.uk/livestream.html>

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner will be served in the canteen

The timings are as follows:

12:00 Holy Souls Primary Mini Vinnies and rewards lunch

12:40 Year 7

13:15 Sixth Form

13:40 Year 8, 9, 10 and 11

Please note, there will be no 'grab and go' on this day as all catering staff will be involved with preparing and servicing Christmas dinner.

### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Awards Evening for last year's Year 11 and Year 13.

This will take place in the hall from 17:30. Former pupil, and current headteacher of Holy Trinity Catholic School, Mr Colin Crehan will be our guest of honour.

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 12:00 – 14:45

Christmas Community Afternoon Tea for parishioners hosted by our Sixth Form in the School Hall.

### Hamper masses

The famous hamper masses will also take place during this final week. Thank you so much, on behalf of the parish, for your generous donations.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12:50 pm for Year 11

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 2:30 pm for Years 7 and 8

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9:15 am for Years 9 and 10

### Final day for Sixth Form – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Our most senior students will begin their Christmas holidays at 11:30 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.



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### **Final day for all pupils Years 7 to 11 – 12:35 on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

We like to respond to pupil voice at Archbishop Ilsley. Therefore, by popular demand, it will be a non-uniform day on the Friday. The cost will be £1 which will go to Father Hudson's charity. The only way to pay will be in cash; it will not be available on parent mail. If children do not want to pay the £1, then normal school uniform should be worn. Please be aware pupils in inappropriate or revealing clothing will be sent home. Cycling shorts and crop tops are not permitted. All pupils will begin their Christmas holidays at lunchtime on the Friday. On this day, pupils can 'grab and go' their lunch at break-time.

### **First day back – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January**

School will reopen on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January at the usual time. The gates on the Warwick Road will be open between 8am and 8:45.

The next INSET day will be on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026** to facilitate training for all staff in the St Teresa of Calcutta Multi Academy Company.

Yours sincerely

C. Clinton

Mr Clinton and the staff of Archbishop Ilsley Catholic School