

Advent & Christmas 2023 at St Francis of Assisi CPS

EVENT	DATE	TIME	DETAILS
CAFOD Virtual Assembly	Tue 28 Nov	Watch live at 9.30am	National online assembly
Decorate Classrooms	Thu 30 Nov	-	Go festive! Decorate your classrooms, to your heart's content
Elf Day & Letters to Santa	Thu 30 Nov	-	All staff and children dress up as Elves . £2 contribution – pay online though School Money. Each child writes a letter to Santa (hand to Santa on his visit, on Tue 19 Dec)
Tree Dressing & Sing Along	Thu 30 Nov	1.30pm	Each class sings a Christmas song whilst we all decorate the Christmas tree, in the school hall
Advent Wreaths Blessing	Fri 1 Dec	11am	Fr Whitwell will bless the wreaths during Y4 Class Mass in school. Parents, please join us!
Advent 1 Assembly Y5/6 "Meaning of Advent"	Fri 1 Dec	2.30pm	Class Assembly to explain the meaning of Advent. All parents welcome especially Y5/6.
CAFOD Online Advent Calendar	Daily from Fri 1 Dec	-	https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar Use daily at home too
Parish Advent Mass	Tue 5 Dec	10am	All children and staff will walk to St Anthony's Church.
Nursery Santa's Express	Wed 6 Dec	10am	Nur visiting Middleton Railway for their Santa's Express Experience.
Advent Liturgies	Wed 6 Dec	1.15pm – EYFS 1.30pm – Y1/2 2.00pm – Y3/4 2.30pm – Y5/6	A special time for reflection, in KS groups, in the school hall.
Christmas Jumper day	Thu 7 Dec	-	All staff and children wear their best and most festive Christmas jumper . £2 contribution – pay online though School Money
Holy Day of Obligation - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass	Thu 7 Dec	7pm	All parents welcome to attend the evening Mass, at St Anthony's Church!

Advent 2 Assembly Y3/4 "Shepherds and Angels"	Fri 8 Dec	2.30pm	Class Assembly to explain the story of the Shepherd and the Angels at Christmas. All parents welcome especially Y3/4.
Christmas Cards	w/c 11 Dec	-	Each child makes two Christmas cards (one to take home later, one for parish and the community)
Y3/4 Party + Disco	Mon 11 Dec	Party 1-3pm Disco 3.30-4.30pm	PARTY - Children to bring food/drink (shop bought only, not home-made, please)
Y5/6 Party + Disco	Tue 12 Dec		DISCO - Children to wear their party clothes to school. Parents please collect promptly at 4.30pm from your child's class door
Y1/2 Party + Disco	Wed 13 Dec		£2.50 pp (disco, glow stick, drink, bun/sweets) – pay online through School Money (payment required)
The Wizard of Oz at Planet Ice	Thu 14 Dec	1pm	Wizard of Oz performance at Planet Ice for all KS2 children.
Advent 3 Assembly Y1/2 "Mary and Joseph"	Fri 15 Dec	2.30pm	Class assembly to explain the story of Mary and Joseph All parents welcome especially Y1/2.
Carol Service	Mon 18 Dec	2pm	Parents, please join us!
Santa's visit	Tue 19 Dec	1pm	Each class presents Santa with their letters in an envelope; and receives gifts from Santa. All children and wear a festive headgear/headwear (e.g. Angel halo, Reindeer antlers, Elf ears, Santa hat, tinsel crown).
Awards Ceremony	Thu 21 Dec	2pm	Parents, please join us!
EYFS Nativity	Fri 22 Dec	1.15pm	Class assembly to tell the Nativity story. EYFS parents, please join us!
Break up for the Christmas Holidays	Fri 22 Dec	2pm	Please collect your child from their class door at 2pm

Merry Christmas, everyone!