



Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It is a time for reflection in darkness, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning. It is a season of expectation and preparation as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. Purple is the traditional colour used. Advent falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas. As we begin our journey through Advent, we keep this prayer close to our hearts:

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Lord Jesus, Light of light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your light
to shine as lights in your world.
Glory to God in the highest.
Amen.



Congratulations to our Presentation, Writing and Star of the Week award winners this week!



Congratulations to Joey, Lydia, Elara, Delilah, Olivia,
Ben, Marlia, Jaxon, Christopher, Lucy, Eliza, Joel, Spencer,
Eleanor, Mary, Emmy, Evelyn and Alaia!
We are so proud of you!



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St John's Academy Christmas Fair

Thursday 7th December

3.30 – 6.00

Winsford Avenue, CV5 9HZ

SANTA'S GROTTTO,

RAFFLE, CHRISTMAS GAMES, FESTIVE STALLS,

BOTTLE & CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA,

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS,

GOLDEN TICKET, SCHOOL CHOIR

& LOTS MORE FESTIVE FUN!



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 4 th December	
Tuesday 5 th December	10.00: Year 1 handwashing lesson from school nursing team
Wednesday 6 th December	Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair bottle donations – please check best before dates 😊 9.00 – 10.00: Year 1 'Stay and Play' for parents and carers *Final World Changers session for this term – we will start again in January*
Thursday 7 th December	3.30 – 6.00: St John's Christmas Fair! Bring all your friends and family to celebrate with us!
Friday 8 th December	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Sunday 10 th December	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 11 th December	Learning Logs to be brought into school (Years 1 – 6) 5.30 – 7.00: Christmas Music Concert
Tuesday 12 th December	
Wednesday 13 th December	Nativity Prayer Spaces Day – families welcome to use the spaces together after school (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th December	9.00 – 11.30: Reception trip to Little Lane Play Village 9.00 – 9.30: KS2 Christingle Service at school – families welcome
Friday 15 th December	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Sunday 17 th December	Third Sunday of Advent
Monday 18 th December	Christmas play dress rehearsals for children in school 4.00: Choir trip to Methodist Hall
Tuesday 19 th December	2.00 – 3.00: KS1 & Reception performance for families 5.00 – 6.00: KS2 performance for families
Wednesday 20 th December	2.00 – 3.00: KS2 performance for families 5.00 – 6.00: KS1 & Reception performance for families
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas dinner day – wear your Christmas jumpers! 9.15 – 10.15: Year 3 leading school nativity service at St Christopher's Church – all welcome
Friday 22 nd December	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Sunday 24 th December	Fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve
Monday 8 th January	Staff INSET day – no school for children today
Tuesday 9 th January	
Wednesday 10 th January	
Thursday 11 th January	
Friday 12 th January	Young Voices choir trip to Resorts World Birmingham

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