



GREGORY HUGHES ~ Headteacher

TO: ALL PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents

### **CHRISTMAS 2025 NEWSLETTER**

We have enjoyed a very successful and exciting festive period finishing with party days. We say goodbye to Mrs Nicky Hughes who leaves us after 17 years. Nicky has been an important member of the staff as a teaching assistant, midday supervisor and as the person who set up the successful Breakfast Club. We wish her every success in her new ventures with her grandchild!

### **JOINT CATHOLIC SCHOOL ADVENT SERVICE**

The choir and children from St Hugh's, Our Lady of Lincoln and St Peter and Saint Paul's Secondary School combined for a special Advent Service at St Peter and St Paul's Church. The drama and music were a fitting tribute to the Christmas story. The children received many compliments for their performance. Thank you to all the staff from the three Academy schools for their excellent preparation.

### **END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS LITURGY**

Year 6 and the choir finished the term with a Christmas Liturgy. Parents and friends of the school were invited. Fr. Eddy gave everyone a Christmas blessing. Thanks to Miss Blood, Year 6 and Junior for their preparation.

### **MUSIC, DRAMA AND CHRISTMAS NATIVITY AND CHARITY WORK**

The infants performed the Nativity play "It's a baby" to packed audiences over the Christmas period. The children performed wonderfully, and it was a joy to see them all involved in such high-quality performances. This was no mean feat by the teachers, teaching assistants and parents who made the event so memorable.

The Choir has had a very busy Christmas period. They recently performed at St Peter and St Paul's Church at the Age UK concert. The church was packed and all enjoyed a very special Christmas Service raising £2002 for this worthwhile charity. Many thanks to Mr Ballard for his hard work and preparation.

### **PTFA**

Children enjoyed a Halloween Disco at the end of last term.

The Christmas Festival and the supporting events made a fantastic amount of nearly £2000. Once again this is a phenomenal figure and many thanks go to Mrs Elvers, Mrs Francis and the entire PTFA who worked so hard to make the Festival such a success. Also, a big thank you goes to parents and friends who supported the Christmas events. Well done to the Infant Choir who began the proceedings with excellent performances expertly arranged by Mrs Rutherford. At the end of the term we welcomed the Grinch and the Christmas Elf to school to celebrate the Infant and Junior Parties.

### **SCHOOL MASS**

We celebrated the Feast of St Hugh with Canon Geoffrey. The children spoke clearly and confidently and took part in retelling the life story of our patron Saint.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

The boys team played in the Utilita 7 a side Lincolnshire tournament. The boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in their group just missing out on the semi- finals.

Congratulations go to the girl's football team who brought another piece of silverware to the St Hugh's display shelves. They battled through the arctic conditions and remained undefeated in their 5 games, winning 3 and drawing 2. This followed on from an excellent friendly victory on the Tuesday of the same week against South Hykeham School.

The children had the opportunity to try fencing this term. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Years 5 and 6 finished the term with Bikeability. This saw children learning the necessary road skills to commute to and from school as well as for their own leisure.

## **SWIMMING**

Next term Miss Noor's class will be swimming. Please note they will start on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

Well done to Miss Gosling's class for making excellent progress during their time at the pool.

## **VISITOR**

We welcomed Lincoln MP Hamish Falconer to school to spend time with our Breakfast Club. He looked at how we provide wrap around care at the start of each day. He returned to give out a special prize in assembly. We entered his annual Christmas Card competition and Lucy from (Y5) was a runner-up! Lucy's imaginative design is featured on the back of Hamish's official card that is sent out to over 800 people. All of the children who entered the competition also received a certificate from Hamish too.

## **TRIPS**

All children enjoyed a trip to the Cinema to watch a variety of films. It was the first time some of them and they all enjoyed their day out.

## **FOUNDATION UNIT INTAKE 2026**

The closing date for applications for next year is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Once again, the school has received a high interest for places. Parents will be notified in April if their child has been accepted. If you know of any children who are new to the area, please ask the parents to contact the school as soon as possible.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

For Mass times over the Christmas period please see:

<http://www.sthughslincoln.org.uk>

<http://www.peter-paul-lincoln.org.uk>

## **FINALLY**

Thank you to all our parents who continue to support the school in all the events and meetings that we hold. Thank you for your generosity sending cards and gifts to the staff this Christmas time. It is greatly appreciated by all.

Thank you also to the teaching staff who work so hard to ensure all children reach their potential and offer curriculum enrichment beyond the curriculum with after school activities and clubs. I would also like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and hard work.

I would also like to thank our Governors for the time they have freely given. I am grateful for the considerable extra time given by the Teaching Assistants, Administrators, Cleaners, Midday Supervisory Assistants, Site Manager and Mini-Bus drivers who all contribute to make St Hugh's such a successful school. In conclusion, I would like to thank all who are involved in making St Hugh's Catholic Primary School the happy and caring school it is.

On behalf of Mrs Nicky Shaw our Chair of Governors, Staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and relaxing Christmas and New Year and look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Yours sincerely

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