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Headteacher's Autumn B Roundup – 2024-2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for the all the support you have given us this term.

Our Autumn Term ended with our expansive Advent programme designed to ensure students of all faiths feel valued and enriched in their growing understanding of the importance of Christmas for Catholics. We were proud to see the students fully embrace the various opportunities to reflectively prepare for the Nativity of Christ, to keep Christ at the centre of Christmas and bring hope and joy for themselves, their families, their communities, and others in need. Events included our Christmas Gift Appeal, Christmas tree service, Christmas fundraising fairs, Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Carol Service, Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Christmas Staff and Students' Lunch.

Autumn A Newsletters

My video and written messages to the community can be found in the [Autumn B newsletter](#).

The newsletter captures highlights, celebrations, and photos from the Autumn B half-term, please do take the time to read it.

Our Year Group Updates are being sent to you directly by your daughter's Head of Year, do look out for yours.

As always our newsletter suite is always accessible on our website under [newsletters](#).

Thank you

- We say goodbye and give thanks to: Mercedes Alvarez Green: Head of Spanish & Alex Rushforth: Head of Science
- We welcome: Mercedes Gill Valera: Head of Spanish





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Top Tip for the holiday season

The attached guide from the [National College](#) provides great tips for enjoying a safe holiday season.

Road Safety

We received a call from a member of the public this week informing us that one of our students was demonstrating dangerous road safety and narrowly avoided getting hit. Thanks to the quick response from the driver, nothing happened on this occasion. We regularly speak with our students about road safety, and I ask parents/carers to please do the same – having these important conversations regularly is essential for our children to really hear us.

Road safety has always been an important topic but with more electric cars (silent), and children carrying and using phones and headphones/airpods, risks are even more heightened. Please remind your children of how to be safe on the roads, to never wear headphones while walking, and to put phones away. Children should be stopping somewhere safe if they need to use their phones. Let's also remember that using headphones/phones while walking/commuting is a safety risk more generally. Situational awareness is always vital.

To help inform your conversations, [Brake UK](#), the road safety charity and [THINK!](#), the government's designated road safety campaign, have a huge number of resources for children on their websites.

Smart Device and Social Media guidance in the run up to Christmas

Internet Matters' CEO shares [valuable advice](#) and launches '[My Family's Digital Toolkit](#)' for parents/carers to put online safety measures in place now ahead of the hectic festive season - often a time where parents are laxer with phone rules, new smartphones are gifted, and problems arise.

Spring A

I look forward to welcoming students and staff back to school on Monday 6th January 2025.





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Wishing you and your families a joyous and safe, Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Yours faithfully

Eoin Kelly
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