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### Autumn 2 - 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

We hope you had a wonderful and restful two-week break.

This half term, our learning concept is “Change”, with special focuses on Remembrance Day, Children in Need and Christmas. With Remembrance wreaths, festive preparations, and Christmas celebrations on the horizon, it’s set to be a very exciting (and busy!) few weeks ahead.

#### 🌸 Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 9th November

The children will be making a Remembrance wreath to lay by the memorial during the Church Service at 10:00am.

All children are warmly invited to attend and take part in this special event.

#### 🧸 Children in Need – Friday 14th November

Children are invited to wear pyjamas, onesies, or any Children in Need merchandise. We’ll also be holding a cake sale (CASH ONLY) at the end of the session, with all proceeds going directly to Children in Need.

#### 🎄 Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December

Join in the festive fun! Children can wear their favourite Christmas jumpers on this day.

#### 📖 The Story Maker – Monday 15th December

We’re delighted to welcome Suzie, The Story Maker, for an interactive drama and music session.

Her magical Christmas Story Adventure will come to life as she brings her suitcase of festive fun and imagination to life!

★ Nativity Play – Tuesday 16th December

**All preschool children** will take part in our Nativity Play, held in the Church at 10:00am. Please drop your child to the hall at 9:30am dressed in their **provided** costume (costumes will be sent out w/c 1<sup>st</sup> December).

You can then take your seat in the Church.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn immediately after the Nativity.

Further details about songs, and lines will be shared within the next two weeks.

Please collect children from the hall straight after the service.

👶 Children's Christmas Party – Wednesday 17th December

This event is for **all preschool children**.

Please drop children to the hall at 10:00am and return (to the garden weather permitting) at 12:00pm to watch your child receive a gift from Father Christmas.

We will have the Party Monster entertainment, festive food, and fun games!

Children can wear Christmas jumpers or party clothes.

This will be our last day of term, and we'll **return on Tuesday 6th January 2024**.

🎁 Christmas Raffle

We would greatly appreciate any raffle prize donations—either from you or your workplace.

All proceeds go directly towards resources for the children.

Donations of chocolates, bottles, or small gifts are also welcome for our prize hampers.

Raffle tickets will be sent home soon for you to sell to friends and family.

👨👩 Parents' Meetings – Week Commencing 10th November

Each parent has been allocated a 10-minute slot to meet with their child's key worker.

Due to staffing and scheduling constraints, we're unable to change time slots.

If you can't make your appointment, you're always welcome to arrange to view your child's learning journal separately—just message us in advance.

Please check the list displayed at drop-off and collection for your allocated time.

🍱 Lunchboxes

Please ensure lunchboxes contain no nut products and that grapes are cut into at least four pieces.

We encourage healthy options such as:

- Wholemeal or 50/50 bread
- Chopped fruit
- Natural yogurt or fromage frais
- Cheese
- Raw vegetables

Please limit items like chocolate, crisps, and other highly processed snacks.

Thank you for helping us promote healthy eating habits!

### Gerry the Gingerbread Man

Last year, while baking gingerbread men, one cheeky biscuit—Gerry—escaped! We're excited to announce that Gerry will be returning soon. Keep an eye on Famly for updates about his adventures—and do ask your children about him!

### General Reminders

- Please ensure your child wears suitable footwear and outdoor clothing, clearly labelled with their name (a keyring on the zip can also help!).
- Check your child's book bag daily for letters, artwork, and party invitations.
- We provide a daily healthy snack bar (fruit, vegetables, cheese, crackers, etc.). A £1 weekly contribution helps cover these costs—**thank you to everyone who already contributes!**

### Illness Policy:

Children must stay home for 48 hours after any episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. Please report all absences via phone, text, or WhatsApp.

### Your Opinions Count

We always value your thoughts, feedback, and questions about your child's time at preschool.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at any time.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.  
We look forward to another wonderful and busy term ahead!

Regards,

The Holy Redeemer Preschool Team

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