

# MATT TALBOT NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Themes: Christmas  
DECEMBER: 2022

Winter

Shapes: Star/Diamond

Colour: Gold/Silver

Numbers: 0-5

## HOW YOU CAN HELP:

Visit the Library and find a book about the Nativity. Talk to your child about the Christmas Story.

Dress in warm winter clothing and go on a Winter Walk. During your walk encourage your child to look for signs of winter.

Encourage your child to mark make by writing a letter to Santa. Encourage your child to tell you about what they have written and record what they are saying at the bottom of their letter. Alternatively encourage your child to develop their fine motor skills by cutting pictures from toy catalogues and sticking them on a piece of paper to show Santa what they would like for Christmas.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thur 1<sup>st</sup> & Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Music Therapy with Karen

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Litter Elf with Captain Clean Up

Tues 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Mindful Explorers with Leanne

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec: Parent Coffee & walk to the Titanic Quarter

Thur 8<sup>th</sup> Dec: Matt Talbot Nursery School Open Day 4.00pm-7.00pm

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Visit to John Paul II Primary School for Christmas Nativity

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Concert & Christmas Jumper day

Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: School closed for Christmas - flexible pickup time from 10.30am - 11.00am

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: School reopens for Term II. This will be a full school day.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thur 1<sup>st</sup> Cónaill

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Cara Rose

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Layla

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Aodhan H



## NEW BABY

Congratulations to Carter and family  
on the birth of baby Daisy.



## NURSERY APPLICATIONS

### OPEN DAY

Matt Talbot Nursery School is holding an open day for **September 2023** intake on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** from **4.00pm - 7.00PM**. Please support our school and encourage family and friends who have young children of nursery age to come along with their children to see our school and meet the teachers and assistants. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **NURSERY APPLICATION FORMS 2023/2024**

Online application forms are available from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 for Nursery and Primary 1 places in September 2023. Log onto the Education Authority website below to process your application. If your child will be returning to Matt Talbot Nursery School for a second year you also need to apply online. **Please notify family members and friends who may want to apply for Nursery of the closing date and that the process must be done online.** If they need assistance completing an online application form, they can call into the Nursery during January and the staff will be happy to help.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

### NURSERY VIDEO

We will be posting a video to showcase our nursery in the next few days. Please support our school and encourage family and friends who have young children of nursery age to consider our school and watch our video. We are happy to arrange visits to the nursery by appointment only for prospective families.

### MUSIC THERAPY

Karen Diamond, a music therapist, will be coming into the nursery on Wednesday mornings to work with some of the children. Music Therapy is a fun way for children to develop a range of skills which equip them as they move into primary school. The skills include:

- Speech and language/communication e.g. encouraging vocal sounds
- Social skills through increased turn taking and improved listening
- Sensory development e.g. tolerance of sounds, touch and space
- Motor development e.g. movement and muscle control
- Cognitive development, especially attention and concentration skills



### PARENT COFFEE & WALK

You are welcome to join Mrs Smith for a walk around Titanic Quarter on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 9.00am**. This is to promote healthy living, some socialising and build relationships. All parents, grandparents, family members and friends are very welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.



### LITTER ELF

The Litter Elf with Captain Clean Up will be visiting the children on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. She will talk to the children about how they should dispose of litter and keep their local environment clean.



### CHRISTMAS DINNER

The children will be having a Christmas dinner and party in the Nursery on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Please ensure that your child is in school on this date for this yummy feast!



### SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN

Oh you better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout I'm telling you why: Santa Clause is coming to town. A certain special visitor will arrive at the Nursery on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022** to visit all the best boys and girls in the whole world.



### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Your child may come into school on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December & Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** wearing a Christmas outfit.



### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

The Nursery Christmas Concert will be held in the Nursery School on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 10.00am**. Everyone is very welcome mummies, daddies, grannies, granddads, family members and friends. Elvis the Elf will visit the children after their concert and some Christmas treats will be provided for children and parents.

**Due to limited space in the Nursery only 2 adults per child will be able to attend.**

**Please do not bring younger siblings to this event.**



### John Paul II Primary School Christmas Show

The children are invited to visit John Paul II Primary School with their teachers and friends on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022** to watch their Christmas show. All children will return to school for their lunch and stay until 1.30pm. Please ensure your child comes to school on this date dressed in full school uniform.



### TRANSITION TO PRIMARY 1

The Open day for John Paul II Primary School will be on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 10.00am**.

The Open day for Holy Trinity Primary School will be on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 10.00am**.



## CHILDREN WHO ARE UNWELL

Children who are unwell should be kept at home especially if they have been given Calpol or Nurofen. If they are sick enough to be medicated then they are too sick for school. Please be aware that if your child has had vomiting/diarrhoea they must stay out of school for 48 hours after they have last been sick or passed a loose bowel movement. These measures are in place to stop the spread of disease amongst other children and staff. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



## COLD WEATHER

As the weather is colder please ensure you send your child to school wearing warm clothing and with a coat. In school we try and get outside every day.



## ADVERSE WEATHER POLICY: INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Procedures used in the decision to close Matt Talbot Nursery School in the event of adverse weather conditions.

A decision to close the school would never be taken lightly and would involve all staff members.

1. A decision will be made, as far as possible, before 8.30am as to whether the school should be open or needs to be closed.
2. Parents will be sent a seesaw message.
3. In the event of closure, the school will send a message to BBC Website using a pre-arranged security code to allow them to broadcast the information to the general public.



## HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The principal and staff of Matt Talbot Nursery School would like to thank all parents for their continued support and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. **See you all Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

