



ADVENT WEEK 3



The Third Sunday of Advent is a PINK candle. It is called the “Shepard's Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

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Ensuring every child is known.

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At the heart of the community.

Our Vision...
Keeping children safe in education.



Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We look forward to the Christmas Service on Wednesday with Yr7 at 2pm at Our Lady's church, please note we will be finishing for Christmas at 1pm on Friday 16th December.

Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Mrs. Vile

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"There is only one week left of the school term. Any student who has 100% attendance and punctuality for all 5 days next week will be entered into a prize draw on Friday 16th December! Prizes include £25 and £50 vouchers – just in time for Christmas!"

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Re: Letter from Public Health about increase of scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), above seasonal expected levels.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms and the actions to be taken if you become aware of an outbreak at your school or nursery.

Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes*, or group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

Infection control advice

In schools and nurseries it is recognised that infections can be spread through direct physical contact between children and staff and through shared contact with surfaces such as table tops, taps, toys and handles. During periods of high incidence of scarlet fever there may also be an increase in outbreaks in schools, nurseries and other childcare settings.

As per national 'Guidance on Infection Control in Schools and other Child Care Settings', children and adults with suspected scarlet fever should be **excluded** from nursery / school / work for 24 hours after the commencement of appropriate antibiotic treatment. Good hygiene practice such as hand washing remains the most important step in preventing and controlling spread of infection.

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Recommended actions if you suspect an outbreak at your school or nursery

- Contact your Health Protection Team for advice on

Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm 0344 225 0562

Out of Hours 0151 434 4819

- Your Health Protection Team will provide you with a letter and Frequently Asked Questions to cascade to staff and parents if appropriate

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, patients can develop complications and if you have any concerns please contact your local Health Protection Team for advice.

Links to sources of further information on scarlet fever are included below. For any general queries, you can also contact us at HealthProtectionSecure@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

'Warm & Toastie' Support at Theatre Porta

Our Warm and Toasty scheme aims to provide opportunities for children and families who are struggling due to the Cost of Living crisis to access free food, warm space and free family activity on various dates across the Christmas Holidays.

There is an online info page here .. <https://sway.office.com/OE0hb4fd5JMu6cL9?ref=Link>



[Warm and 'toastie'* at Theatre Porto](#)

To support our communities throughout the cost-of-living crisis, we will be providing multiple opportunities for children, young people and families in Ellesmere Port to benefit from free food and war
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Monday 12th December 2022 is CHRISTMAS HAT/JUMPER/SOCKS/TIE DAY.

This is open to the whole school – students and staff.
£1 donation for a local charity.
Money to be collected on entry to school.

This is not compulsory, please don't buy anything new.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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