

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### **St Francis Church Service**

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our RE and community learning we will be attending our local church for a Christmas service.

This will take place on **Monday 15th December at St. Francis Church**, Nostell Place, Bessacarr. It will give our pupils a great opportunity to experience a place of worship during the Christmas season, and help them to discover the true meaning of Christmas.

This visit will consist of a few well-known Christmas carols, some Bible readings and a few words from the church Reverend. Please be aware that children who do not follow the Christian faith will not be expected to participate in the singing, however, we expect them to attend because visiting places of worship is part of our curriculum and helps them to gain a good understanding of a range of faiths and cultures in British society.

As you know during their time at Willow the children have the opportunity to visit a Mosque, Gurdwara and a Synagogue, and this is their opportunity to visit the church.

We would like to invite parents and families to join us for the service. **If you would like to join us, please purchase a ticket through Parent Pay. The cost of the ticket is 50p per adult as a donation to the church.** Because of health and safety regulations, we can only offer 150 seats and it will be done on a first come first served basis.

**Parents are to meet us at the church on the day.** In the church the pupils will be sat at the front and **parents/ families will be sat at the back of the church.** The Children will be required to stay with their class and teacher during the event.

#### **The times of the service are as follows:**

Reception, Years 1 & 2 at 9.30am – 10.15am

Years 3-6 at 10.30am - 11.30am

Because the church is so close to us, it's included in our whole school risk assessment. Therefore, we do not require consent from parents or carers for their child to attend.

Kind Regards

Mrs Singh  
RE and Community Leader