

Welcome EAL December newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments and information to be able to support pupils, families and staff.

A Message from the EAL Department

As 2025 draws to a close, we want to celebrate the incredible progress our multilingual learners have made this year. Students across all year groups have shown determination, creativity, and resilience as they continue developing their English language skills.

We are proud of every student's achievement and grateful to all our teachers, support staff, and families for working together to make our school an inclusive and language-rich community.

*I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."
John 10:10*

A big thank you to our Year 12 students who paired up with Year 7 and 8 students on Tuesday mornings for 'paired reading*'.

*A paired reading programme is an evidence-based literacy strategy. EAL learners in Year 7 and 8 have been paired with year 12 students to read aloud. They are praised and given gentle correction for errors to build confidence and fluency.

Tips for Supporting EAL Learners Over the Holiday

For Students

- Read for 10–15 minutes a day (stories, news articles, graphic novels).
- Practise English using apps like Duolingo or BBC Learning English.
- Keep a holiday diary to build writing confidence.
- Watch English films with subtitles in English for double support.

For Parents/Carers

- Talk about school and holiday activities in your home language. Strong home-language development supports English learning.
- Encourage your child to read regularly, in any language.
- Visit the local library during the holidays—they often have free multilingual resources.

A recent national Catholic Education Service survey (England) found: Catholic schools have a higher-than-average ethnic diversity in both pupil and staff populations with nearly half of pupils from ethnic minority backgrounds compared to the state average. [Catholic Education](#)

The survey's significance lies in showing that Catholic schools in England are highly inclusive and socially diverse.

**Together,
we can make a real
difference.**

Student Achievements

We would like to congratulate our EAL Star Learners for rapid progress in reading and vocabulary this term:

Year 7: for rapid progress in reading and vocabulary

Fiona Aneesh
Huy Chu
Sara Dingana
Zuzanna Lazarewicz
Chrystal Ibe
Sophia Szinnay
Lorraine Ajith
Olivier Owczarek
Julissa Sirais
Igor Zelichowski

Year 8: Jonah Jeen Adrian Leung Krystian Oszczypko Andzelika Naumowicz

Well done to all!

Wishing You a Wonderful Christmas Break

Thank you for your continued support. We wish all our students and families a restful holiday and a joyful start to 2026!

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