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Thursday 20th January 2025

Dear Families,

The Year of the Jubilee

Every 25 years in the Catholic Church, a year of Jubilee is celebrated. This year has been announced as a jubilee Year with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Pope Francis has said: *'In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future will bring.'*

We will be launching our Year of Jubilee, this **Friday 24th January 2025**, where we will hold a day of **HOPE**. Throughout the day children will complete various activities around this theme and will spend time in their pastoral care groups, planning what they would like the year to look like and what our hopes and dreams are for the next year. The children will then place this in a time capsule and we will open them at the end of the Year of Hope.

All children are invited to come in non-uniform this day, we ask the children to wear their favourite colour that inspires them to be hopeful.

We will focus on what hope means and looks like to us. Our RE Ambassadors and Mini Vinnies will plan the Celebration of the Word and lead us in prayer. There will be a small tree in the main entrance for all families to place their hopes and dreams for the year on. Every child will bring home a symbol on Friday and if you could please return this to school for **Tuesday 28th January 2025** we will add this to the display.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many thanks

Mrs Colley



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