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Friday 2nd February 2024

The Avenue School Community

Dear parents and carers

Please join us at The Avenue School to acknowledge

IMBOLC/CANDLEMAS

1st February 2024

Pagan

Imbolc, also called Oimelc and Candlemas, celebrates the awakening of the land and the growing power of the Sun. Snowdrops, which appear at this time of the year, are seen as the heralds of spring.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD/ OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE/ CANDLEMAS

2nd February 2024

Christian (Anglican, Roman Catholic)

This is often called **Candlemas** from the custom of congregations holding lighted candles during the celebration in church. It records the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple and his recognition by the aged Simeon, expressed in the words of the *Nunc Dimittis*. The festival was formerly known as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary – reflecting Mary's following of Jewish tradition after the birth of a son.

Luke 2:22-38.

Kindest regards
Avenue team

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