



The Friday Message

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First Sunday of Advent (Year C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in our RE learning, we have shared our ideas about the representation of an empty crib. We started our lesson with our special prayer “Hail Mary” and we said thank you to Mary. We continued our lesson by looking at a picture of an empty crib and gathering our ideas. Why is the crib empty? Why are they waiting? Who are they waiting for? Then, we shared the scripture from Luke 1: 26-31,38. We discussed the scripture as a whole class and explored the special message such as “the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God”. All pupils had the opportunity to create an empty crib using different materials.</p>	<p>In RE this week, we have started to look at the bible passage when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to celebrate her having a baby. We looked at how they both felt about hearing that they were both having a child and noticed that some of the words that Elizabeth used in the passage were the same as the Hail Mary. We also talked about how we celebrate the news of a new baby and that people send cards to each other.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week, Year 2 have learnt about the significance of the Advent Wreath during Advent and what each candle represents. We looked at the use of the Advent wreath, and other traditions, in some other countries. The children learnt about Advent masses in Hungary and The Philippines. During our second session the children learnt about Mary’s prayer the Magnificat and we discussed what we could do to help those in need. The children came up with some very thoughtful and generous ideas to help others.</p>	<p>Beginning our RE lessons with prayers, we discussed how we can use prayer to help us make the right decisions through reflection before and after, then speaking our praise. This week we looked again at the angel appearing to Joseph and Mary and explaining how they were to have a son called Jesus – He would be the saviour. We explored this some more pretending that we could actually speak to them today. So, we created interview questions to ask them both and created their answers from what we had read in the scriptures. The interviews were done on Nazareth News TV and we all had a chance to interview live on air!</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week in Year 4 we have been thinking about how we can prepare for Christ’s coming. In our first lesson, we looked at Isaiah’s prophecy in the Old Testament and analysed it, explaining, through our knowledge of John the Baptist, how this prophecy was fulfilled. In our second lesson, we began thinking about Advent in the context of the two prophets we have studied, Elijah and John the Baptist, and wrote prayers asking for guidance in preparing for Christ’s coming.</p>	<p>This week, Year 5 explored key figures from the Bible and deepened their understanding of God’s promises. In the first lesson, the children worked in groups to research important Biblical figures, such as Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, using Bible verses to answer key questions. Together, the class created a “Covenant Timeline,” showcasing how God’s promises unfolded through history, from Abraham to Jesus. The timeline is now proudly displayed above our prayer focus. In the second lesson, the children studied Psalm 23, annotating a stained-glass window representation with meaningful lines from the scripture. They also reflected on David’s example of prayer, answering how he serves as a good model of faith and trust in God.</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>....</p> <p>Thankfulness</p> <p>What are you ‘thankful’ for?</p>