



The Friday Message

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Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we have continued to focus on the Advent wreath and discussed that we are in the second week of Advent and we now light 2 candles during our reflection. We have also discussed the nativity story and thought about the role we have played during the retelling of the nativity. We discussed how Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem and the Shepherds and Kings to visit baby Jesus.</p>	<p>This week has continued looking at the birth of Jesus and all the events from it. Year 1 has surprised us by the amount they know about this story and being able to answer questions and sequence the story. We also had a lovely time asking Father Jeffrey about how the church celebrates the birth of Jesus and what they do to support and include the local community. The children asked some brilliant questions.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week Year 2 have looked at Mary's journey from the Annunciation up until the birth of Jesus. We talked about how Mary prepared and how we prepare during Advent. The children then wrote some really thoughtful prayers about their Advent preparations. In our second RE lesson, we looked at a reading from Isaiah about 'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.' We discussed that he was talking about Jesus. The children also learnt that Immanuel is another name for Jesus, and it means 'God with us'.</p>	<p>Advent is at the forefront of RE this week. We searched the classroom for all the signs and symbols of Advent we could see. We discussed how they are connected with the time of Advent and the story of Jesus' birth. We were also able to link some of the signs and symbols together during our discussions. Through this, we were able to see how important and reverent this time is in the liturgical year. Our daily reflections have really given us a chance to stop, relax and give time to restore our relationship with each other, ourselves and Jesus.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week in Year 4 we have been continuing our learning about Christ the King, and considering what kind of King he is. We talked about earthly Kings from the Bible, and linked our learning of John the Baptist and Elijah, as they criticised some earthly Kings. We thought about what kind of King Jesus would be, in comparison to kings on Earth. In our second lesson, we analysed artworks of Christ the King. Some were more traditional, while others showed Him as a shepherd, or washing his disciples feet. We annotated these artworks, writing what they show us about Jesus.</p>	<p>This week, Year 5 students explored the symbolism and significance of Advent traditions in Religious Education. In Lesson 1, they studied art representations of the "O Antiphons," grouping each artwork under specific headings that reflect the traditional titles of Jesus, such as Wisdom, Key of David, and Root of Jesse. In Lesson 2, students examined a hymn about Jesus, creating a key to highlight qualities it attributes to him. They then wrote personal reflections analysing how the hymn conveys beliefs about who Jesus is, considering how these qualities inspire and resonate with their own understanding of faith.</p>
Year 6	
<p>This week in RE, the Year 6 children reflected on how Mary's Yes is the fulfilment of God's promises in the Old Testament. We connected the themes found in the Fiat with themes from stories previously explored such as in Sarah, Hannah and the Prophet Isaiah. We created a visual representation of these links and produced a Fiat chain to display in the classroom.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ... Hope What are you HOPING for this Advent Season?</p>