



The Friday Message

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Fourth 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 third week of Advent and we now light 3 candles during our reflection. We have also discussed the birth of Jesus and know this happens on Christmas. In provision we have made angels out of paper plates and paint. We also practiced our cutting skills as we cut out parts to make the angel wings.</p>	<p>Following our visit from Father Jeffrey last week, we reflected on what we had learnt about how Catholics celebrate the birth of Jesus in our community. This included spending time with loved ones, praying and eating special foods. We also looked at a range of artwork of Mary and talked about how she is represented in different ways around the world. We then created our own artwork of Mary.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week in Year 2 we looked at Mary's role as the mother of God. We looked at some artwork depicting her as a mother and discussed the role of a mother. We then learnt about her as the mother of Jesus, as a mother figure to us and how she prays for us and with us. The children created their own 'prayer garden' for Mary with a prayer surrounded by flowers, leaves and bees and butterflies. In the second session the children enjoyed making an Advent promise chain with their ideas about how they can help those in need during Advent.</p>	<p>Advent has been the focus this week in Year 3 and we have looked at how we can prepare for Jesus' coming. We created 'prayer hands' and wrote meaningful prayers to say at Christmas at home. We also made paper chains with kind messages and hopes for the future around the world. We completed our school advent calendar and wished each other the best wishes as we prepare at home for Christmas day.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>Both classes have continued discussing themes surrounding Advent. Over the past few weeks, we have been learning about and discussing the meaning of the candles in the Advent wreath, moving from Hope in the first week, to Love and then to Joy this week. The children created their own Advent candles with words, sentences and/or pictures related to these values before colouring them in. They have produced some lovely designs. This week we have also focused on the 'Light of the Lord' and the white candle which all students have included in their Christmas cards.</p>	<p>This week in Religious Education, Year 5 students embraced the themes of joy and service as part of their Advent studies. In Lesson 1, they created colourful posters illustrating the Joyful Mysteries, reflecting on the key events in Jesus's early life that bring hope and joy to Christians. In Lesson 2, the class worked together in groups to plan a four-day community service project, finding ways to bring the spirit of Advent into action. Through activities like these, students connected the Advent message of joyful anticipation with tangible ways to make a positive impact in their community.</p>
Year 6	
<p>In Year 6 this week, we came to the end of our current unit and used the time to reflect on how the birth of Jesus gives us Hope and Joy. Through Mary's Yes, and her commitment to God, we have things beyond our belongings to be thankful for – God's love and trust in us.</p>	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>....</p> <p>Hope</p> <p>What are you HOPING for this Advent Season?</p>