



The Friday Message

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First Sunday of Advent (A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week the children continued exploring the Nativity story. After hearing about Angel Gabriel’s special message from God to Mary, we learned about the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and discovered the empty crib waiting in the stable. This empty stable will be an important focus in our Advent reflections starting next week as we welcome in December.</p> <p>The children created their own cribs using tissue paper, matchsticks and lollipop sticks.</p>	<p>This week we have explored the Birth of Jesus through Godly Play. We thought about what it was like for Mary and Joseph to travel to Bethlehem, whether the stable was warm and cosy for baby Jesus, where Jesus was born and who the first people to receive the good news were. We also listened to ‘The Gloria’ and said this as a class. We found out that the angels sang this to announce Jesus’ birth and it is a way to praise God for sending His Son. We then created a "Gloria" poster drawing symbols of praise and writing phrase, for example "Glory to God" and "Peace on Earth."</p>
	
Year 2	Year 3
<p>During our first session of RE this week, the children have 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. In our second session of RE, the children 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.</p>	<p>This week in RE, Year 3 have been learning about how Mary and Joseph placed their trust in God. The children recapped on the stories of the Annunciation and the Angel’s message to Joseph, thinking about how both Mary and Joseph showed courage and faith when God asked them to play an important part in His plan. The class reflected on what it means to trust in God today. The children took part in role-play activities, including interviewing Mary and Joseph and acting out scenes from the Annunciation. Through these activities, the children worked on asking thoughtful questions and showing the emotions Mary and Joseph may have felt.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 continued their learning about John the Baptist and how he prepared the way for Christ’s coming. We read Isaiah’s prophecy that “a voice cries out in the wilderness” (Isaiah 40:3) and, using what we already knew from Matthew and Mark’s Gospel accounts, the children annotated the passage to show how it points towards John the Baptist. In the second lesson, we began thinking about Advent as a season of preparation. We discussed how John the Baptist’s message of readiness and repentance links closely to this time in the Church year, and reflected on how we can be more thoughtful and attentive to God during Advent. The children ended the lesson by writing their own Advent prayers, asking for guidance and drawing on the virtues and prophets we have been learning about.</p>	<p>This week, Year 5 students delved into the stories of key biblical figures and the theme of covenant in Religious Education. In Lesson 1, each group researched a key figure from the Bible—such as Abraham, Moses, or Jesus—using Bible verses to answer questions about their significance. Together, the class created a “Covenant Timeline,” illustrating how God’s promises evolved from Abraham through to Jesus. In Lesson 2, students studied Psalm 23 by annotating a stained-glass window representation with verses from the scripture. They concluded by reflecting in their books on how David’s prayerful relationship with God makes him a strong model of faith.</p>
Year 6	
<p>This week, the children explored the important role of women throughout salvation history. We continued looking at key female figures in the Old Testament and discussing how their courage, faith, and obedience contributed to God’s plan. This foundation helped pupils recognise that women have always played a significant part in the unfolding story of salvation. Building on this, our second lesson focused on Mary, examining how she is presented in the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. The children compared the two accounts, identifying similarities such as Mary’s central role in Jesus’ birth, as well as differences in emphasis and detail. Through thoughtful discussion, they considered why each Gospel writer might highlight particular aspects of Mary’s story.</p>	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>...</p> <p>Trust</p> <p>How can you build up TRUST with someone?</p>