



# The Friday Message

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in RE, we listened to Luke 2:8–20, learning about how God chose the shepherds to hear the good news of Jesus’ birth. Using the knitted nativity figures which had kindly been made and donated to us by a member of our school community this year, we retold this special part of the Christmas story in small groups. In provision, we also enjoyed creating own watercolour paintings with black fine liner details, showing the shepherds journey to Bethlehem to visit baby Jesus.</p>	<p>This week we have recapped the bible readings that we have focused on within branch 2. These have included: The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38), The Visitation (Lk 1:39-45), The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:4-8) and The Visit of the Shepherds (Lk 2:8-20). We shared what we knew about these readings with our class. We then went on to create a poster. We also enjoyed sharing our posters with our friends and talking about our favourite bible reading. We all particularly liked the scriptures that included the angel which led to us creating a Christmas card with an angel on the front and we also included a line from our favourite nativity song.</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. In the second lesson the children enjoyed making an Advent promise chain with their ideas about how they can help those in need during Advent.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year 3 enjoyed learning about the life of St Nicholas and how his kindness and generosity inspired the tradition of Santa Claus that we know today. The children discovered what it means to be a saint and why St Nicholas is remembered for helping others. To finish our learning, the children made beautiful Christmas cards for their families, sharing messages of love and generosity inspired by the story of St Nicholas.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 spent time reviewing and reflecting on their learning from the <i>Prophecy and Promise</i> unit. The children created their own Jesse Trees, choosing key people who are important in their own lives and thinking about how these relationships help shape who they are. We also revisited our learning about the prophets Elijah and John the Baptist, recapping their key messages and discussing how these link closely to the season of Advent. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how the prophets’ messages encourage us to prepare our hearts and turn back to God.</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>This week in Year 6 RE, we reflected deeply on the coming of Jesus and the powerful symbolism of the candles in our Advent wreath. Each candle helped us think carefully about hope, peace, joy and love, and what these mean for Christians today. During the lesson, we revisited our unit on <i>Prophecy and Promise</i>, discussing key ideas and events we have learned about so far. Pupils were thoughtful and reflective, making clear links between Old Testament prophecies and the birth of Jesus. The session encouraged meaningful discussion and helped deepen pupils’ understanding of the Advent season.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b> <b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ....</b> <b>Hope</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>What do you HOPE for this Advent?</b></p>