



The Friday Messenger

1st Sunday in Advent
Friday 1st December



Our curriculum themes are:
 Year 1: *Mary, Mother of God-Advent*
 Year 2: *Mysteries-Advent*
 Year 3: *Mary our Mother*
 Year 4: *Trust in God- Advent*
 Year 5: *Hope-Advent*
 Year 6: *Justice-Advent*



<p>Year 1</p> <p>This week we found out about Mary’s special visitor. We learned that Mary received a special message from God which was delivered by The Angel Gabriel. We wondered how she must have felt to see an angel and hear that she was blessed and highly favoured by God. She was going to have a baby who would be God’s son. We thought about her response which was to say ‘Yes and accept Gods plan for her life. We then thought about a time we may have received a special message and how we felt.</p> <p>We then listened to another story from the bible where Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth who was also pregnant. We acted out the story of Mary telling Elizabeth her news and Elizabeth telling her how happy she was and that her baby had jumped for joy when he heard Mary’s voice.</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>This week we continued with our new topic on ‘Mysteries – Advent’. Our focus this week was Mary and Joseph. We first looked at what we knew about them and their significance to us. We then spent time thinking about why God chose Mary and Joseph for Jesus.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>In RE Year 3 have been thinking about Mary’s key role in God’s plan. They listened to the scripture reading of Mary visiting Elizabeth and discussed why that was so important for Mary. They then studied the Hail Mary and considered the links with the nativity story, looking at the key vocabulary.</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>In RE this week, Year 4 discussed how Joseph put his trust in God. We discussed how we can assume that Joseph must have been praying to God because when the angel Gabriel appeared to him in a dream, Joseph knew that it was God’s messenger that had spoken to him. The main activity for the lesson was to write a poem about Joseph, with verse 1 being about how he trusted in God and the other verse being about how it made Joseph feel. The children created excellent poems, with great respect and reverence.</p>
<p>Year 5</p> <p>We began our new focus which leads us into a special time of the liturgical year – ADVENT. We discussed what this means for us especially in respect to waiting. We discussed lots of times when we must wait and created small playscripts to act out waiting in different scenarios. We had to guess what each group was waiting for and how this can make us feel. There was exciting waiting and some waiting that was frustrating and made us more impatient. We went on to discuss what we are waiting for at Christmas and how we can use this time of waiting positively.</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>This week’s teaching revolved around the title ‘Power in Weakness’. Within this, the children explored the phrase ‘preferential option for the poor’ and began to understand how Christians have a moral obligation towards those who fit into this category. They did this by first exploring multiple bible verses and then explaining in their own words how Jean Vanier put Jesus’ teaching into practice.</p>

<p>Gospel Values</p> <p>This month’s value is Hope</p>	<p><i>Action! This Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent.</i> <i>Why not celebrate the start of Advent by lighting one candle to represent the 1st Sunday of Advent and pray the Advent prayer below together as a family.</i></p>
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God of Love,

Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.

He is a sign of your love.

Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,

as we wait and prepare for his coming.

We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.

Amen.