



# The Friday Messenger

2nd Sunday in Advent  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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*



<b>Year 1</b> This week we are focusing our attention on sequencing and retelling the nativity story. We are asking how each of the people may have felt at various points in the story.	<b>Year 2</b> This week we continued with our new topic on 'Mysteries – Advent'. Our focus this week was Advent, we looked at the significance of the advent wreath and what it represents. We also made our own models of an advent wreath to help us. We looked at what each candle represented and what we could do to show this in our lives. After this we discussed how this would impact positively on others.
<b>Year 3</b> Year 3 have continued to think about Advent and why Jesus was born. This week they considered the evidence the bible gives us that Jesus was human and divine. They thought about all the God-like things he did including the miracles and also all the human things he did like eat and drink. They then considered why God made the plan to send his son to be born.	<b>Year 4</b> This week in RE, Year 4 looked at how God fulfilled His promise to Mary when Jesus was born. Using 'Godly' role play, the children re-enacted the journey of Mary, Joseph, the wise men and the shepherds. This allowed the children to fully understand and reflect on the experiences of these people and how God fulfilled His promise to Mary. After this role play, the children completed a series of questions about Jesus, and they were able to reflect on the importance of the birth of Jesus for all of us.
<b>Year 5</b> This week in RE Year 5 explored a scripture reading from the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah: Chapter 25, Verses 8-9. The people of God had been waiting for a long time for the Promised One of God, the Messiah – the one who would bring blessings. Isaiah wanted to give them hope and told them to put their trust in God.	<b>Year 6</b> This week's lessons shifted towards Advent. The overarching theme this week was 'Preparing the way for Jesus'. The class began by describing how the symbols of Advent affect a Christian's actions and worship during this period. The second half of this week's teaching explored The Mystery of the Incarnation. The children were able to work together to make some excellent links between the Annunciation, the Visitation of the Shepherds and the Mystery of the Incarnation.

<b>Gospel Values</b> <i>This month's value is <b>Hope</b></i>	<b>Action! This Sunday is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.</b> <i>Write an acrostic prayer about putting hope in God our Father.</i> <i>Use the letters in the word- HOPE- to start each line of your prayer.</i>
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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.**