

# RE NEWSLETTER

## ADVENT December 2025



Dear Families

Welcome to our Advent newsletter. Advent begins this Sunday and is a season in which we prepare for the great celebration of the birth of Jesus at Christmas. During these four weeks, we are invited to deepen our appreciation of God's gift to us and the world of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. At school, we will be lighting an Advent candle on our wreath each Monday and I highly recommend making an Advent wreath for your family at home. It is a lovely weekly reminder of what Advent is about.

Blessings to you all,

Ms Leask

Details on how to sign up  
for our 'Travelling Crib'  
available on the  
Newsletter.



A big thank you to Mrs Adams and Ms Reid who have used their wonderful art skills to create our Nativity scene.



### Advent Wreath

**1st CANDLE** – (purple) **THE PROPHECY CANDLE** or **CANDLE OF HOPE** – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. (Romans 15:12-13)

**2nd CANDLE** – (purple) **THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF PREPARATION** – God kept his promise of a Savior who would be born in Bethlehem. Preparation means to "get ready". Help us to be ready to welcome YOU, O GOD! (Luke 3:4-6)

**3rd CANDLE** – (pink) **THE SHEPHERD CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF JOY** – The angels sang a message of JOY! (Luke 2:7-15)

**4th CANDLE** – (purple) **THE ANGEL CANDLE** or **THE CANDLE OF LOVE** – The angels announced the good news of a Savior. God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! (John 3:16-17)

**5th CANDLE** – (white) **"CHRIST CANDLE"** – The white candle reminds us that Jesus is the spotless lamb of God, sent to wash away our sins! His birth was for his death, his death was for our birth! (John 1:29)

Our main themes through the Advent unit are:

- YR** - Introduces Advent as a special time when we get ready for the birth of Jesus.
- Y1** - Learning about getting ready for the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Mary and Joseph and helps children to identify their response to God.
- Y2** - Learning about the symbolism to help us get ready to meet Jesus.
- Y3** - Explores Advent as a time when we prepare for Christmas and recognise Jesus in the world.
- Y4** - The First Coming of Jesus is placed in historical context though the lives of his ancestors.
- Y5** - Connects the coming of Jesus with the promises revealed in the Old Testament.
- Y6** - Examines the two parts of the season of Advent through parables, prayers and hymns of the Church.

We will be exploring Advent, through both our RE lessons and our daily collective worships.



### St Anthony's Nativities

3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec, 10am	Preschool & YR Nativity
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 10am	Preschool & YR Nativity
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
10 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 9.30am	Y1 & Y2 Nativity
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 6pm	Carol Service - led by Y5 & Y6
11 <sup>th</sup> Dec, 2pm	Y3 & Y4 Nativity
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