



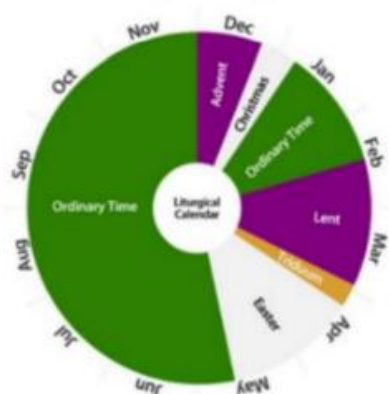
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2024-2025 Newsletter 12 (25th – 29th November 2024)

Catholic Life and Mission of our School

Liturgical year



Sunday will be the first Sunday of Advent.

The Church's liturgical year begins with Advent and this Sunday is the beginning of Advent. In a few weeks it will be Christmas so it is time to begin getting ready! During Advent, we remember the birth of Jesus and so we need to get ourselves and our homes prepared to celebrate His birthday. In church and in school we have an Advent wreath with three purple candles, a pink candle and a white candle. The circle of wreath, which has no beginning or end, is made of evergreens and signifies the everlasting life we find in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of **Advent** and one candle is lit each Sunday with the fifth candle, the white one, being lit on Christmas Day. The candles also have their own special significance. Lighting the candles on the Advent wreath helps us to remember that Jesus, the light of the world, is coming. We start with one candle, and every Sunday light one more, so that the closer we get to Jesus' coming the brighter the light gets. -the four weeks prior to Christmas.

Week 1- Hope

Week 2- Peace

Week 3- Joy (the pink candle)

Week 4- Love



First Sunday of Advent

At Mass for the first weekend of Advent, the first purple candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. This candle signifies **HOPE** and this candle is sometimes referred to as the Prophecy Candle. During the first week we light the Prophet's Candle as we focus on the virtue of **hope**. This week is a time to acknowledge that Jesus is coming. We should begin preparing our hearts to welcome Him at Christmas.

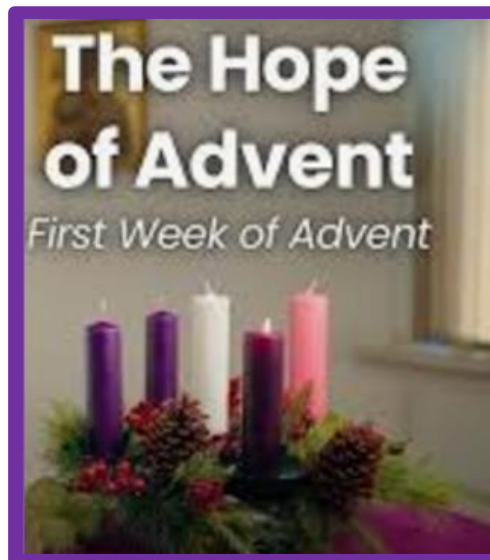
Let us pray that this season of Advent may fill us all with **hope, peace, joy** and **love** as we prepare for the birth of Jesus the light of the world. Amen



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Mission- our faith in action
Each week we send the children out with a 'mission' to actively live out their faith in their everyday lives.



Pope Francis
said

....and we ourselves can **become** a small **beacon of hope** for others. Each of you can **be** such a beacon...

Our mission in the week ahead is to be ambassadors of Jesus, sharing His vision of faith, peace, joy and love in our world by being beacons of **hope** through our actions, our words and our deeds.





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As we enter December and the liturgical season of Advent, we reflect on how we can share love with our neighbour. Please use this calendar throughout the coming weeks as a family.

Walk Me Jubilee Advent Calendar 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Dec 1st Sunday of Advent (C) Light the first candle of ADVENT "I believe your promises Lord Jesus"	2 Don't be impatient Advent is about waiting patiently with joy, hope and longing.	3 <i>St Andrew the Apostle</i> Be like an oil lamp. Be watched that Jesus is always with you.	4 Let hope in Jesus be reflected in your smile today.	5 Morning Prayer: My hope is in God, who made heaven and earth.	6 Heaven is a beautiful place full of happiness. Pray for those who grieve.	7 <i>St Barbara</i> Make Christmas paper chains together.
8 2nd Sunday of Advent (C) Light the second candle and be sorry for your sins.	9 <i>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> What was the name of the angel sent to Mary? (Luke 1:26)	10 Pray for sinners and for our world.	11 Seek to understand rather than be understood.	12 Lord, I am sorry for being selfish. Help me to be more generous.	13 <i>St Francis</i> Prepare a Christmas shoe box for charity.	14 <i>St Vincent de Paul</i> Get some food, air and music. Show mercy to the cobblers!
15 3rd Sunday of Advent (C) Rejoice this Gaudete Sunday as you light the third candle.	16 Treat others as you would like to be treated.	17 Ask God to show you your sins and prepare to make a good confession.	18 This Jubilee Year we are invited to renew our hope and joy in Jesus.	19 Tell mum and dad you love them.	20 <i>St Ignace</i> Be kind to others and show respect.	21 Help make Christmas biscuits and share with friends.
22 4th Sunday of Advent (C) Light the fourth candle. Sing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"	23 What is the name of the person Mary visited?	24 Give less to screen time & read a Christmas story book instead.	25 <i>St Joseph</i> Thank God for Jesus.	26 <i>St Stephen</i> Pray for all our services & all who make Christmas in church special.	27 <i>St John, Apostle & Evangelist</i> Have a family get together & share in the joy of this happy season.	28 <i>St Elizabeth</i> Play for all your loved ones and their parents.
29 <i>St John the Baptist</i> Light a candle in church and say a prayer for your family.	30 Where did Mary and Joseph find Jesus? (Doubt) (Luke 2:48)	31 Think about the New Year coming & decide to be a ray of hope to all you meet.	1 Jan <i>Mary, Mother of God</i> Say a Hail Mary! Ask our Lady to watch over & protect you this year.	2 <i>St Basil & Gregory</i> Write down 3 things you would like to improve in this year.	3 <i>St Thomas</i> Pray for those less fortunate than you.	4 Being charitable is important and begins at home. Love one another & be kind.
5 <i>Epiphany of our Lord (C)</i> Visit the crib. Offer Jesus the gifts of your heart, that it may be his home.	6 <i>Epiphany (A or B)</i> Where did the 3 Kings find Jesus? (Matthew 2:1)	7 Protect your heart, Jesus' home, by saying morning and night prayers.	8 What did the 3 Kings want to do on finding Jesus? (Matthew 2:2)	9 Praise God for the beauty of creation. Look after it. Don't be a litter bug.	10 This Jubilee Year reflect on the promises highlighted on this calendar.	11 Baptism is a doorway for new life. Let's continue our journey of hope together.
12 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i> Baptism makes us sons and daughters of God. Give thanks.	13 <i>St John the Evangelist</i> I will comfort you with my loving eye on you. (John 1:22)	14 <i>St James the Apostle</i> God works for the good of those who love him. (Romans 8:28)	15 <i>St Nicholas</i> Come to me if you are sad, lonely and if you are ill. (Matthew 11:28)	16 <i>St Lucia</i> I know the plans I have for you. To give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)	17 <i>St Andrew</i> I know the plans I have for you. To give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)	18 <i>St Ignace</i> I know the plans I have for you. To give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)

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The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal came in to school to talk to Key Stage 2 about the preparations everyone can make during Advent. They showed the children the three gifts given to the baby Jesus (gold, frankincense and myrrh) by the wise men. They also explained the importance of Reconciliation and that there would be an opportunity to go to confession during this special liturgical season of the Church.





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November is the month of the Holy Souls.

During the last days of November our Chaplaincy Team have welcomed children to remember and pray for their loved ones who have passed away.

Our amazing Laudato Si eco-warriors then helped the children to plant a spring bulb in memory of their loved ones. We look forward to seeing the crocus, daffodil, iris and tulip flowers in the spring.





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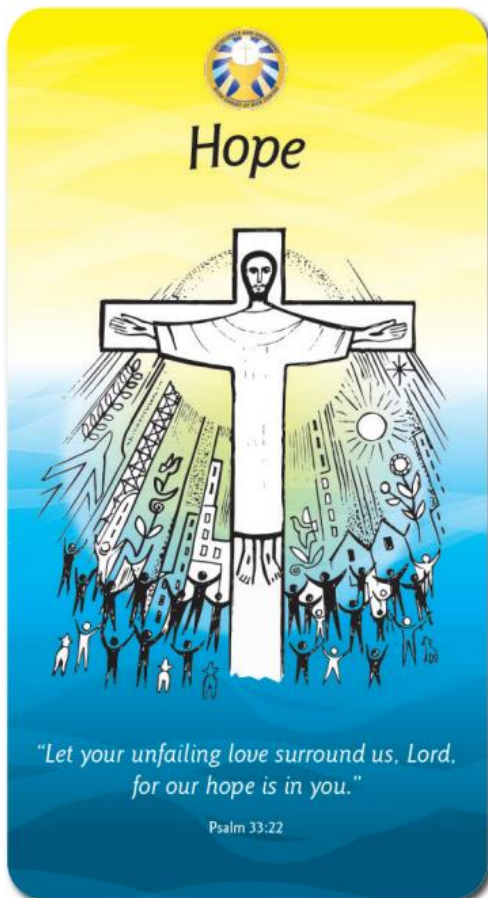
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Virtues to Live By

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

Our 'Virtue to Live By' this week continues to be **HOPE** as **this is the theme for the first week of Advent**. The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of everyone.



Virtues to Live by

We are hopeful

when

- We believe and trust that God will not give up on us.
- We are positive about the future.
- We do not give up on ourselves.
- We have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world.
- We pray to God placing our lives in His hands.
- We know God has a plan for us.





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"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." Joh



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Class	Recipient	Our focus 'Virtue to Live By' is HOPE.
Reception (Miss Horkan)	Victoria	
Reception/Year 1 (Miss Kirk)	Skye	
Year 1 (Miss Laxton)	Leighton	
Year 2 (Mrs Child)	Sofia	
Year 2/3 (Miss Currie)	Kehinde	
Year 3 (Mrs Hossack)	Scarlett	
Year 4 (Mr Goodall)	Faith	
Year 4/5 (Miss McBride)	Hope	
Year 5/6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Guy)	Evie-Lea	
Year 6 (Miss Oxley)	Rihanna	
The children awarded the certificates this week have shown signs that they are living out this virtue in their daily lives in school.		<p>Virtues to Live by</p> <p>We are hopeful when</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We believe and trust that God will not give up on us. We are positive about the future. We do not give up on ourselves. We have hopes and dreams that we can all work for a better world. We pray to God placing our lives in His hands. We know God has a plan for us.





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Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (25th – 29th November 2024)



Class	Star of the week	Reason for the award
Reception Miss Horkan	Karter	For singing his phonics songs with enthusiasm.
Reception/Year 1 Miss Kirk	Aria	For working hard in maths and using the correct mathematical vocabulary
Year 1 Miss Laxton	Ava	For showing greater independence when working by herself and remembering to use finger spaces
	Luqman	For using his amazing segmenting skills to spell words to describe a character and when spelling words in the spelling test.
Year 2 Mrs Child	Isla	For making huge improvements to her attitude and independence to her learning in all areas. Well done Isla!
	Michael	For showing an improved attitude to his learning in all areas. Well done Michael.
Year 2/3 Miss Currie	Noah D	For being focused and giving 100% effort in PE lessons.
	Tommy-Lee	For enthusiasm and effort when practising for our Christmas Performance.
Year 3 Mrs Hossack	Devantae	For trying his best in every lesson.
	Ava	For always trying her best and being a wonderful role model in Year 3.
Year 4 Mr Goodall	Isla	For showing an excellent understanding when subtracting up to 4-digits in Maths.
	Sophia	For a growing confidence when working independently.
Year 4/5 Miss McBride	Hannah	For always 100% effort in all her work and having a fantastic attitude to learning. Keep it up!
	Heidi	For fantastic contributions to lessons and always actively involved in her learning. Keep it up!
Year 5/6 Mr Doyle Miss Guy	Quianne	For being top scorer in the Year 5/6 Times Table Rockstar competition
	Alfie	For working incredibly hard on his maths registration activities.
Year 6 Miss Oxley	Zuzanna	For always completing homework on time and to a fantastic standard.
	Luana	For working exceptionally hard in lessons especially in reading.





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Essential Skills



Each week we award a Skills Builder Award to one child in each class who has displayed the skills focussed on that week.



Skills Builder Award (25th-29th November 2024)

Class	Recipient	Our focus Skills Builder skill is....
Reception (Miss Horkan)	Poppy	 <p>Creativity <i>The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas</i></p> <p>Creativity is the complement to Problem Solving and is about generating innovations or ideas which can then be honed through the problem-solving process.</p> <p>The first few steps focus on the child's confidence in imagining different situations and sharing their ideas.</p> <p>The focus is then on generating ideas - using a clear brief, making improvements to something that already exists and combining concepts.</p> <p>The children then apply creativity in the context of their work and their wider life.</p>
Reception/Year 1 (Miss Kirk)	Tapiwa	
Year 1 (Miss Laxton)	Nova	
Year 2 (Mrs Child)	Joel	
Year 2/3 (Miss Currie)	Damilare	
Year 3 (Mrs Hossack)	Oye	
Year 4 (Mr Goodall)	Halo	
Year 4/5 (Miss McBride)	Joshua B	
Year 5/6 (Mr Doyle/Miss Guy)	Daniel	
Year 6 (Miss Oxley)	Ewan	

These children have all displayed amazing **creativity** skills for this week.





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Attendance



Attendance (25th – 29th November 2024)

Our school target this year is 97% .	Class	This week	Since 3.9.2024		This week	Since 3.9.2024	
		Reception 1	97.3%	97.8%	Year 3	99.3%	97.1%
Reception/Year 1		96.3%	97.2%	Year 4	95.2%	95.9%	
Year 1		93.3%	96.5%	Year 4/5	98.7%	95.7%	
Year 2		97.4%	95.2%	Year 5/6	97.5%	96.9%	
Year 2/3		95.7%	97.1%	Year 6	98.7%	98.1%	
This week's whole school attendance					97%		



This week's attendance is **97%** which is **just at** our school target. Well done everyone who made it in all week!



We must congratulate **Year 3** (Miss Currie and Mrs Folan) who have achieved the highest attendance this week with **99.3%**.

We must also say a massive well done this week to **Reception, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4/5, Year 5/6** and **Year 6** for being above target this week. Fab news well done all!





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Look at what else has been happening in school



PCSO Visit

Reception and Reception/Year 1 welcomed PCSOs Lisa and Chris into class this week as part of their topic 'People Who Help Us'. The children learnt all about how police officers can help people in different situations. They also talked about the uniforms they wear. All the children enjoyed dressing up as police officers and talked about the importance of making good choices.





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Fruit Salad



Reception and Reception/Year 1

made a delicious fruit salad this week using bananas, apples, pears, plums and oranges. They practised the bridge and claw chopping methods as they prepared their fruit. It was lovely to see children enjoying the different fruits. Some children said it was the first time they had eaten plums and they thought they were very tasty!

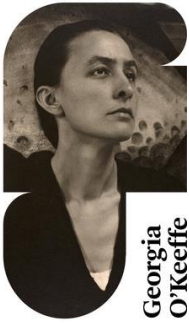




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World of Art



Georgia
O'Keeffe

In art, **Year 1** have been focusing on the artist 'Georgia O'Keeffe'. They learnt about who she was and looked at some of her artwork.



Then, they tried to use their drawing skills to do an observational drawing of some flowers. Throughout the weeks they have practised different drawing techniques.



On Wednesday, Mrs Robinson (our artist) came into school and worked with groups of children to use different media (oil pastels, pencil crayons & pencils) to draw a close-up image of a flower in the style of Georgia O'Keeffe.



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Reception and Key Stage One thoroughly enjoyed their movie night. They watched two films- Giant Jack Christmas and Elf Pets Reindeer Rescue! All the children were able to enjoy a treat of chocolate and popcorn whilst watching the films.

What a lovely way to start the festive season!



Christmas Movie Night





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In Year 2's maths lessons this week, the children have been looking at money. At the start of the topic the children spoke about buying things and in their own words said things like , "You just pay on your phone" or "You pay with a card."

To get the children more used to handling money and recognising the different coins, Year 2 have set up their own Tuck Shop which is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The children are allowed to bring in up to a £1 per week to use at the shop. Then they will have to add the cost of their items, select the coins to pay , take it to the cashier and then the cashier will need to work out the change and give the right coins.

This week was our launch session and the children were very excited to be both the shopkeeper and the customer!

Year 2 Tuck Shop





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This week **Year 2/3** have been continuing their music lessons with Mrs Cossavella. The children were using notes E, F and G to follow and play line notes 🎵



This week in science **Year 3** investigated which material reflects the most light. The children created a dark box then shone a torch on the material. Everyone enjoyed thinking scientifically and creating a fair test.



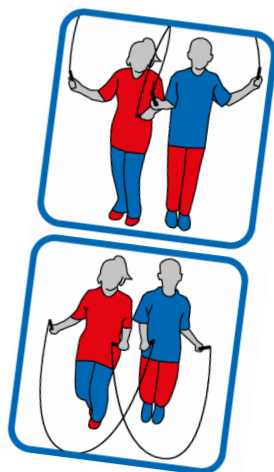
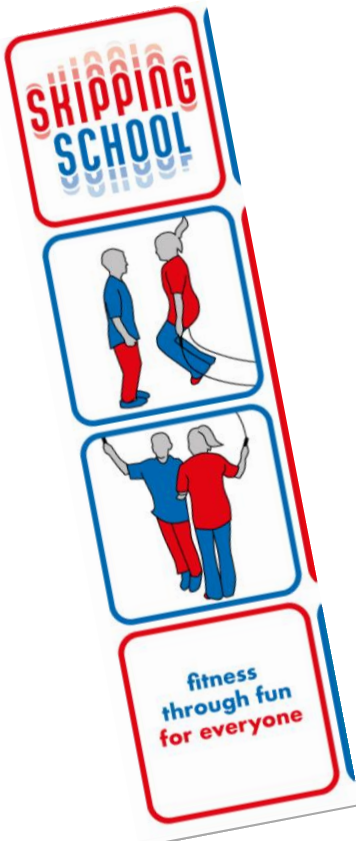


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On Thursday the **Year 4s** were again visited by Skipping Schools for a second workshop. The staff at Skipping Schools were very impressed at how much the children had been practicing and how much they have come on in such a short space of time. The staff introduced some new skips for the children to practise in the build up to the skipping festival later in the academic year.





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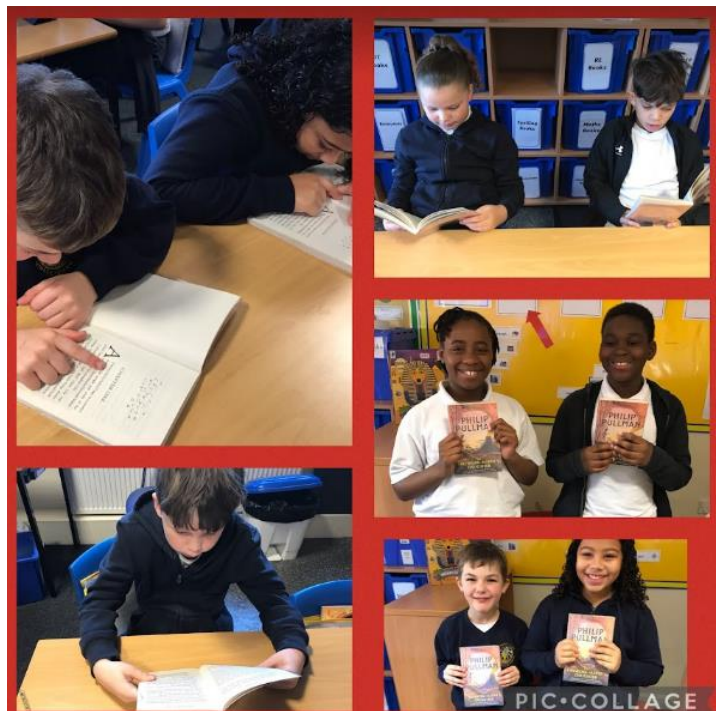
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This week in RE, **Year 4/5** have been learning about the story of Moses and the importance of the Ten Commandments. The children discussed what the commandments mean to them and thought about how they try to live each commandment out in their daily lives. The children discussed which of the commandments they believe is most important and explained their reasoning to the class.



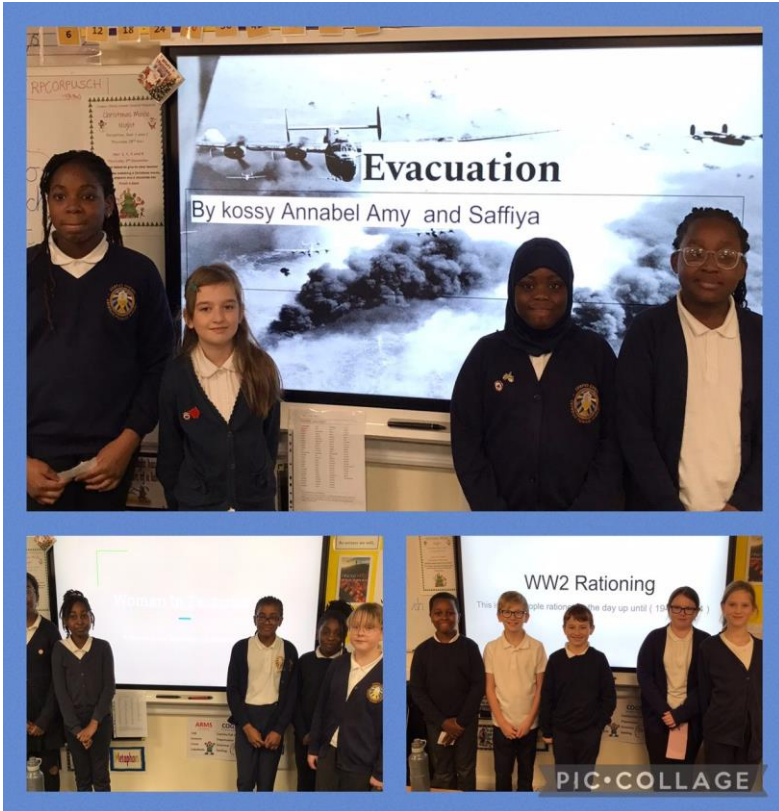
In English this week, **Year 4/5** have started their new class text, 'The Firework Makers Daughter'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading the story this week. The children discussed the characters in great detail and have begun to write their own character descriptions all about the protagonist, Lila.



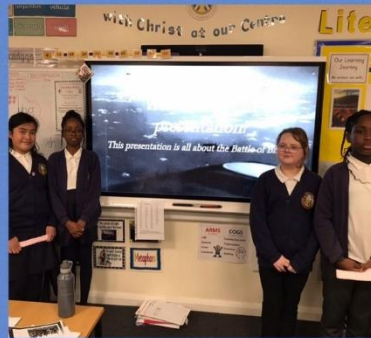


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This week in history lessons, **Year 6** worked in groups to prepare a PowerPoint presentation about a different element from World War Two such as rationing, firefighting and women in factories. They then presented their expert knowledge to the class.





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Key Stage Two had a fabulous visit from the author Saviour Pirotta who has written many fiction books. He enjoys retelling popular stories from all over the world. He spoke about his books such as *The Whispering Stones* and *The Golden Horseman*. The children were fully engaged in his enchanting talk and really enjoyed the session.



A beautiful school – it feels just like a family. The children were so motivated and asked such wonderful questions.

Saviour Pirotta



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Today we had some exciting visitors in school! Chosen children from across school had the amazing opportunity to meet a tortoise, an African land snail, a python, and a rabbit. During these sessions, the children were able to touch and observe the animals up close, while learning fascinating facts about them. These experiences not only sparked curiosity and excitement but also helped develop the children's oracy and writing skills as they discussed what they had learned and shared their thoughts.



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Important Christmas dates for your diary 2024

Sunday 1st December 1st Sunday of Advent-Theme Hope

10.30am- Parish Family Mass Corpus Christi Catholic Church



Thursday 5th December

3.30pm- **Christmas Movie Night KS2** for classes **Y3** (Mrs Hossack), **Y4** (Mr Goodall, **Y4/5** (Miss McBride), **Y5/6** (Miss Guy & Mr Doyle) & **Y6** (Miss Oxley)

Sunday 8th December 2nd Sunday of Advent- Theme Peace



Thursday 12th December

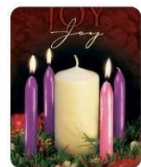
CAFOD World Gifts fundraiser **50p per child** Christmas jumper, top, hat, headband



Friday 5th December

4pm-After -school choir club performance for parents/carers

Sunday 15th December 3rd Sunday of Advent – Theme JOY



Monday 16th December

10am- Reception and Reception/Year 1's Nativity for parents and carers in the school hall (2 Tickets per child)

2.00pm KS1 Christmas Story for parents in Corpus Christi Church (Classes Year 1- Miss Laxton, Year 2- Mrs Child and Year 2/3- Miss Currie)

Please be on time!





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Tuesday 17th December

am- Jack and the beanstalk Pantomime (Theatre experience in school)

2.00pm KS2 Nativity for parents and carers in Corpus Christi Church (Classes Year 3- Mrs Hossack, Year 4-Mr Goodall, Year 4/5-Miss McBride, Year 5/6- Miss Guy and Mr Doyle, Year 6- Miss Oxley)

Please be on time!

Wednesday, 18th December

Mrs Clay and 10 children attending the Christmas Sing A Long

Thursday 19th December

Christmas Parties-own clothes (Christmas jumpers optional)

Friday 20th December

9.30am Advent Mass - All welcome

Friday 20th December 1pm-School closes

Saturday 21st December

2pm -The Live Nativity at Corpus Christi Catholic Church

Sunday 22nd December- 4th Sunday of Advent- Theme Love

Wednesday 25th December- Christmas Day

Monday 6th January 2025- SCHOOL REOPENS





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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend and
best wishes for the week ahead!

God Bless

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and the team at
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