

# RE NEWSLETTER

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AUTUMN TERM

## OUR AIMS

AT ST BEDE'S WE NURTURE OUR CHILDREN'S FAITH AND BUILD A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, SCRIPTURE, SACRAMENTS AND PROMOTE RESPECT FOR RELIGIOUS AND MORAL VALUES, AND TOLERANCE OF THE BELIEFS OF OTHERS. WE FOSTER THE GROWTH OF EACH CHILD'S POTENTIAL THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESPECT FOR SELF AND OTHERS. WE PROMOTE AN UNDERSTANDING AND CARE OF THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH EACH CHILD FINDS HIM OR HERSELF AND WE CONTINUE TO BUILD STRONG AND CO-OPERATIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HOME, PARISH AND SCHOOL.

## OUR CURRICULUM THIS TERM

EY	EY — Baptism - Welcome, Advent- Birthdays, celebrating other religions (Judaism, Hinduism, Islam)
KS1	KS1 — Baptism- Signs and Symbols, Advent - Preparations
LKS2	LKS2- Reconciliation - Building bridges, Judaism & Advent- Gift
UKS2	UKS2- Baptism - Vocation and Commitment, Advent - Expectations

## WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON?



In **Early Years**, children have been building on their prior learning: children will have the experience of celebrating birthdays at home. In this topic children have been learning about:

- ⌘ what a birthday is; waiting for a birthday — Explore
- ⌘ Advent: looking forward to Christmas, the birthday of Jesus — Reveal

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above — Respond



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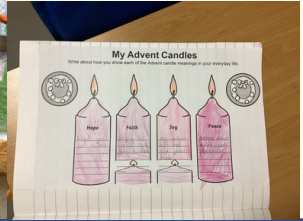
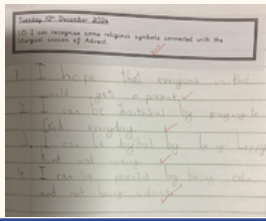
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## WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON?

In **Key Stage 1**, children built upon their prior learning:  
Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas. This Topic:  
learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- ⌘ Preparing for special times — Explore
- ⌘ Advent four weeks of preparation for the celebration of Jesus at Christmas —  
Reveal
- ⌘ Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above —  
Respond



In **Year 3 and 4**, children have been building upon their prior learning:

Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus.

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- ⌘ The gift of love and friendship — Explore
- ⌘ Advent and Christmas: The Church's seasons of preparing to receive God's gift  
of love and friendship in Jesus —  
Reveal



Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above —  
Respond



**Year 5 and 6** children have been developing their prior learning:  
Advent is the Church's season of waiting in joyful hope for the coming of Jesus,  
the Promised One, at  
Christmas and at the end of time.

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- ⌘ The meaning of expectation — Explore
- ⌘ Advent, a time of joyful expectation of Christmas, the Word becoming a human  
person, Jesus — Reveal



Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above —  
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## PUPIL VOICE

"I enjoyed learning all about the meaning of Christmas and how we prepare to receive the gift from God, Jesus." **Imogen Year 3**

"We light candles to remember Jesus at Christmas" **Ophelia Nursery**

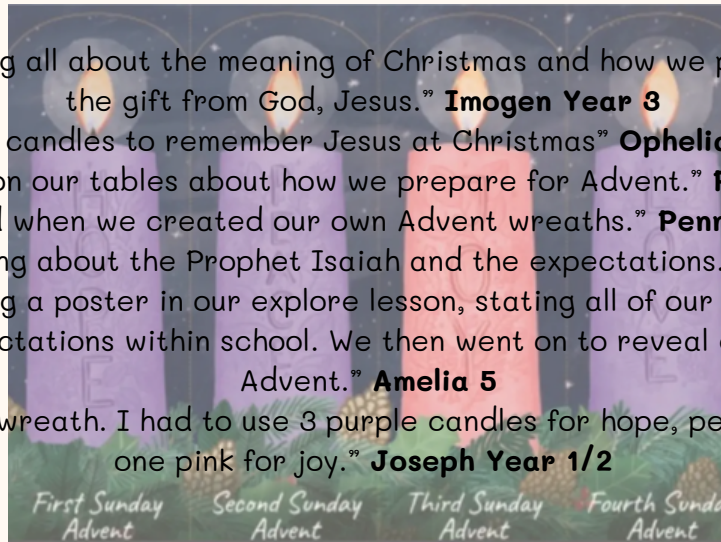
"We talked on our tables about how we prepare for Advent." **Penny Year 1**

"I enjoyed when we created our own Advent wreaths." **Penny Year 1/2**

"I liked learning about the Prophet Isaiah and the expectations." **Imani Year 6**

"I enjoyed making a poster in our explore lesson, stating all of our classroom rules to show our expectations within school. We then went on to reveal expectations at Advent." **Amelia 5**

"I liked making a wreath. I had to use 3 purple candles for hope, peace and love, then one pink for joy." **Joseph Year 1/2**



## RE NEWS

Advent is a time when we wait in joyful hope, preparing for the coming of Christ. Here are some reflections and activities you may wish to share at home together

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/advent-family-prayer-ideas>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEE4U4TjP7U>

Light two purple candles on your Advent wreath this week and say this prayer together as a family:

**Patient God,**

**you gave John the Baptist a special job to do, to get people ready for the coming of Jesus. Hear our prayers as we prepare:**

**(share your family's intentions here)**

**Help us to get our hearts ready for Jesus.**

**Amen.**

As we wait in hope this Advent for the coming of Christ, spend some time each day as a family reflecting on what gives you hope as well as what your hopes are for the world. Write each hopeful thing on separate strips of coloured paper. Stick these all together to make a paper chain which you can use to decorate your home at Christmas time. This can be a reminder that Jesus' birth brings us new hope.



As always, we love to see what you are getting up to at home! Please don't hesitate to bring any work into school or send us some pictures via our office email.

We thank you for your ongoing support

**Mrs Lamb**