



# Saint Thomas More R.C. Primary School

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## 'Shelter Seeking'

Dear Parents,

As we are coming closer to Advent and preparing for Jesus' birth, we would like to explain a little more about our 'Shelter Seeking' bags that we will be sending home each night with the children.

Each night, four children from Early Years will bring home a 'Shelter Seeking' bag containing hand carved figures of the Holy Family made in Bethlehem from olive wood, a piece of purple or pink material, a battery operated tea light candle and notebook so that brief notes/drawings/photos of your experiences can be recorded as you welcome the Holy Family into your homes.

You could set up the figures/material and candle in your home to create a Prayer Space, say some Prayers together, chat about Advent and what this means, ask your child to draw a picture, re-tell the story of the First Christmas or take a little time to reflect on the season of Advent.

So that each child has the opportunity to take home the 'Shelter Seeking' sets, we do require these to **come back into school each day**. If your child takes a set home on a Friday, please return the bag the following Monday.

We will begin to send home the 'Shelter Seeking' bags from Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024. **Please ensure that all items are returned in the 'Shelter Seeking' bags.**

If you require any further information, please speak to a member of the team.

Many thanks for your continued support,  
The Early Years Team



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