



Newsletter

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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.

Joy



Week 3 of Advent focuses on finding true Joy in Jesus' birth. We light the pink candle which is known as the Shepherd Candle or The Candle of Joy.



3yr Nursery



Reception

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

It was a magical day, with all the children and staff in their Christmas Jumpers or favourite tops. We all felt very festive and are enjoying our advent celebrations. Many thanks to parents for your support and donations for Save the Children.



Year 5



Year 1



Year 4



Year 6



Year 4



Year 3



New and Free Advent Resource for 2020!

We are excited to bring you a brand-new resource for Advent 2020. Sacred Spaces at Advent. This year, we have partnered with the fantastic organisation Prayer Spaces in Schools to bring you a free, creative resource for KS2 and KS3 pupils to use in the classroom, for collective worship or at home.

[View and Download the Resources >>>](#)

Sacred Spaces at Advent includes four weeks of content to inspire children and young people to explore moments of stillness found in the Christmas story. Each of these moments, or as we call them 'sacred spaces', came out of simple everyday activities. Each week, we have a video from the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, sharing a reflection on the theme



The resource can be used for collective worship in school or church settings, as well as individually or as a family at home. Activities and challenges are suitable for KS2 and KS3, but can be adjusted for use with KS1 and KS4 pupils. Downloadable resources include a PowerPoint, video files and printable sheets.

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Explore Sacred Spaces at Advent with us and take time to be still. Please get in touch if you have any questions.
- The Archbishop of York Youth Trust Team



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If you are eligible for Free School Meals, please lookout for an email or text message which is on its way from the Darlington Borough Council explaining how you can access supermarket vouchers to support over the Christmas period.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

We have planned lots of fun for the children over the next week

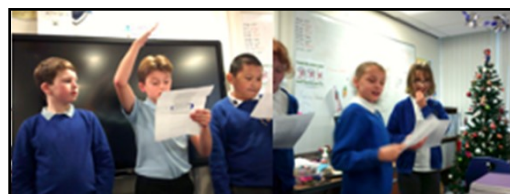
- * **Monday 14th December** - Durham Music Concert 'Jingle Bells'
- * **Tuesday 15th December** - Durham Music Concert 'Christmas Cracker Brass'.
- * **Wednesday 16th** Sleeping Beauty pantomime
- * **Thursday 17th December (pm)** **Parties**

2yr & 3yr Nursery, Reception Class, Year 2 & Year 4

- * **Friday 18th December (pm)** **Parties**

Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 & Year 6

Children can wear their own clothes for the parties but please bear in mind that windows are open so it would be advisable to wear something warm!



What a performance!

Year 6 may not be able to do a production this year, but we have been trying to make up for it

by including some drama in our guided reading. We have practised reading and performing 'The Night Before Christmas' focusing on actions; making it appealing to watch and listen to. Judging by some of the performances, we are very much hoping we can put on a show in the summer!



SUPER LEARNER

Week ending: 11th December 2020



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| Rec | John-William Vasey—for working independently to find the initial sound in words. Isla Kolodziej—for independently sorting objects by their size. |
| Year 1 | Joanie Evans—impressing Mrs McAdam with her approach to the reading and maths tests. Cecilia Slater—becoming a super sight reader |
| Year 2 | Tianna-Rose Kolodziej—a super effort with her online learning. Jack Bowron—always working really hard in class. |
| Year 3 | Olivia-Ann Williams—for a consistently excellent attitude to learning. Benjamin Stelmach—for his fantastic knowledge and recall of times tables facts. |
| Year 4 | Jack Batty for always listening carefully in class and brilliant text-mapping skills. Kyra-Rose for helping others when they are finding their learning tricky. A super role-model! |
| Year 5 | Kai Briscoe—super results in his reading assessments. Filip Lonc—fantastic progress across all subjects. |
| Year 6 | Ryan Leafe — Fantastic progress in maths, resulting in an excellent score in his recent assessment. Rosie Honour — Dedication to her reading and showing excellent progress on Read Theory . |



'Mayor's Christmas Sing-a-long'

The Mayor of Darlington is encouraging as many people as possible to join in with a socially distanced carol. This week, Year 5 have learnt and recorded 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and this has been sent to the Mayor's office. It will be edited into a compilation video, which will be available to watch on the Mayor's Facebook and YouTube channels from Thursday 17th December.



Please note that there will be **no** after school sporting clubs in the **last week of term or in the first week back**. We will be in touch next term.

SCHOOL OVERALL ATTENDANCE

96.78%

| EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS | Rec | Y1 | Y2 | Y3 | Y4 | Y5 | Y6 |
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| Week 6 | 99% | 99% | 99% | 100% | 99% | 98% | 95% |

DATES FOR DIARIES

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| Friday 18.12.20 | Break up for Christmas Celebrations |
| Tuesday 5.1.21 | Return to school |
| Friday 12.2.21 | Half term holiday |
| Monday 22.2.21 | Return to school |