




**PROPHECY AND PROMISE AUTUMN 2 EYFS:**

This half term is all about celebrations - developing an understanding of celebrations throughout the world and celebrating each other's differences is a key aim for this learning experience. We begin by celebrating Mary's Yes, to Angel Gabriel. The children will learn that Mary was chosen by God.

The children will learn about the different celebrations that might happen during the year; Bonfire Night, Christmas, and Birthdays. How we celebrate them at home and how other people might celebrate them differently. Our learning journey will also be about celebrating ourselves. We will spend time talking about our similarities and differences and how this makes us unique.

We will celebrate Advent and prepare for the birth of Christ and learn that in Advent we help others and ourselves, showing our love for God. Throughout the half term the children will hear many Scriptures from the Bible - 'The Annunciation', 'The Nativity' and 'The Shepherds Visit'. They will learn that Mary was chosen by God and Jesus was born in a stable. They will use the tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth. The children will work together to create a nativity performance and learn multiple songs, practising the lyrics and keeping in time with the music.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g., Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. We would love to know how you celebrate Christmas? Please share your traditions with us on Tapestry.

**Tapestry**

Every day at school we see your children learn and complete new challenges. However, we know that school is not the only place that your children do amazing things. We would love to hear from you about the things your child enjoys or achieves. It helps us to create a 'well-rounded' picture of who your child really is. These moments can tell us about anything of interest that you would like to share with us. It may be that they did something that they may have found previously difficult, or they made a fantastic Lego model, rode their bike for the first time, made a cake, scored a goal at football, put on a play for you, learnt some impressive historical facts, helped someone with a program on an iPad or enjoyed a day out

spending time with family …it could be anything! Remember all children have different strengths and different skills that make them proud…we would just love to be able to celebrate them too!
Please use Tapestry to record their home learning with photographs or notes.

**School Uniform**

As the weather is now colder, we will continue to still work outside, if the children choose to, so please make sure that your child brings a warm waterproof coat to school each day.

**PE**

Please can your child wear their PE kit to school on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child is wearing our school PE kit. White t-shirt, All Saint's PE hoodie or school jumper, black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

**School/Snack Fund**

Thank you to all those that have paid the school and snack fund contributions. This money allows us to purchase morning snacks and items such as baking ingredients, small world resources, books and other valuable resources. Please do contribute via parent pay so that we can continue to purchase these items.

**My Special Activity**

A reminder that we will be starting our speaking and listening activity next week. Please see the newsletter sent out on Tapestry for times.

**Dates for your diary**

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| **Thursday 26th November 10:15am** | • Advent Stay and Pray. Reception classroom (all welcome) |
| **Wednesday 3rd December - 09:15am** | • Walk to the post office |
| **Friday 4th December** | • Christmas Fair |
| **Wednesday 9th December** | • 09:30am Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance –School Hall |

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| **Thursday 10th December** | • 1:30PM Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance –School Hall |
| **Monday 14th December** | • Reception Christmas party |

Later this half term, the children will take home more information about their role in the Nativity.

**Advent Stay and Pray in School**

To celebrate the season of Advent we would like to invite you to our classroom to take part in some advent activities on **Thursday 26th November at 10:15** following the Year 3 and Year 5 class Mass.

**Walk to the Post Office**

Wednesday 3rd December 9.15am –This usually takes about an hour to walk to the Village to post our letters to Father Christmas. Please let us know if you would be free to accompany us on our walk.

**Christmas Party**

Our Reception Christmas Party will take place on Monday 14th December and the Nursery children will be joining us in the afternoon. The children are encouraged to come to school on that day in their Christmas party clothes. Drinks and snacks will be provided by school. Please note that the children will have their hot dinner/packed lunch as normal at dinner time.

We will send further information about our Christmas activities in the few next weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

The EYFS Staff