



St Joseph's  
Catholic Primary School

# CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

ADVENT 2024

## Advent reflection

Throughout Advent, it is important we remind ourselves what we are preparing for. The coming of Jesus. When we open our lives to Him, our actions are an example to others of love, kindness and generosity.

We eagerly anticipate the Jubilee Year, where the Holy Door in Rome will open. All will be invited to be pilgrims of hope where every doorway we enter, will be an invitation to encounter God.

## Faith Leaders 2024-25

In September we appointed new Faith Leaders:

Year 6: Lena and Rhian  
Year 5: Cecilia and Daisy-Rose  
Year 4: Martin and Penelope  
Year 3: Amelia and Reeva  
Year 2: Jesse and Kane  
Year 1: Amelia and Dylan



Faith Leaders play a key role in planning and leading worship within their class.

This term, the children had a special Mass with Father John, presented a Harvest assembly, led the Remembrance Services and prepared shoeboxes and hampers for those in need.

## Prayers this term:

### Our School Prayer

St. Joseph's is our school.

Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and Grow together.

Just as you guided your beloved son, Jesus.

Open our hearts to your plans for us and

Show us your path to follow.

Each day, help us to feel your presence among us,

Protecting us on our journey.

Holy Spirit be with us.

St. Joseph pray for us.

Amen.



## Eternal Rest

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord;  
and let perpetual light shine upon them. May  
the souls of all the faithful departed, through  
the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.

## Advent Prayer

4,3,2,1.....

Count the weeks 'til Jesus comes.

Each week we add another light,

Our hope for Jesus growing bright.

We pray, we share, we do our part,  
to welcome Jesus into our heart.

Amen.

## Harvest Assembly

Our Harvest Festival is always a wonderful opportunity to live out our Christian values of sharing and caring for others. The Faith Leaders led a beautiful assembly. All your contributions had a huge impact on many homeless people. Thank you to Mrs Jacobson for speaking to the children about the work the London Slough Charitable Trust do and enabling them to have some understanding of the needs of homeless people.



## Open The Book

This term we have all enjoyed having Open The Book join us every fortnight. The children learn different Bible stories and even get the opportunity to join the actors on stage.

We had a special Christmas performance which told us about The Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of Jesus and the shepherds.





## Remembrance

On Monday 11th November, the children visited the prayer garden and had a special liturgy. They shared poems, prayers and laid their Remembrance art. The children then went to the hall to sit in silence and prayer for those we have lost. A big thank you to all who shared their photos with us, these will be returned in January.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Chalfont St. Peter Remembrance Parade. It is always so wonderful to take part in events in our local community.



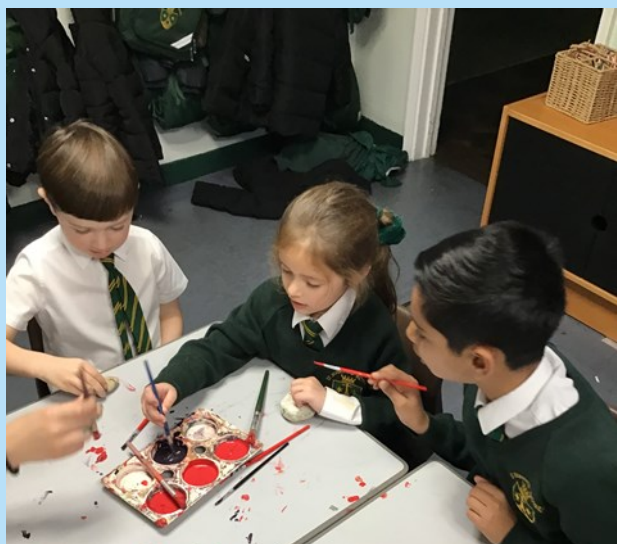
## Year 6 Buddies

At St Joseph's, by the time our pupils reach Year 6, they have grown into exceptional role models and are paired with a Reception pupil to share various experiences and provide support and inspiration to them. Our Year 6 children help the new children settle in. So far this year, they have shared a 'Welcome Liturgy' and supported them in the lunch hall as well as with their reading!

My buddy is always nice to me.



I like when my buddy holds my hand.



They play with me in the playground.



She looks after me and listens to me read.

My buddy sat with me in church and helped me know what to do.



## Travelling Crib

Throughout Advent, some Year 1 children have had a very special opportunity to bring home St Joseph's Travelling Crib. The children could set up the nativity scene in their home and reflect on their time with their visitors. It has been lovely to see how much the children enjoyed this.



Daisy  
We put the figures in a  
special corner and lit  
some candles.



This nativity reminds me of  
when Jesus was born. At  
Christmas we must visit  
friends and family. My  
favourite character is Jesus.



## Nativities and Carol Concert

The end of term is always incredibly busy, it was wonderful to stop and watch the younger children perform in their Nativities. Well done to EYFS for their amazing nativity, the children should be incredibly proud of themselves. KS1 sang and danced so well as they took us around the world to teach us how different countries honour Jesus at Christmas.

Thank you to all the staff for your preparations.



Last Thursday, KS2 performed the Carol Concert. It was wonderful to see the story of Jesus' birth presented in a new way. Well done to all the readers, actors and children in KS2 for singing so beautifully.

Thank you for your donations to the Alistair Roberts Memorial Fund, we raised an amazing £500!



## Hampers



St Vincent  
de Paul Society  
England and Wales  
Turning Concern into Action

In collaboration with St. Joseph's SVP, the Christmas hampers will be delivered to local people in need. Thank you, as always, for your generosity!



On behalf of everyone at St. Joseph's  
we wish a very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!

