



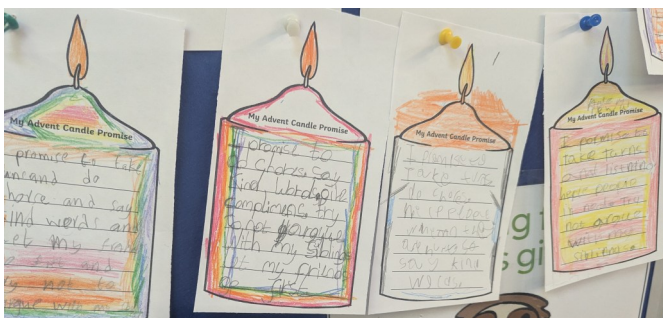
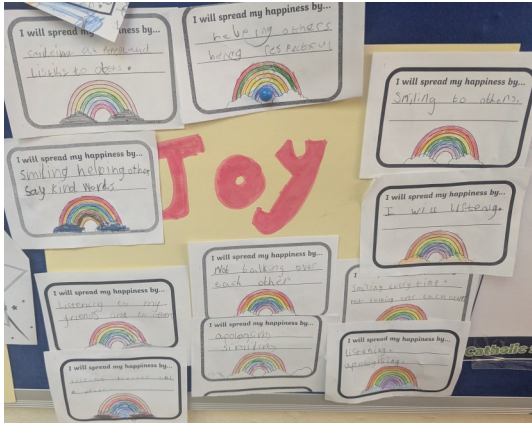
Good Shepherd Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025

Learning together as part of God's family

Be kind and respectful

Advent Day of Reflection



Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

Headteacher and Kindness Awards

Well done to the following children who have worked hard, had great behaviour or have shown great kindness and thoughtfulness to others:

Headteacher Award:	Kindness Award:
R: Dior-Rose, Taaliah,	Arliya
Y1: Grace, Keturah,	Isaiah
Y2: Adepa, Taliyah,	Amelia
Y3: Narai, Oluwadarasimi,	Ylan-Yolain
Y4: Natalio, Zennia,	Emma
Y5: Chimdindu, Esther,	Avaeyah
Y6: Rashaad, Ronelle,	Sefaah

Fr Con's Reflection

Monday of next week, December 8th is the solemn feast of THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (She revealed her title to Bernadette in Lourdes in 1858).



Mary is the highest honour of the human race – the only person, ever born of humankind, never to have had on her soul the mark of original sin passed down by the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Mary is the leading character of this Holy Advent season, for Jesus' status at that time was that of a foetus.

In time, Mary would become His tutor, and so she is the primary person to approach for intercession regarding all education matters.

Friends of Good Shepherd (FROGS)



Christmas Raffle—Raffle tickets are on sale every morning for £2.00 each. Prize winners will be announced next Friday.

Christmas Stall—Our Christmas Stall will be on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th December. Children can bring in money to purchase a variety of gifts for their family and friends.

Please ensure any money sent in with your child is labelled clearly and given to their class teacher.

Mrs Downing's SEND Bulletin

The festive season can be magical – but for many children with SEND, it can also be overwhelming. Changes in routine, busy social gatherings and bright lights can all make this time of year challenging. However, it's possible to create a calm Christmas that you all can enjoy.

Here are some practical ways to help your family make this time of year joyful:

Make your home a safe space:

- Decorations and lights can be exciting, but they can also be overstimulating. Bright colours, flashing lights, and strong smells can quickly become overwhelming.
- Consider involving your child in decorating, so they feel part of the process and more in control.
- Choose gentler lighting or avoiding flashing fairy lights and scented candles.
- Set up a quiet space with favourite toys, headphones and blankets where your child can retreat when things get too much.

Keep routines as predictable as possible:

- Keep regular bedtimes and mealtimes as consistent as possible.
- Use a visual timetable or calendar to show what's happening each day.
- Give plenty of notice if plans change and explain what to expect.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on Wednesday for N-Y6, please encourage your child to have Christmas lunch rather than having a packed lunch on that day. Please note, this is free to all children Reception-Year 6 but Nursery children need to pay for their lunch as usual. Children may wear a Christmas hat or other accessory along with their uniform.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Day