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Catholic Primary School

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Advent 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As I am sure you will be aware, this Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent; the beginning of a season of preparation and waiting for Christ's coming at Christmas.

To help children prepare during Advent at school we will:

- Be talking to the children about what Advent means and why it is an important season for us as Catholics. We will try our best in school to keep a balance between Christmas celebrations and the keeping of Advent as a time when we wait patiently.
- Be holding a Penitential service for our Key Stage 2 children as well as offering children in Years 4-6 the opportunity to engage with Reconciliation.
- Children in Reception and Year 2 will be sharing their Nativities with their families.
- Year 1 children will be sharing a Crib Blessing with their families
- Children in Key Stage 2 will be leading our annual Carol Service at Holy Rood Church.

To help children prepare during Advent at home we have:

- Put together a leaflet for all families so that you can see how we will be explaining Advent to the children and to suggest some ways that at home you can help your child to maintain their time of waiting and hoping.
- We have once again provided all children with an Advent calendar which is attached to this email. There are also some printed copies in the office should you wish to collect one.
- Your family will also be invited to play 'host' for one of our travelling cribs. More on this to follow next week.

I hope that you will find the information provided useful in providing some practical ways in which we can all enter fully into the spirit of Advent, before the great celebrations of Christmas that are approaching.

Kind regards,
Mrs. Willis