



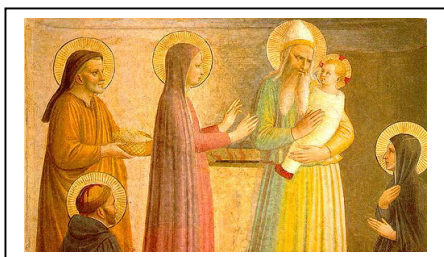
Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Be the light to those around you!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We begin this term full of the joy of the Christmas season which ends for us at the celebration of the Baptism of Jesus on 8th January. On the 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) when Jesus is recognised as 'The Light of the World'. We must also remember that each one of us is called to be a 'light', an inspiration to those around us.



In this issue of the newsletter you will find what your child is learning about in each year group. We hope you find this newsletter of interest and as always, please keep us in your prayers as we continue to support your children in their religious education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

6 th January	The Epiphany of the Lord	28 th January	St. Thomas Aquinas	
8 th January	The Baptism of the Lord	31 st January	St. John Bosco	
12 th January	St. Aelred of Rievaulx	2 nd February	Presentation of the Lord	
17 th January	St. Anthony (desert Father)	3 rd February	St. Blaise	
24 th January	St Francis de Sales	8 th February	St Josephine Bakhita	25 th
January	Conversion of St. Paul	11 th February	Our Lady of Lourdes	
26 th January	Ss Timothy and Titus			

During the winter of Ordinary Time, i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.**

Nursery – The Holy Family

This half term, children in Nursery will be learning about the early life of Jesus with Mary and Joseph – the Holy Family. They will hear and reflect on the stories of the Presentation of Jesus and the time when Jesus was found in the Temple.

Reception – Getting to know Jesus

This half term, children in Reception will be getting to know Jesus. Throughout the unit, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.

At home

You could help your children by:

- saying or sharing prayers together
- talk about people who help us e.g. nurses, doctors
- talk about how we can help others
- giving them jobs which help at home



Year 1 – Galilee to Jerusalem

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will:

- Recognise that, for Christians, the Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his Son.
- Be introduced to the Bible as a special book and encounter the stories and accounts of how people came to know God and the Good News of Jesus in the gospels.
- Sequence the accounts from the Annunciation through to the visit of the shepherds.
- Know that in the Annunciation God called Mary and she said 'Yes' to his call and why this makes Mary important for Christians.
- Match the first words of the Hail Mary with the words of the Angel Gabriel.
- Recognise that angels bring God's message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God.

Year 2 – The Good News

“Jesus is sent to preach good news to the poor. Jesus identifies himself with the poor of every kind and makes active love toward them the condition for entering his kingdom.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church

The children will learn that Jesus brought the good news of God's love and that this changed people's lives. They will learn that Jesus used his power to help others and reflect on the importance of these events.

They will reflect on how they can bring good news to their family and friends.

At home

You could help your children by:

- highlighting opportunities when they can give thanks to God
- read stories about Jesus helping people, e.g. The feeding of the 5000