



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.

Dear Parents,

The dark nights have certainly found their way back to us and we return from half term to the month of November – a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God.

*Eternal rest
grant unto them
O Lord, and let
perpetual light
shine upon
them. May they*

We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

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:

1 st	November	All Saints'	30 th	Nov	St Andrew, Apostle
2 nd	November	All Souls	3 rd	Dec	First Sunday of Advent
3 rd	November	St. Winefride	6 th	Dec	St. Nicholas
11 th	November	St. Martin of Tours	8 th	Dec	Immaculate Conception of Mary
21 st	November	Presentation of the Blessed	10 th	Dec	Second Sunday of Advent
Virgin Mary			17 th	Dec	Third Sunday of Advent
22 nd	November	St Cecilia	24 th	Dec	Christmas Eve
26 th	November	Christ the King	25 th	Dec	Nativity of the Lord Jesus

The cycle of prayer during Advent and Christmas: *Openness to the Word of God; Migrants and Refugees; Expectant Mothers.*

Nursery & Reception - God's Family

**"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love ... Each human
is made in God's image ..."**

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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about God's Family. Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that God made all the people in the world to be part of his family and that we are part of it too.

They will learn that God made us to know and love him, as well as to show our love for him by helping one another. They will find out that God has given us gifts so that we can show his love to others.

As Christmas approaches, they will learn that God's greatest gift to us was to send his only son Jesus and learn how to respond to that gift.



At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them that Christmas is about the gift of Jesus to us and not just about receiving presents.
- talk about your family and draw pictures of Jesus being part of your family
- take them to see baby Jesus at church during the Christmas season.

Year 1 - Prophecy & Promise

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to:

- Recognise that, for Christians, the Christmas story reveals God's love by sending Jesus his Son.
- Understand that 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.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reinforcing why Mary is important for Christians
- discussing the importance of mothers

Year 2 - Mysteries

“God is one and God is Three, a Trinity of persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit”

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The children will learn about and reflect on mysteries. They will be encouraged to say and reflect on what they wonder about. The children will learn that there are three persons in one God and that we can experience God in three different ways as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

They will learn about and reflect on God’s choice of Mary and Joseph and know that Jesus is God’s gift to the whole world.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reminding them, as they make the sign of the cross, that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- reading the Christmas story and encourage them to ask questions