



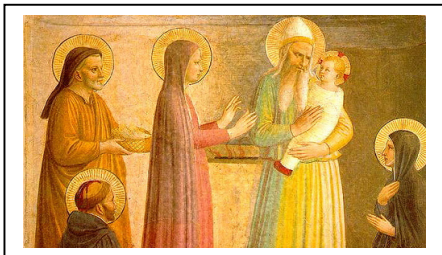
Love • Respect • Shine

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 & Reception – Galilee to Jerusalem

During this unit, pupils will hear that:

- The Wise Men visited Jesus.
- Jesus welcomes little children (Mk 10v 16)
- Jesus blesses little children.
- Jesus was born for everyone.

Pupils will believe that:

- The Magi visited Jesus with gifts.
- Jesus is God's Son and came for everyone. Jesus' birth is celebrated at Christmas.
- Jesus came to show God's love and welcomes everyone.
- Jesus takes care of everyone.

Pupils will celebrate:

- That the Church prays the 'Glory Be' as a response to the coming of Jesus.

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 – Galilee to Jerusalem

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

- Retell, in any form, the story of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus.
- Begin to recognise 'parables' as a literary form in Scripture with reference to the parable of the lost sheep (Lk 15:4-7) and how Jesus uses them to teach people about God.
- Recognise that everyone is tempted to make bad choices (sin), but that God loves and forgives all people.
- Correctly use religious words and phrases to recognise how Catholics say sorry to God in prayer and talk about why saying sorry to God and to others is important.