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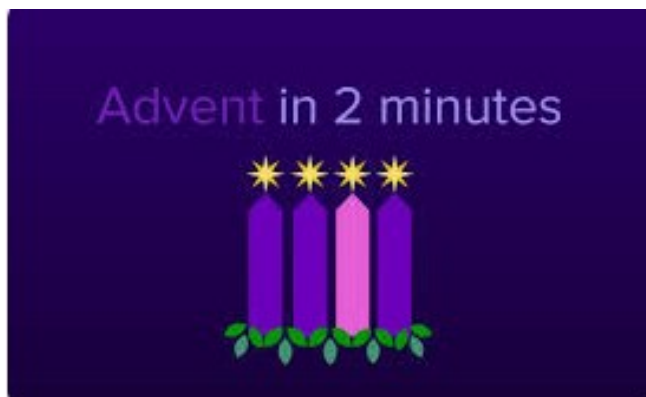
Message from the Headteacher

As we enter the season of Advent, we step into a time marked by anticipation, reflection, and quiet hope. Advent invites us to pause amid the noise of December and remember that waiting can be sacred. It encourages us to pay attention—to the stirrings of our own hearts, to the needs of others, and to the signs of light already breaking into our world. Each candle on the Advent wreath reminds us that even the smallest flame can cut through the darkness.

This season is not only about looking back to the birth of Christ but also looking forward with expectation. Advent speaks to the deep longing within all of us for peace, justice, and renewal. It calls us to prepare room—not just in our schedules or homes, but in our attitudes, our relationships, and our daily choices. Through prayer, generosity, and intentional slowing, we shape our lives to better reflect the hope we proclaim.

As a community, Advent becomes a shared journey. We wait together, encourage one another, and notice God at work in unexpected places. In this season, may we open our hearts to wonder, practice compassion with fresh intention, and carry the promise of Advent into every space we enter. May the coming weeks fill us with renewed hope and a deeper sense of joy—light growing steadily, one candle at a time.

Please do take the time to watch 'Advent in 2 minutes!' with your family and by clicking on the Advent Calendar there are daily reflections you can share with your family.



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We currently have spaces available in our pre-school
(30 hours)

Please contact our School Office (0151 281 2300) or
email sbm@runnymede-school.org.uk for more details

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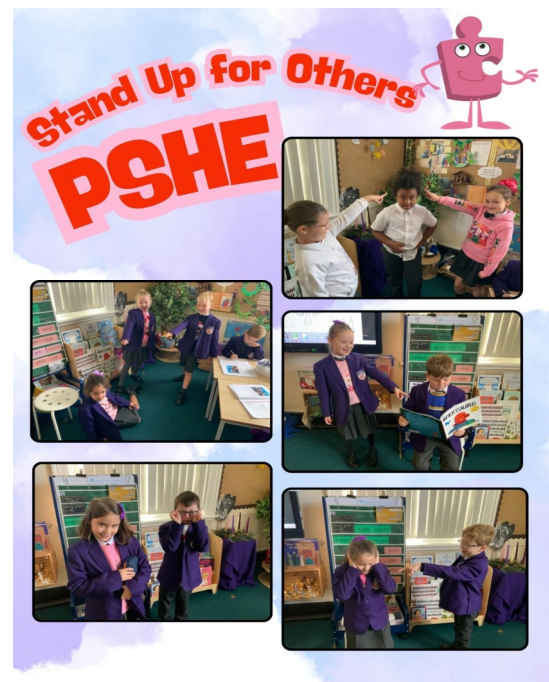
This week in preschool we spent time remembering the story of the first Christmas and we began our Advent traditions. The children enjoyed revisiting the story and taking part in our special seasonal activities. In maths, we focused on measuring, practising how to compare objects by using the words *longer* and *shorter*. It was a fun and meaningful week of learning!



This week in Reception we have been super busy with our Nativity. We have also been partitioning 5 in our Maths, exploring constellations as part of our Literacy work and enjoying some Christmas crafts.



Year 1 have been working incredibly hard in phonics this week, showing amazing progress in both reading and spelling. We have also been focusing on improving our handwriting, and the children have shown great determination and pride in presenting their work neatly. It has been wonderful to see their confidence growing as they apply these skills across all areas of their learning.



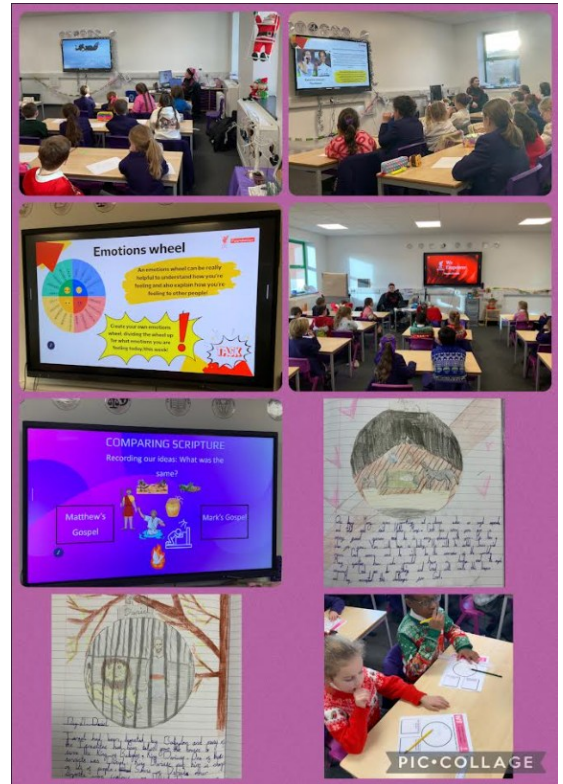
Our Year 2 children have been learning all about standing up for others as part of their "Celebrating Differences" topic in PSHE.

Pupils worked in groups with scenario cards and created freeze-frames to show different examples of unfair behaviour. They then took part in thoughtful discussions about how we can challenge unkindness and stand up for both ourselves and those around us.

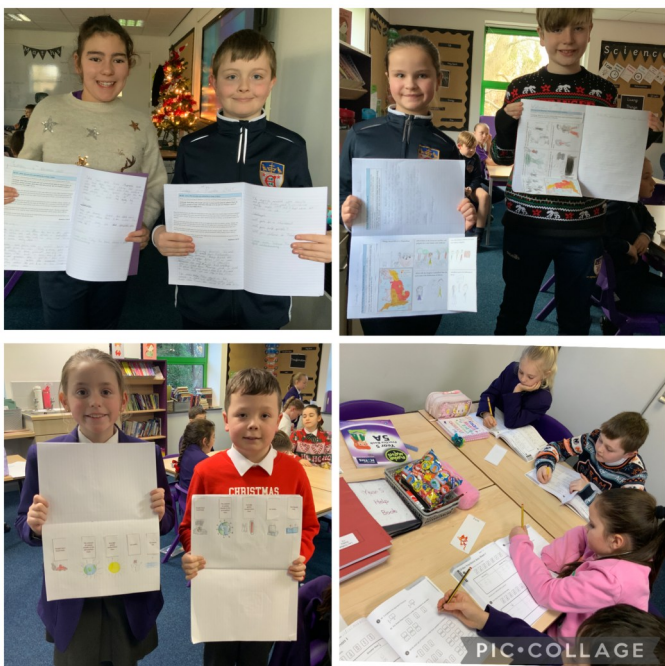
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This week Year 3 really loved their Christmas Film Night, watching 'Home Alone' with snacks and a drink. They enjoyed some competitive chess matches, learning about the importance of the pawn. In English, they have learnt about foxes and came up with a fantastic list of adjectives. They realised that foxes aren't as bad as everyone thinks.



This week, we have been explaining stories of the Jesse Tree in RE. In PSHE, Year 4 have been exploring different types of emotions we have been feeling thanks to our work with the LFC Foundation.



In R.E. Y5 have been looking at the Nativity story, understanding it from Joseph's point of view. In History, we have been learning about the Viking's raid in Wessex. In Geography, we have studied the harmful effects of greenhouse gases and in Maths we have been learning how to order and compare fractions.



This week a group of Year six children performed for a collection of teachers and headteachers at a Prayer and Liturgy meeting. They did a fantastic job and it was a wonderful experience for all of the children involved. To start the week we had our annual Christmas film night, the class chose to watch Christmas Chronicles, using our democratic voting rights in class. The children enjoyed the film and especially enjoyed the popcorn and drink that was provided.

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Dates for the Diary

- Monday 8th December - 1W Christmas Play at 09:30am (2 tickets per adult only & Y3 Carols by Candlelight 2.30pm)
- Tuesday 9th December - 1S Christmas Play at 09:30am & Y4 Carols by Candlelight 2.30pm
- Wednesday 10th December - 2W Christmas Play at 09:30am & Y5 Carols by Candlelight 2.30pm
- Thursday 11th December - 2H Christmas Play at 09:30am & Y6 Carols by Candlelight 2.30pm
- Friday 12th December - Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day & Choristers by Candlelight 2.30pm
- Monday 15th December - Preschool Farmer Nativity
- Tuesday 16th December - Preschool Ward Nativity
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Party Day
- Friday 19th December - Father Christmas to visit Runnymede, School closes at 12:45pm—NO AFTERCARE

School Cake, Tea & Coffee are available for sale at our Carols by Candlelight. £2.50 please bring change with you! This is to fundraise for our school.

Thank you!



Thank you to Year 6

I was delighted and extremely proud that our children were chosen to sing at an event for Headteachers and RE Leads from across the Archdiocese. The children were wonderful and afterwards I received so many compliments about their conduct and musicality.



Instagram

Please follow us on Instagram



[@runnymedestdwards](https://www.instagram.com/runnymedestdwards)

Please ensure you have checked your permission's on Arbor to ensure we have this completed.

We would be very grateful if you can like and share our posts!

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Tuesday Toast Tuck Shop

Don't forget your £1 for a slice of toast!

All money raised will go towards our new basketball arcade games!



Christmas Luxury Hamper Raffle

Tickets are now on sale via Arbor.

Tickets are £5 for our luxury hampers (X1 available per class and £10 for our luxury drinks and voucher hampers(x2 available))

Please encourage your family and friends to purchase a ticket as the hampers are filled with fantastic treats for the festive period! These really are the best hampers we have ever put together!
Good Luck!

Our luxury drinks and voucher hampers contain the following:

Luxury drink and voucher hamper 1=

Selection of champagne, fizz, wine and spirits
X10 RISE Fitness Studio vouchers
£100 Facial/treatment voucher
Blow dry at Lox Hair Salon

Luxury drink and voucher hamper 2=

Selection of champagne, fizz, wine and spirits
LFC Tour voucher
Bounce House Pass
Blow dry at Lox Hair Salon



Donate Old Nativity Costumes

We are trying to be more sustainable in all ways as a school and also look for opportunities to help with the financial burdens placed upon our families, particularly at Christmas time.

Therefore, we would be very grateful if you would kindly donate your child's nativity costume so that we can build up a bank of costumes so parents/carers will not need to purchase them in future years.

Thank you.



**A CELEBRATION
OF
CHRISTMAS**

7PM SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

Join us for a festive celebration with the Cathedral Choir and special guests, as they perform beloved Christmas carols and seasonal favourites.

Tickets £10 each | £18 family

Scan the QR code or get them online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/metcathedral

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1S	Molly Mc	1W	Ella E
2H	Theo M	2W	Ava M
3D	Lucas Mc	3Mc	Joachim Mc
4D	Rosie A	4Mc	Jax M
5N	Reyes A	5T	Lennon H
6D	Oscar T		



1S	Luca P	1W	Jorgie-Tia D
2H	Mara J G	2W	Liza S B
3D	Bonnie D	3Mc	Remy A
4D	Nico G	4Mc	Francis L
5N	Rory S	5T	Sienna S
6D	Harry Mc		



1S	Teddy S W	1W	Riven H
2H	Louisa P	2W	Molly T
3D	Shaun M	3Mc	Rudi M
4D	Teddy B	4Mc	Darcie T
5N	Otavio V P C	5T	Neive Mc
6D	Jan W		



1S	Harry T	1W	Freddie G
2H	Arlo T H	2W	Theodore A
3D	Nicholas R	3Mc	Reuben F
4D	Luca E	4Mc	Hugo M
5N	Harry M	5T	Leo G
6D	Izabel L		

Attendance—Our target is 97%

Monday 1st December Friday - 5th December 2025

is as follows:

94.62%

Every day in school is a step towards success—thank you for helping your child be here, ready to shine!

Reception Stars of the Week



RB Etta C beautiful dancing in our Nativity and **Elijah C** for super listening skills in Literacy.

RP Grace B for thoughtful answers in R.E and **Thomas M** for doing so well in our Christmas Nativity.



Week commencing 8th December

Monday	Y1, Y3, & Y5 PE 1W Nativity & Y3 Carols by Candlelight
Tuesday	Y2, Y4 & Y6 PE 1S Nativity & Y4 Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday	2W Nativity & Y5 Carols by Candlelight Ukulele with Mr Tallant
Thursday:	2HNativity & Y6 Carols by Candlelight REC PE Spanish Club
Friday	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Happy birthday to all children who have had a birthday this week! We hope you had a lovely day!



Joshua B C, Mason C, Mila T, Alice L, Jonny Mc,
Leighton H K, Oliver B W & Charlie C