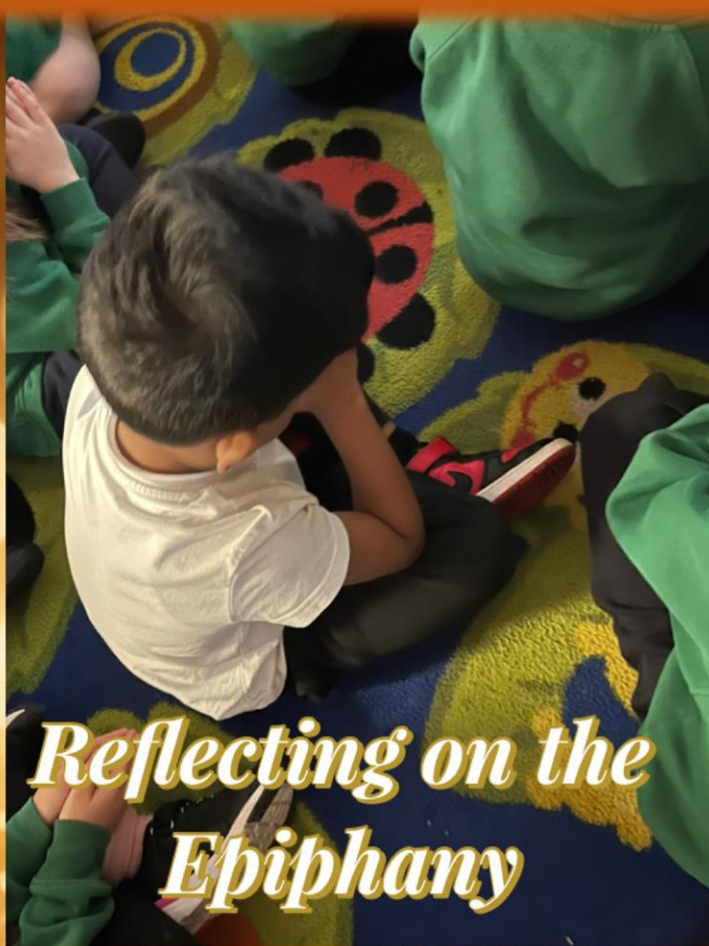


PUPIL POST



The Baptism of the Lord
11th January 2026





Lovely seeing
Year One
back together
again this week.
We gathered together
reflecting on
the feast of
THE EPIPHANY.
Children later shared
their thoughts and
feelings of this
special time.



Year 6 participated in a variety of health-related fitness activities

It's been a busy week of learning and fun in Reception; subitising, reading, writing, fingerpainting and much more.



Great fun practising
Year One's archery skills
this week
with bows as big
as themselves!
Brilliant!



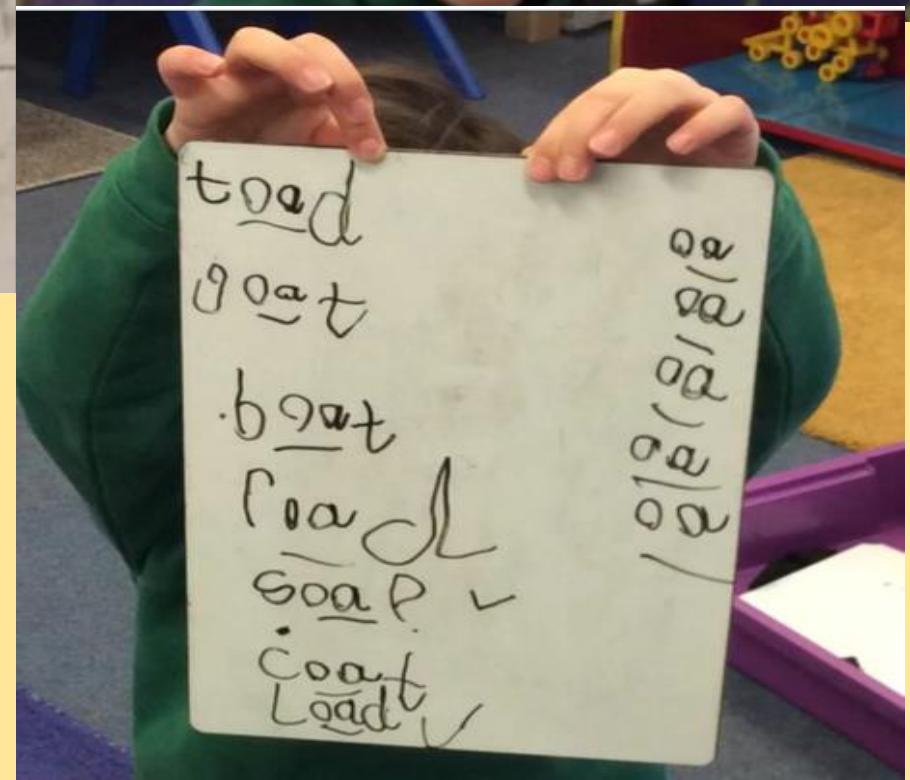
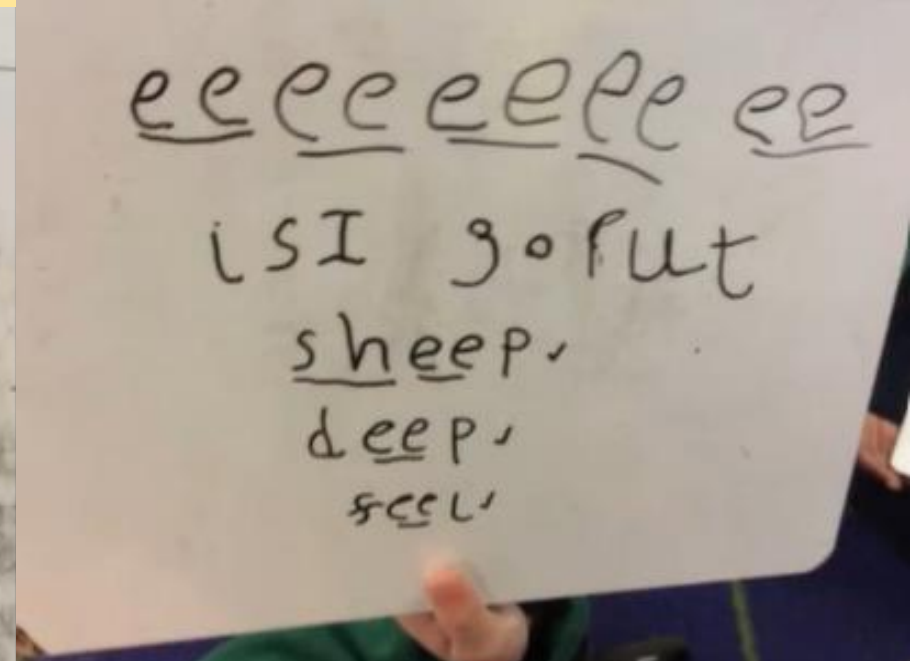
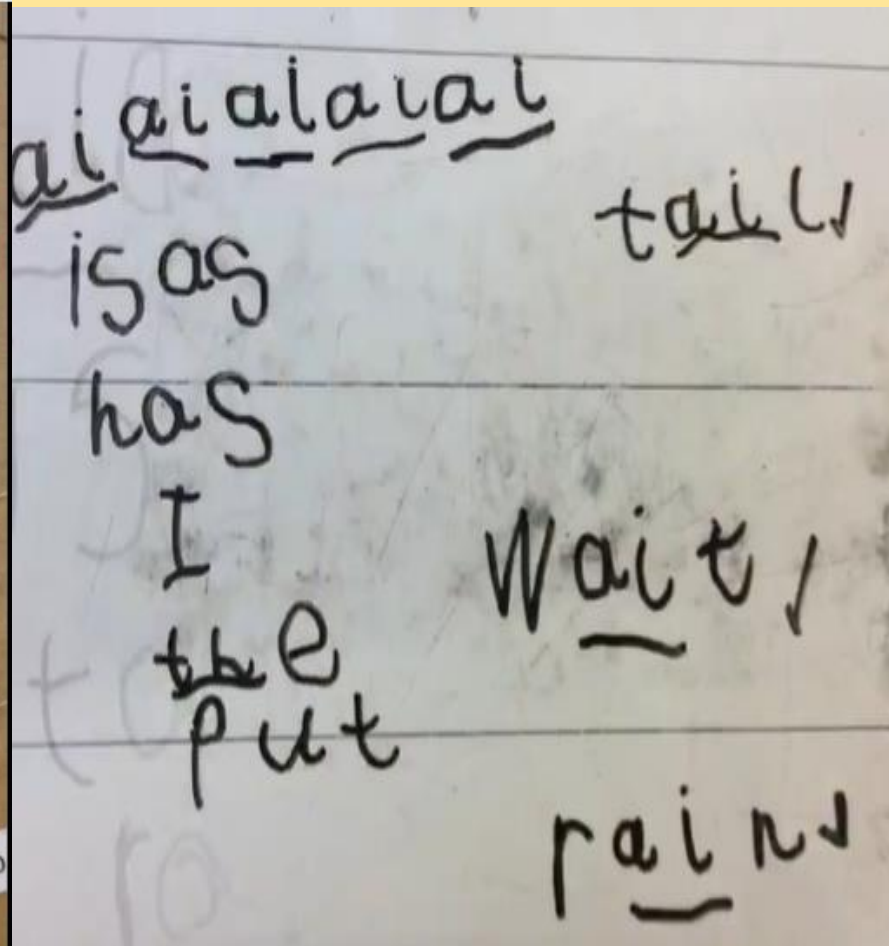
It has been a busy week in Nursery too.

We have been recalling the birth of Jesus and the story of the three wise men, their journey and their visit to Jesus.

We have enjoyed purposeful play, reading for pleasure and matching number patterns, and more besides.



Phonics Friday



This week our Reception children have learnt the sounds **ai**, **ee**, **igh** and **oa**.

We're so excited to be moving on to our blue Phase 3 cards — fantastic progress!

Watch: <https://x.com/i/status/2009680029656199457>

In Science this week
Year One began the topic,
'Sensitive Bodies'.
We labelled, compared and
had great discussions as to
whether birds have
tongues like humans!



NEW START

Regardless of our past, God invites each one of us to make a new start, each and every day. Families who make a new start with God find that they grow closer together and begin to know and share the joy that Jesus brings.

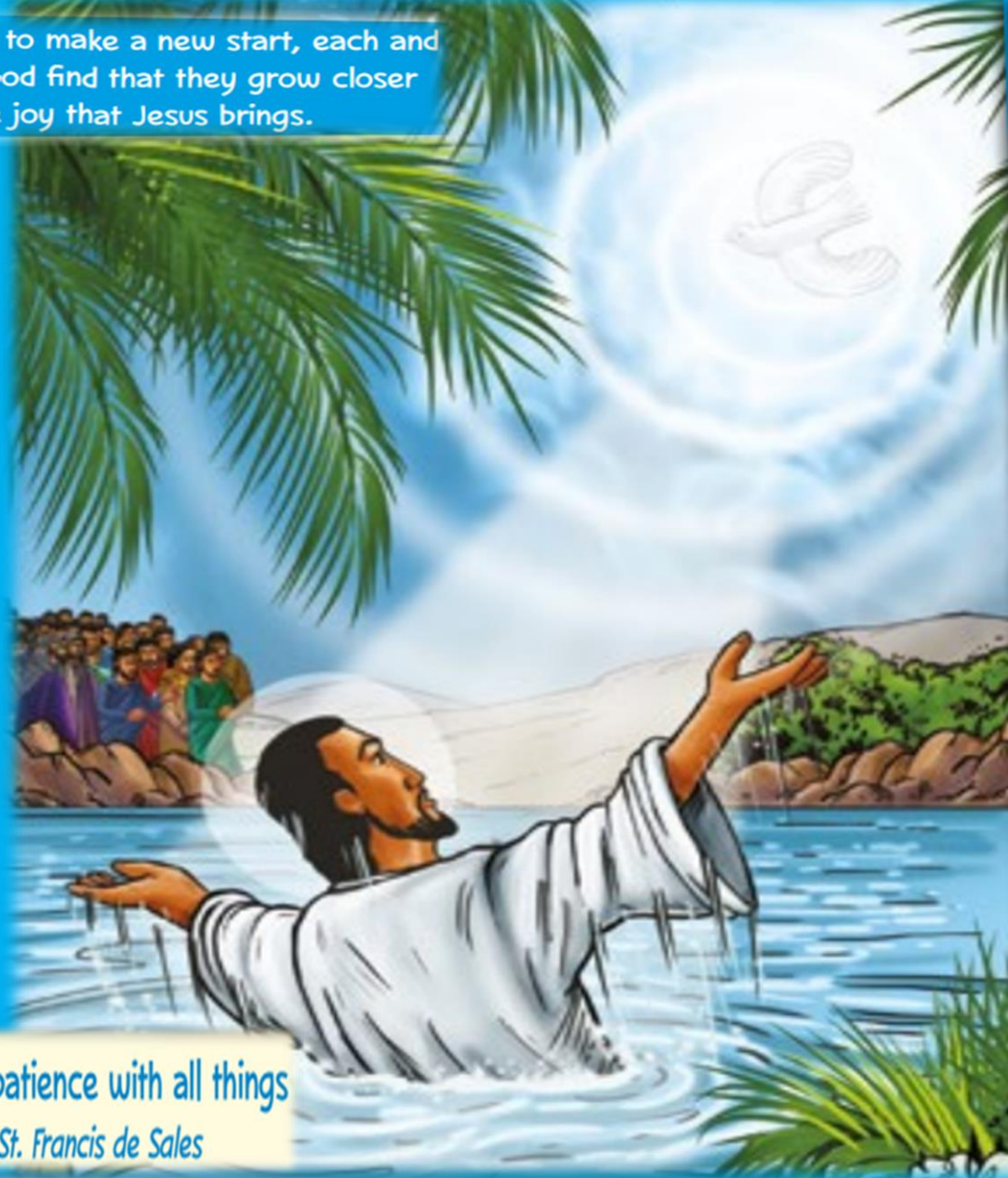
"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Saint Teresa of Calcutta



Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. "It is I who need baptism from you," he said, "and yet you come to me!" But Jesus replied, "Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands." At this, John gave in to him. As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, "This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him."

*Adapted from Matthew 3:13-17
The Baptism of the Lord, Year A*

*"Every day we must begin anew. Have patience with all things
— but first of all with yourself." St. Francis de Sales*



Dear Lord Jesus, please help me to be always ready to make a **new start** with you and with each other as we start this New Year. Amen.

DIARY DATES

January 16 th	Year 5 Mass 9:30 St Joseph's	February 25 th	Year3 Fit Kidz Session
January 23 rd	Year 4 Mass 9:30 St Joseph's	February 26 th	Year 5 Knex Challenge Workshop
January 23 rd	KS1 Commonwealth Games Workshop (tbc)	February 26 th	Year 1 STEM Circus Workshop
January 28 th	Recyclers Bag pick up -Friends of SVdP fund raising	February 27 th	Open Morning
January 29 th	Year 6 WW2 Workshops	March 3 rd	Parent Consultations
January 30 th	Y3 Mass St Joseph's	March 4 th	Parent Consultations
January 30 th	MP, Kevin Bonnavia visiting school	March 4 th	Year 3 Fit Kidz Session
January 30 th	KS1 Commonwealth Games Workshop (tbc)	March 5 th	World Book Day
January 30 th	Year 1 Mrs Cooper Class Assembly	March 6 th	Year 6 Mass 9:30 St Joseph's
February 2 nd	Year 5 /6 Sports Hall Athletics Team	March 9 th	Y5 Handball Team- competition
February 4 th	Year 5 /6 Sports Hall Athletics Team	March 13 th	Year 5 Mass St Joseph's
February 6 th	Year 2 Mass 9:30 St Josephs	March 20 th	Year 4 Mass St Joseph's
February 6 th	Year 1 Mrs Hargrave Class Assembly	March 24 th	Reception STEM Bubble Workshop
February 10 th	Year 4 Saxon Workshop	March 27 th	Easter Reflection (Children only)
February 13 th	Year 4 Mr Arnese Assembly	March 27 th	End of Term - 2pm
February 13 th	Year 1 Mass St Joseph's		
February 16th	Half Term		