



# PUPIL POST



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
17<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Pupils from  
Year 4 planted  
seedlings  
they have  
grown with  
The Red Shed  
project  
on Monday.

Look at the  
precision!



Year 3 Hildegard,  
you've been amazing,  
thinking of others and  
showing how you are

*'THE HANDS AND FACE OF  
JESUS'.*

All these donations are for  
the Reverse Advent calendar.

Thank you







Year 6 Shakespeare  
really enjoyed their  
morning in Year 3!  
They were helping the  
younger children with  
their Christmas crowns  
for our special lunch on  
Tuesday.





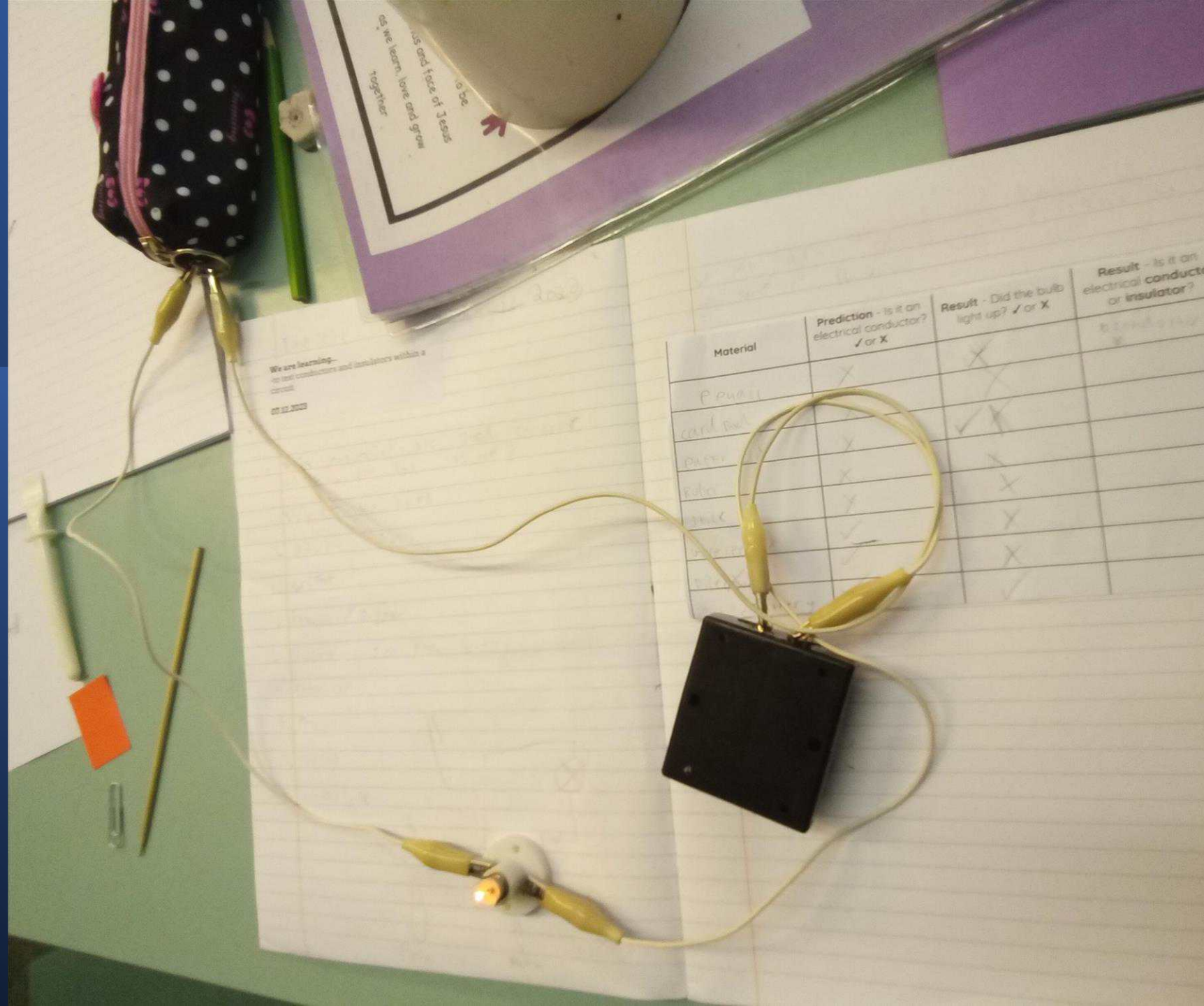


Year 1 enjoyed Christmas  
art activities with their  
Year 5 friends.





Year 4 has been testing whether certain materials are conductors or insulators.





**THANK YOU YEAR 6 FROM YEAR 3.**

We really enjoyed making angel decorations with you.  
We all looked smashing in our Christmas jumpers too.





Fabulous hairstyles in Year 3 for Christmas jumper day.





Christmas  
Jumper  
Day







The children  
in the  
Nursery  
class  
enjoyed  
their  
Christmas  
Dinner  
- it was  
yummy!



The children in Reception O'Connor had a wonderful day.  
They spent the morning crafting, reading and dancing with their Year 6 friends.  
This was followed by a tasty Christmas lunch and lots more festive fun in the afternoon.





It's feeling a lot like  
Christmas! ..... a  
huge thank you to  
the cooks for the  
wonderful dinner  
and the PSA for  
the crackers.







# Jingle Bells

Watch here:

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1734634548686623098>



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After listening to the Christmas story, the children in Reception have been sharing their understanding in lots of different ways.







Year 4 Bonifacio  
has really  
enjoyed creating  
tone within a  
landscape.  
We have made  
some amazing  
scenes for our  
calendars!



Year 4 has  
also had a great  
time Christmas  
crafting with  
Year 2.  
Great Christmas  
trees everyone!!



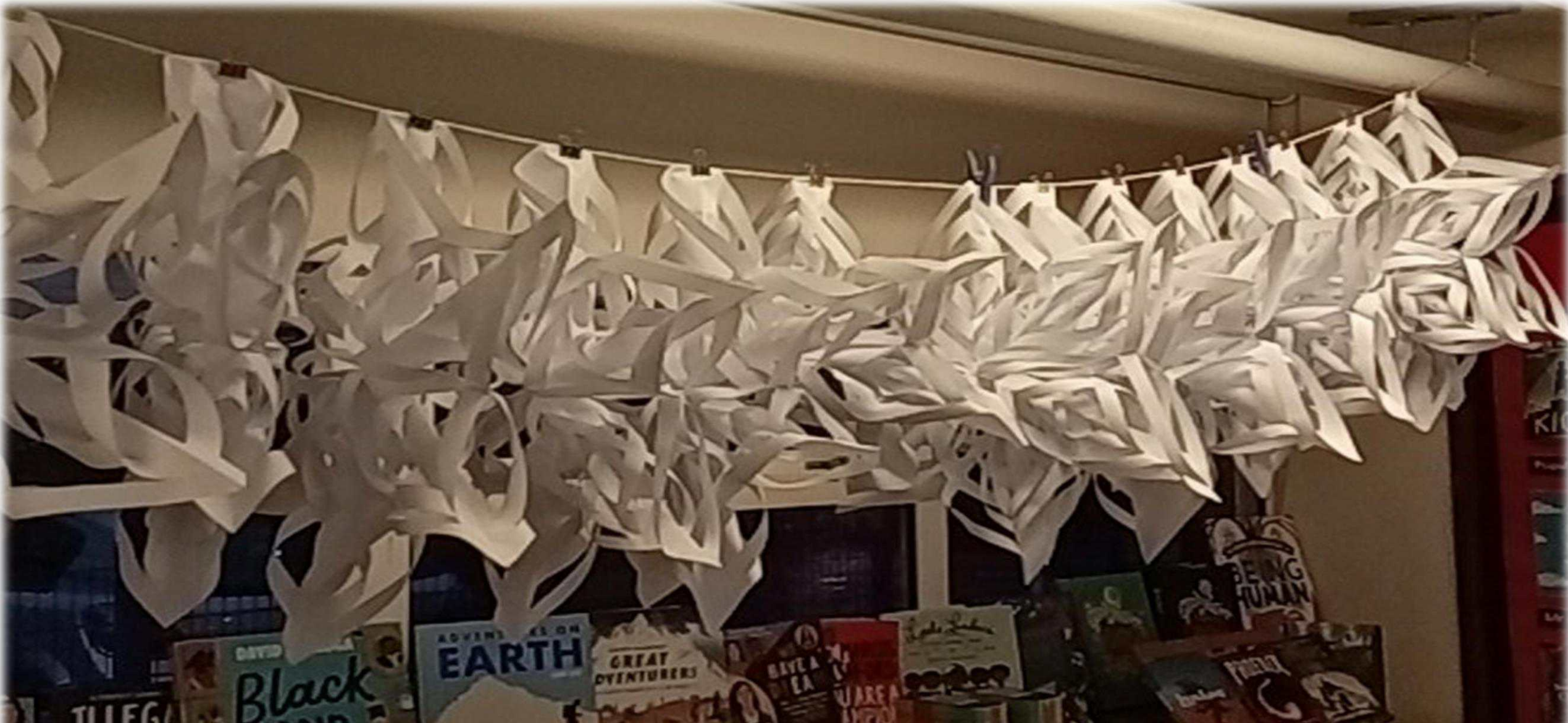
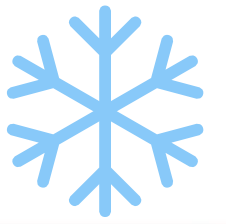




Our Year 1 Christmas cards are all finished and ready to go home next week!



**Year 6 worked extremely hard to make these lovely snowflakes!**







The travelling Posada Nativity has been visiting in KS1.  
If you would like to take it home next week please sign up.



We have been so  
proud of our disco  
stars this week.  
Well done  
children!

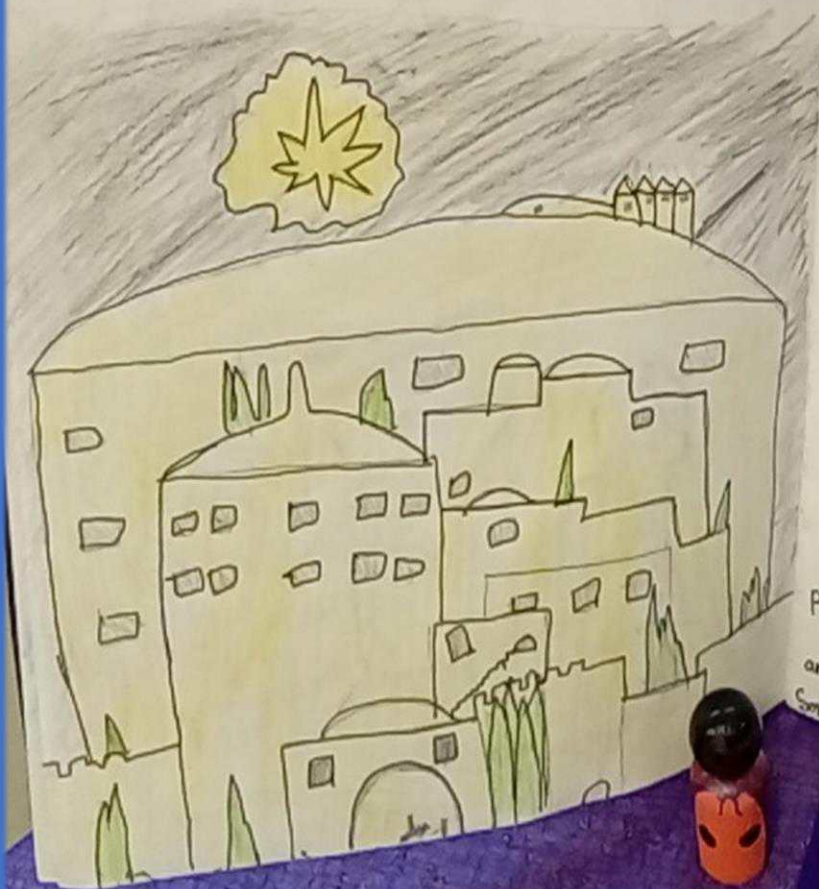
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Dear Lord God,  
help everyone to be kind and helpful throughout  
Advent as we wait the birth of your son  
Jesus Christ.

Amen  
Brendan & Bonifacio



Dear Lord,  
please help me to be helpful and kind to others  
and help my friends when they need it.  
Complacito Amen

More beautiful  
prayers from one  
of our posadas.

Well done,  
Years  
3 and 4.

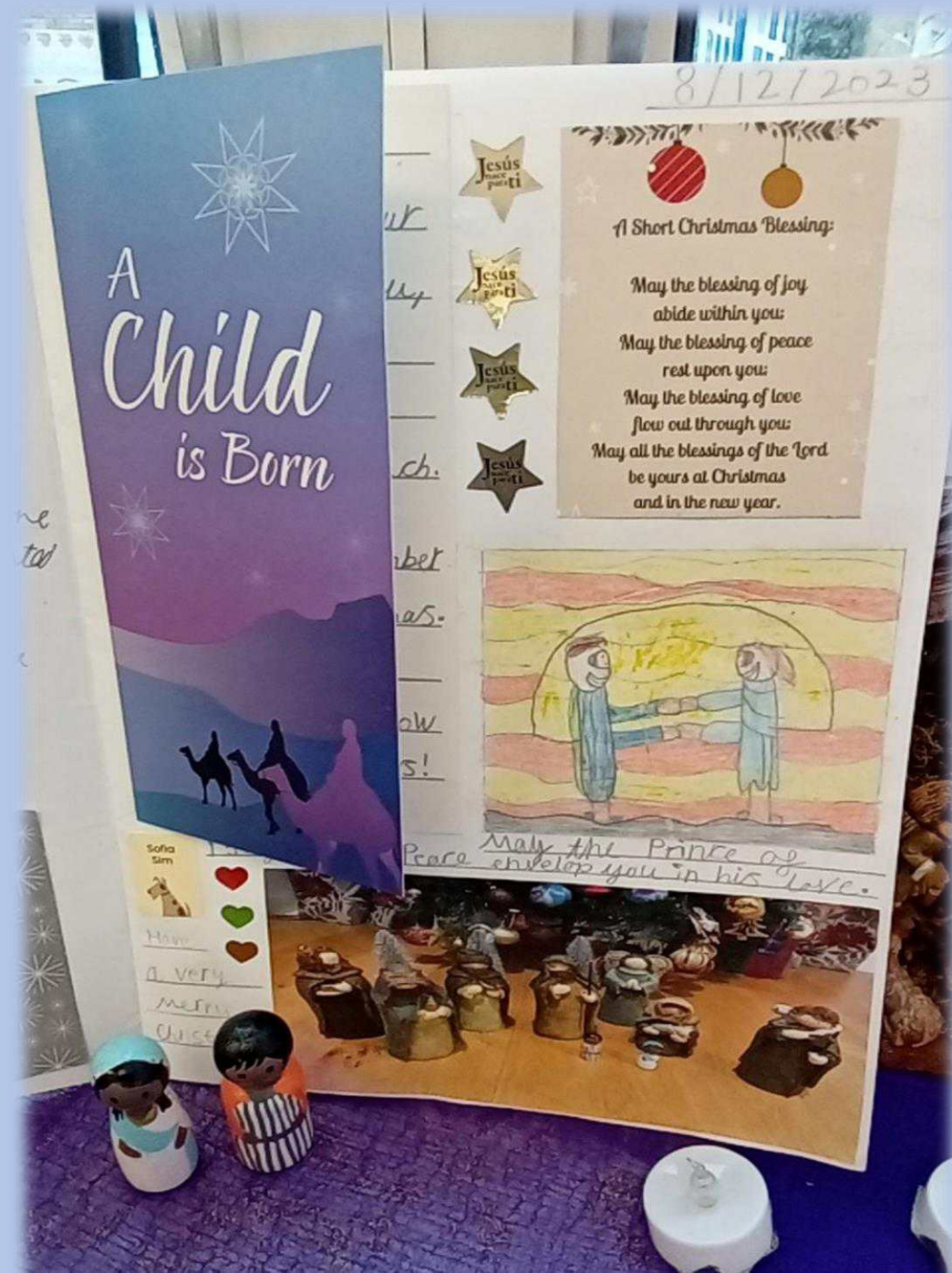




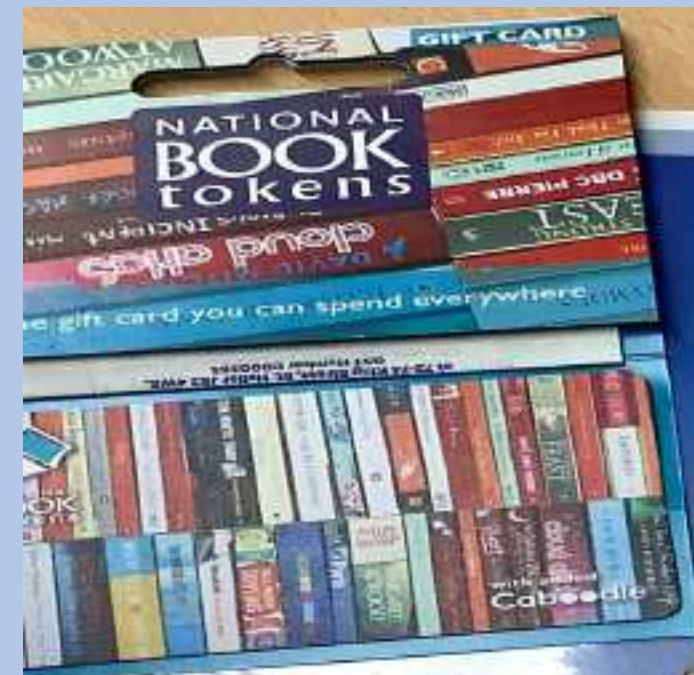
There is  
still time to  
sign up for our

St Vincent De  
Paul Posada.

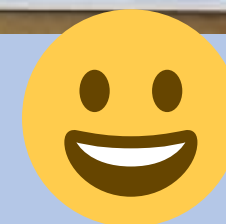
A huge thank you to  
all who have  
participated  
so far.







Well done everyone

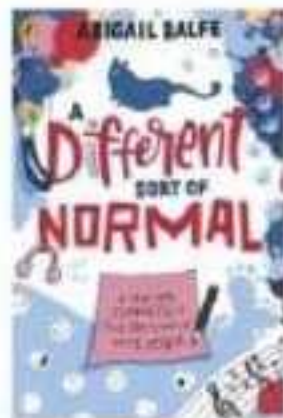




Use a calendar or visual timetable to cover  
the entire holiday season, including:  
specific events e.g. when decorations go up  
when you write cards  
school days versus home days  
when family or friends are coming

*Books that champion neurodiversity*

A Different Sort  
of Normal written  
by Abigail Balfe





## 13 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Discuss whether they would like their presents wrapped and consider alternatives e.g. leaving presents unwrapped, wrapping in cling film or including a picture of what's inside on the gift label.

### Books that champion neurodiversity

Leo and the Octopus  
written by Isabelle  
Marinov and illustrated  
by Chris Nixon



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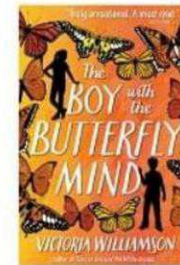
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## 12 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

Incorporate a Christmas activity that they enjoy into their daily schedule, e.g. opening the advent calendar, or switching on the tree lights.

### Books that champion neurodiversity

The Boy With the  
Butterfly Mind  
written Victoria  
Williamson



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Enable them to be in control of things which might overload them e.g. scented candles, flashing Christmas lights. If possible, give them direct control (like the button for the lights) or provide sensory defences e.g. ear defenders or sunglasses.

*Books that champion neurodiversity*

When I See Blue  
by Lily Bailey (10+)



Spread out social activities across the festive season with rest days in between, to give your child time to recover.

*Books that champion neurodiversity*

Rebel Girls  
Celebrate  
Neurodiversity  
(pre-order)



16 DAYS UNTIL  
CHRISTMAS

**Get them used to decorations**

Involve them in changes to the house, e.g. take them shopping for decorations, let them handle decorations, let them see decorations being hung up, or let them help putting them up.

*Books that champion neurodiversity*

Through the Eyes  
of Me written by  
Jon Roberts &  
illustrated by  
Hannah Rounding



15 DAYS UNTIL  
CHRISTMAS

**Join our Facebook group**

Get ideas from other families, and share your tips with them on our private Facebook group

**ADD-vance Parent/Carers  
& Professionals**

*Books that champion neurodiversity*

Can You See Me?  
written by Libby Scott  
& Rebecca Westcott





Friday's disco profits  
have come in at a  
fabulous

**£1,539.58**

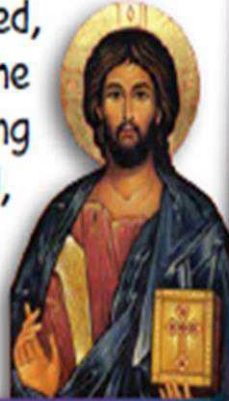
We hope all the children  
had a wonderful time, it  
certainly sounded like  
they did!

A huge thanks again to all  
our wonderful volunteers  
and staff who helped to  
make the night a success.





A man came who was sent by God. His name was John, John the Baptist. He came as a witness – as a witness to Jesus Christ. Priests were sent from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?" John replied, "I am not the Christ." "Are you the prophet Elijah then – or the Prophet?" they asked. He answered, "No." "So, who are you?" they asked. "What have you to say about yourself?" John replied, "I am the voice of the one who cries in the wilderness: 'Make the Lord's way straight.'" Finally they asked him, "Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" John said, "I baptise with water. But someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am." This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the River Jordan, where John was baptising.



From the Gospel of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 John 1:6-8. 19-28 (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B)

**"Dear young people, if we are close to Jesus, we will have joy in our hearts and a smile on our face." Pope Francis**



✦ Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to experience the joy that you bring, and to share your joy with all those that we meet. Amen. ✦

Please read and reflect together upon this week's gospel.  
The theme is

**JOY**



**"Joy is very infectious; therefore, always be full of joy." St Teresa of Calcutta**





## Christmas Performances for Parents

Tuesday, 19 December - 14:00 – 15:00



# DIARY DATES

**Wednesday, 20 December**

Last Day of Term (2pm)

**Monday, 8 January 2024**

Back to School!





# Kids Eat Out For Less

## December



**Morrisons Café** - Kids eat free with the purchase of an adult meal (over £4.49).



**TGI Fridays** - Kids eat free all day every day with every adult meal purchased. Must be a Stripe Rewards member.



**Bella Italia** - Kids eat for £1 with any adult main, 4-6pm Monday to Thursday.

**Sizzling Pubs** - Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult main meal (3-7pm Monday to Friday).

**Beefeater** - Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

**Hard Rock Cafe** - Kids eat free with a DOWTK VIP Pass.

**Brewers Fayre** - Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.



**ASDA Café** - Kids eat for £1 all day, every day - no adult purchased required.

**Sainsbury's Café** - One child's hot main meal or lunch bag for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main meal from £5.20.



**IKEA** - Kids pasta and a soft drink for 95p or any other kids meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am.

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