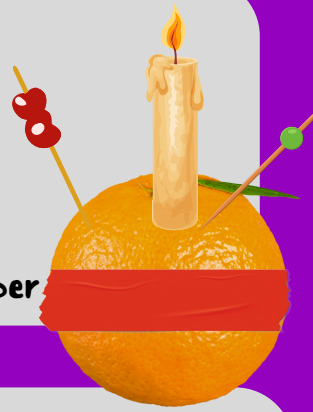


# Collective Worship

w/c 9th December



## Let your light shine - Advent and joy

This week in collective worship we have focused on joy and the Christmas story from the shepherd's perspective.

## Thought for the week

Is joy a state of mind that we need to consciously choose? If we look for the beauty in the small things we are surrounded by, we will feel joyful. If we take a moment to appreciate what we have, we can feel joy in them. The shepherds were chosen to meet the new saviour to show that Jesus is for everyone - the feeling of joy is for everyone...we just need to focus on the here and now to find it and enjoy it! For those who have a faith, you might say that you feel joy through God's love. If we can help bring joy to others, then surely we can all flourish together?

## This week in collective worship

This week in class collective worship we have focused on the joy of the shepherds and how they would have felt out in the fields when the angels appeared to them. We considered the fact that the shepherds were invited to be part of the first Christmas and the significance this has with Jesus being for everyone. We have considered the things that bring us joy as well as the ways in which we can bring joy to others.

We prepared our christingles ready for our christingle services and learnt about what each part represents. We held our KS2 and KS3 christingle services separately to enable as many christingles to be lit at the same time as possible. As we reflected on a need for peace in the world, we considered how we could have peace in our own lives.

This was a truly spiritual and very special moment.

Mr Taylor entertained us with his creative portrayal of the Christmas story from the Joseph's perspective! He helped us to imagine what Joseph must have felt when he found out that Mary was having a baby but also what he must have been thinking when the angel appeared to him.

### Pupil voice

Reflection on Christingle: 'When the lights went out, it made my heart feel warm as I held my christingle. It was very peaceful.'

Reflection on this week's collective worship: 'Joy can be spread very easily and in many different ways. It can be symbolised in a lot of different ways. If we spread joy to others we can make a real difference to them and their Christmas!'



But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2: 10-11

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to see joy in the small things and to help others to find joy in the things that we do every day. Thank you for sending your son, Jesus, to be our light in the darkness. Help us always to remember to turn to you  
Amen

Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give.

