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Loving learning, loving each other and loving life
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AGAPE: The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37)*



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Hello and welcome to the Advent Heron Times, produced every fortnight for the pupils of North Curry Primary School by Ms Harris and the 'Media Club' Faith, Maisie and Chloe from Shark Class.

What is Advent?

Advent marks the beginning of the church year. It is a time for reflection in darkness, for renewal of hope and for a movement towards a beginning.

The season of Advent, as it first emerged in the Church in the fourth and fifth centuries, lasted, like Lent, for 40 days. Later tradition developed the Advent we know today, of four Sundays before Christmas Day.

It is a season of expectation and preparation as the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. Church decorations are simple and sparse, and purple is the traditional colour used. Advent falls at the darkest time of the year, and the natural symbols of darkness and light are powerfully at work throughout Advent and Christmas.



Interview with Miss Bown

What is your favourite sweet treat?

I have a yummy recipe for banana and chocolate chip muffins.

What are your hobbies?

I love to spend time in the countryside... whether it's walking, riding my bike or off-roading in my Land Rover.

What is your favourite sport to watch?

I don't follow many sports, but I do like to watch the Six Nations Rugby.

How do you relax?

Every day, I find cooking supper a great way to relax after a busy day at school. If I have a bit more time, then I like to read or paint with watercolours.

What is your dream holiday?

I would love to visit Austria to explore the country and go skiing in the mountains.

What is your favourite children's book?

Matilda by Roald Dahl

What pets do you have?

I have two dogs, both rescue Labradors, and a black and white cat.



Advent Calendars

On the first of December, children all around the world will be opening the first door of their Christmas Advent Calendars, eager to see what picture, chocolate, or mini gift is hiding inside.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin phrase "coming toward." For Christians, the period of Advent marks "coming toward" the most important date in their year, the birth of Christ.

The first hand made calendar was made in Germany in the late 19th century for a child named Gerhard Lang. Lang's mother stuck 24 tiny sweets to a square of cardboard, for her son to eat over the Advent period. This simple idea stayed with Lang and when, as an adult, he went into partnership with his friend Reichhold, they opened a printing office. In 1908 they produced what is thought to be the first-ever printed Advent Calendar.

This earliest calendar set the mould for those we see today, with small pictures, one marking every day between 1st and 24th December. A few years later, Lang introduced the concept of 24 little doors - giving each new picture an element of surprise.



Creative Christmas Competition!

Send in your Christmas themed
creations by Monday 14th Dec

Draw, paint, stick or bake...

To win a Chocolate Selection Box

Chocolate Gingerbread Advent Calendar



<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/chocolate-gingerbread>



I count the Days to Christmas

I count the days to Christmas
And watch the evening sky.
I want to see the angels
As to Bethlehem they fly.

I'm watching for the wise men
And the royal shining star.
Please may I travel with them?
Is the stable very far?

I count the days to Christmas
As we shop and bake and clean
The lights and tinsel sparkle
And yet deep inside I dream

That as we tell the story
Of Lord Jesus and his birth
The things of everyday will fade
As heaven comes to earth.

Minnow Class Show and Share 20th November



Minnow Class had a very busy Show and Share with AGAPE Dave. Phoebe and Tom were awarded the pupil of the week awards and Aubrey received the Head teacher's certificate. Well done Minnows you are the best dancers in the school!

Dolphin Show and Share 27th November



Claudia was awarded star of the week for always doing the right thing following golden rules. Alana received the Head teacher's certificate for brilliant work in phonics. George was awarded star of the week for trying really hard to work as part of a team.

Dolphin showed Anglo Saxon brooches that they made and charcoal art work inspired by In Flanders Fields poppies, they shared their favourite vocabulary and characters from our class book, Malamander. They shared some non-chronological reports about the Anglo Saxons, read some RE poems about the Hindu concept of Ahimsa. They shared nominations for children in the Golden Box for showing kindness in the class.



Advent Candles

Each candle has a specific meaning related to the birth of Christ.

The Prophecy Candle

The first purple, or violet candle, is the Prophecy Candle symbolizes hope and God's forgiveness toward man. It also can symbolize the expectation of the coming of the Messiah.

The Bethlehem Candle

The second purple or violet candle symbolizes faith and reminds Catholics about the experience of Joseph and Mary in the city of Bethlehem.

The Shepherd's Candle

The third candle which is pink or rose, represents Gaudette Sunday and the joy that the birth of Christ brought to the world. Traditionally, on Gaudette Sunday one takes a break from Advent fasting to experience the joy of the day. The Shepherd's candle is sometimes white instead of rose or pink.

The Angel's Candle

The last purple candle is the Angel's Candle and represents the peace and justice that the angels and Christ brings to the world. It also can represent purity.