

# Birthdays

## Reception Autumn 2023



# During the topic of 'Birthdays' we have...

- Talked about how we feel when we are waiting to celebrate a birthday. AT2:B2
- Learned all about the Christmas Story. AT1:A6
- Discovered that the Advent Wreath, the crib, Christmas cards and other signs that indicate the approach to Christmas. AT1:A14
- Learned some special religious words and phrases about the Christmas story. AT1:A14
- Sang songs to retell the Christmas story AT1:A2 AT1:A6 AT1:A4
- Retold the Christmas story. AT1:A4 AT1:A6
- Had a Christmas party at school.
- Recognised Mary as the mother of Jesus and thought about Mary's feelings when she found out she was going to have a special baby. AT1:A1 AT1:A7 AT1:A8, AT2:B2



We talked about how we feel when we are waiting to celebrate a birthday. AT2:B2



We made birthday cards and talked about ways in which we celebrate birthdays. We talked about how we felt when we were waiting for our birthdays... excited!

# We learned all about the Christmas Story. AT1:A6 AT1:A2 AT1:A6 AT1:A4



We listened to the Christmas story acted it out, dressed up and sang songs to tell parts of the story.

We discovered that the Advent Wreath, the crib and other signs indicate the approach to Christmas. AT1:A14

We have taken part in class liturgies to reflect on what we have learnt.



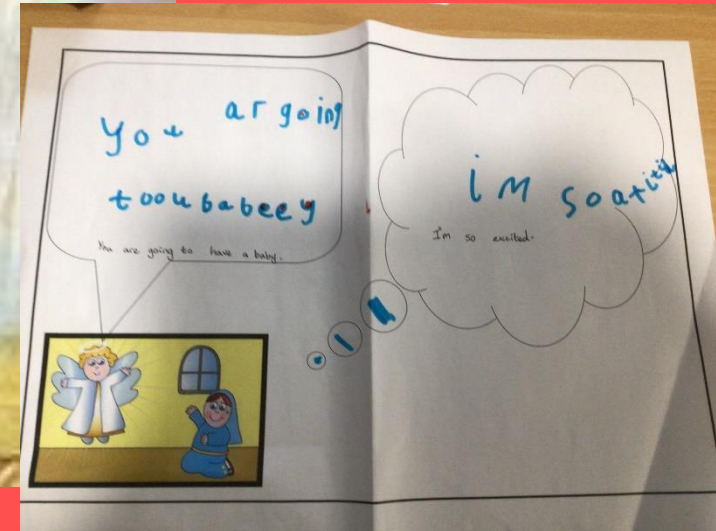
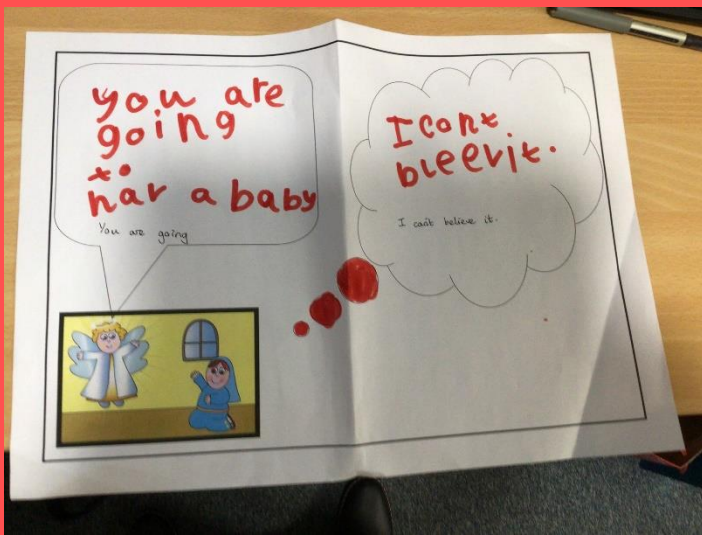
We prepared for Christmas by decorating Christmas trees, making cards and for our buddies and families. We made an Advent wreath using our handprints, then took part in a liturgy focusing on how we prepare for Christmas.

We read the story of when Jesus was born and looked at pictures from each part of the story. We sequenced the pictures from the story. AT1:A4 AT1:A6, AT1:A14



We celebrated Christmas with our friends at our Christmas party. We danced, ate party food, played party games and even had a visit from Santa .





We found out that Jesus' mother was Mary. We thought about how she must have felt when the angel announced the news that she was going to have a special baby! We thought that she would be "happy" and "a bit nervous!" We imagined what the Angel said and what Mary thought. AT1:A1 AT1:A7 AT1:A8, AT2:B2