BRANCH 2

Prophecy & Promise

The Second Half Term

In this branch, children explore how God keeps His promises by sending His Son, Jesus. Through Scripture, prayer, celebration and action, children grow in faith and learn how we can share God's love with the world.

What will children learn?

HEAR

We listen to stories from the Bible.

Scripture the children hear:

- The Annunciation – Luke 1:26-38
- The journey to Bethlehem – Luke 2:4-7
- The birth of Jesus – Luke 2:4-7
- The shepherds' visit – Luke 2:8-20

We will think about how these stories tell us about God.

BELIEVE

We learn what the Church teaches.

- Mary said 'Yes' to God.
- Jesus is God's Son and Saviour.
- The Bible tells us this good news.

We will think about how this helps us in our lives today.

CELEBRATE

We celebrate our faith in Church and at home.

- Advent wreath and what it symbolises
- The tradition of the crib
- Nativity celebrations and prayers
- The Hail Mary and the Gloria

We will think about how these traditions help us remember Jesus.

LIVE

We try to live like Jesus every day.

- Preparing our hearts in Advent
- Helping others in our community
- Praying for those in need
- Respecting the dignity and rights of all, including workers

We will think about how we can make a difference in the world.

Through Prophecy & Promise, we grow in faith, hope and love.

Our Learning Journey Through the School

As children grow, their understanding deepens.
Here is what your child will learn at each stage of their journey.

EYFS

Learning about the Nativity

- We hear the story of Mary, baby Jesus, the shepherds and the angels.
- We know that Mary was chosen by God to be Jesus' mother.
- We learn simple prayers such as Hail Mary and part of the Gloria.
- We join in Advent and Nativity celebrations.

Key question
Who is in the Nativity story and why is it so special?

Home connection
Talk about the Nativity story together and say a prayer to Mary.

YEARS 1–2

Advent and God's Promises

- We learn about prophets and the promises God made, especially through Isaiah.
- We explore the Annunciation and the birth of John the Baptist.
- We understand why Sunday is special and how we celebrate Mass.
- We learn about Advent symbols and prepare for Jesus' coming.

Key question
How do we get ready for Jesus?

Home connection
Use an Advent wreath at home and pray together each week.

YEARS 3–4

Prophecies Fulfilled

- We learn about Old Testament prophecies and how they were fulfilled in Jesus.
- We explore the lives of John the Baptist, King David and the Jesse Tree.
- We find out how Advent is celebrated in different cultures.
- We learn how to share the light of Jesus with others.

Key question
How were God's promises fulfilled in Jesus?

Home connection
Look for ways to share kindness and light in your family and community.

YEARS 5–6

God's Promise of Salvation

- We explore salvation history and how God's promises continue in the New Covenant.
- We discover the role of women in Scripture and the importance of Mary.
- We understand Catholic Social Teaching and the dignity and rights of workers.
- We develop our own prayers and actions to build God's kingdom.

Key question
How does God's promise of salvation affect our lives today?

Home connection
Pray together and look for ways to stand up for justice and care for others.

Key words children will explore

Promise · Prophet · Advent · Nativity · Salvation · Love

Our prayer

Thank you, God, for keeping Your promises to send Jesus. Help us to love You and share that love with others. Amen.