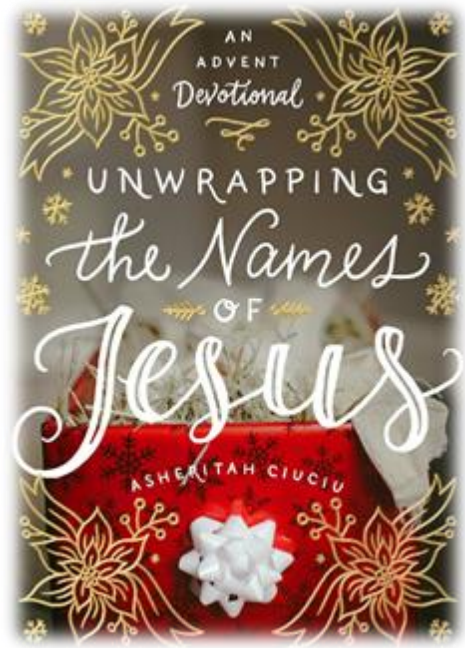




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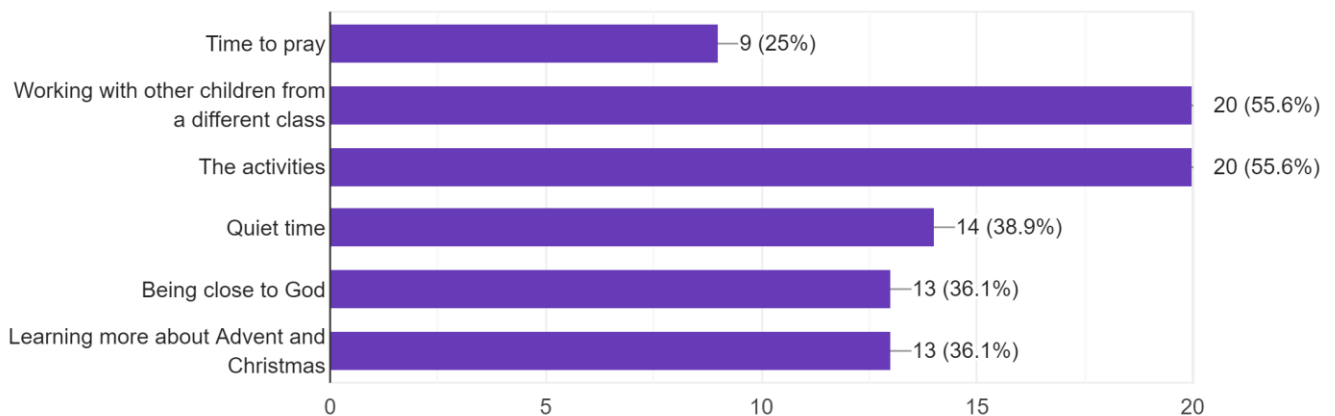
Our Advent theme for 2023 has been **'Unwrapping the Names of Jesus'**. On our Advent Day, pupils visited Prayer Stations in the hall. These allowed the children to explore different Advent themes, such as waiting, forgiveness and community. The children visited the hall in mixed year groups, with the older pupils supporting the younger members of our school.





What did you enjoy about the Prayer Stations? (you can pick more than one.)

36 responses



Quotes from the children.

"It was fun with the little one and also it made me feel close to God."

"It was a calming experience."

"I liked that we got to be close to God and reflect."

"I liked that we got some time with God."

"I liked that we had to learn about Advent in different ways."

"I liked that there were lots of different stations to go to."

"I liked how we spent some time with Jesus and God. The older children were helpful."

"I liked being creative and we drew things about Advent."

A huge thank you for all your donations to our Reverse Advent Calendar this year. It is always a joy when we deliver all your donations to the St Vincent de Paul Food Bank, and we are always amazed at your generosity. This year, we were delighted to send pupils from our Charity Committee to spend time unpacking and sorting the food. The children also helped decorate the office area.



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Weekly Visits by Father Edward

We have really enjoyed our weekly visits by Father Edward. Over the course of the autumn term, he has visited each year group to supplement the Religious Education lessons delivered by our talented FCJ staff. The children have asked some wonderful questions and shown a keen interest in the things Father Edward has spoken about.

A very sincere thank you to Father Edward for his time and expertise.



First Holy Communion 2024

We are now in the process of planning the First Holy Communion Programme for 2024. Mrs Taylor will once again work alongside Year 4 staff to plan and prepare the children.

The Mass is booked for Saturday 8th June 2024 at 11am at Our Lady's, St Martin.



The Catholic Church in Jersey



Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

4th Sunday of Advent

Normal Sunday Masses except no 5.30pm Vigil

5pm St Thomas

6.30pm St Matthieu

7pm Our Lady

Midnight Mass at midnight, St Thomas & SMSP (Polish)

Monday 25th December - Christmas Day

8am & 10am St Thomas

10am St Bernadette

10am St. Mary and St. Peter (Polish)

6pm St. Thomas (Polish)

Tuesday 26th December - Boxing Day

(Feast of St Stephen)

12.15pm St Thomas

9am St. Mary and St. Peter (Polish)

6pm St. Thomas (Polish)



The main themes within the **Revelation (January-February)** topic are:

Year R – God is shown in our lives and through the work of others.

Year 1 – Jesus as a teacher and a healer.

Year 2 – Stories from Scripture, which show how special Jesus is.

Year 3 – The Presentation and Baptism of Jesus as signs of God's revelation.

Year 4 – How the apostles and Anna and Simeon saw the glory of Jesus as the only Son of the Father.

Year 5 – How the divine revelation is communicated, particularly in Baptism.

Year 6 – The personal relationship St Paul enjoyed with God.