

TERM 2 UPDATES

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RESOURCE FOR ADVENT

TWO MINUTE UPDATES



Follow the Star: Join the Song

As we journey towards Christmas this Advent season, we invite your school to join us in Follow the Star: Join the Song. We'll be exploring the carol 'The First Nowell' and what the first Nowell was like for the shepherds, angels and kings in the Christmas story.

Each of these groups had a different, but important part to play in bringing the news of Jesus' birth. Over four weeks the resource explores their responses to the news of Jesus' birth and what their 'song of joy' looked like. How did they share important messages through song with others, and how can their responses inspire us? How might pupils join the song this advent and prepare for celebrating the first Nowell, singing and shouting for joy?

Each week includes:

- Liturgical Suggestions
- Bible passage activity
- Video Exploration
- Practical Challenges
- Prayers

Schools can pre-order or sign up here: <https://www.abyyt.com/advent>

Alongside this collective worship resource, you are invited to take part in a national campaign to sing a new version of the carol The First Nowell. [Follow the Star: Join the Song - Resources for churches | The Church of England](#)

SIAMS

There have now been several inspections in the diocese under the new framework. The consistent message coming out of inspections is the importance of having a clear, well articulated, vision. This vision must be theologically rooted, and driving the provision in your school. If you need any support with this, or any aspect of preparing for SIAMS inspection, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

RE AND WORSHIP

The RE and CW leader meetings remain a vital way of keeping up to date with best practice and latest developments. Information about these sessions can be found in our training directory. Please make sure the relevant leaders are engaging with these networks. Humanism planning has now been distributed to all schools using the 2023 Kent syllabus overview, if you have not received these or if you are missing any other units, please get in touch.

TRAINING

21.11.23: 'Train and Retain' Workforce development

23.11.23: Headteacher forum

30.11.23: Introduction to world views approach in RE

6.12.23: Flourishing headteacher network

23.1.24: Collective Worship conference

We can also offer commissioned support for school improvement, bespoke training, headteacher coaching and support with headteacher performance management. Please contact me for more information.