

16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Candlemass Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

We are excited to be invited to attend a Candlemass ceremony with Year 6 children from across our hub on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. The Candlemass experience is based at Kents Cavern and the theme is Jesus Light of the World.

The children will be divided into three groups with our peers from Warberry, Ilsham and Ellacombe. After an introductory talk each group visit three chambers each with a distinctive theme - Inscription Chamber - secrecy; Bears Den - how prehistoric people made light; Main chamber - activity linked to light. After each group has visited all three back in Final Chamber for the story of Jesus arriving at the temple and being met by Simeon and Anna - this is acted out.

The children have been invited to refreshments at St Matthias Church (next door to Kents Cavern) afterwards along with learning a song to sing together.

**We will leave All Saints by minibus at 8.15am** and leave St Matthias at 11.30am. The children will be back in time for lunch. We do ask that children wear their school uniform and bring a snack and a drink.

We hope you agree this will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to take part in a magical ceremony along with our peers from our Hub.

The trip is fully funded. If you would like your child to take place, please complete this short form by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January . <https://forms.office.com/e/3Tuqb6PCax>

Regards,

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