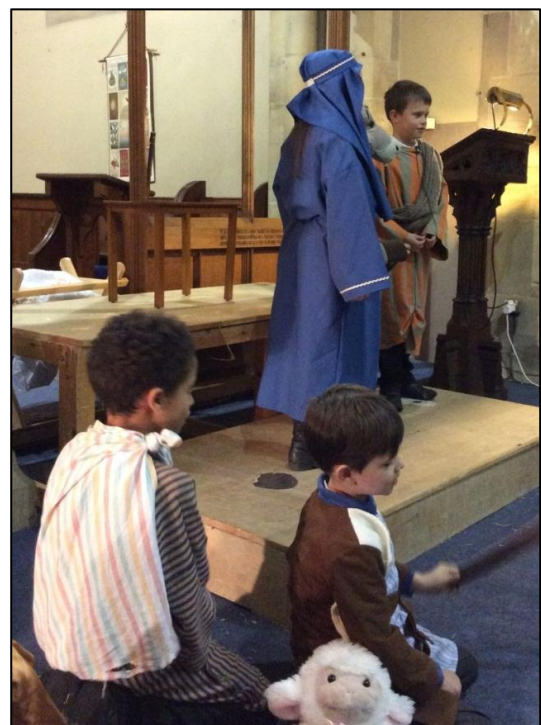


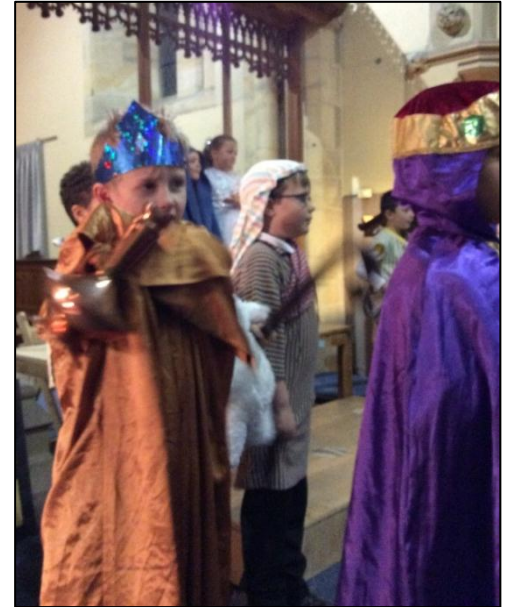
## Christmas Nativity



This year the children composed their own nativity, with the help of the RE co-ordinator. Children started off by thinking about Mary - not the Mary we see on the television, but the real Mary of Nazareth. Children found out what life was like in Nazareth and started to discover that Nazareth was not all that different to Acklington. The population was small, it was quiet, and many of the villagers were farmers or shepherds. We had great fun imagining the birth of the Messiah starting off right here in our village!



In religious education our nursery children were thinking about birthdays, and especially birthday presents. The older children tried to explain to the little ones that Christmas is a celebration of Jesus's birthday and that is why we get presents. That led everyone to think about the real meaning of Christmas and from there we put together a play that teaches a young girl Lucy (played by Caitlin) what the real meaning of Christmas is.



The church was brimming and everyone was very excited. The children performed confidently and Casey gave everyone a big laugh with his interpretation of the star-gazer. It was probably the first Nativity we have ever had that had a cowboy in it, but then it was our first nativity with nursery children and even our youngest children enjoyed lending a hand at the character listing!

Children, parents, governors, and staff enjoyed the enthusiastic singing and imaginative interpretations. Mr Tinkler, from Hebron Hall wrote to the children in January saying "You truly captured the real meaning of Christmas, well done boys and girls."

