

Friday 21 November 2025

Dear Parents,

Subject: Costumes for "The Magical Christmas Star" – Simple, Affordable Ideas

The children are going to begin working on our Christmas play - **The Magical Christmas Star**.

To help us bring the story to life, we are asking for your assistance in putting together a simple costume for your child's role. We understand that purchasing elaborate costumes can be expensive, so we have focused the designs on **simple items, inexpensive materials, and things you may already have at home**.

 Costume Guide by Role

Role(s)	Costume Description & Ideas (Focus on Layers and Texture)	What to Wear/Provide
Mary, Joseph, Townsfolk, Innkeepers, Chief Priest, Narrators, Attendants	Simple Tunic/Robe: The base of almost every costume. Think muted, natural colors (brown, beige, grey, dark blue, green).	A long-sleeved T-shirt/sweater and trousers/leggings in a natural color, covered by a simple Tunic/Robe .
Tunic/Robe Idea	Use a large, inexpensive piece of brown or neutral fabric (e.g., an old sheet, pillowcase, or blanket) cut with a neck-hole and tied at the waist with a rope or belt.	
Shepherds	Similar to Townsfolk, but with a fluffier/rougher look . They should look outdoorsy.	Base layers + Tunic/Robe. Layer with a faux fur vest/off-cut of fluffy material pinned to the shoulders, or an oversized brown scarf .

Donkey & Cow	Look for grey/brown/cream clothes . The child will wear a simple mask/ears provided by the school.	Grey/Brown/Cream sweatshirt and leggings/trousers.
Angels & Stars	Bright/Pale Base: Think light, shimmery, or pale colors (white, cream, silver, very light blue/pink).	A plain white T-shirt, long-sleeved top, or dress with white/pale leggings/trousers. (The school will provide halos, wings, or star headbands).
Wise Men	Royal/Rich Colors: Look for deep, jewel tones (burgundy, deep blue, purple, dark green). They need to look important.	A brightly colored bathrobe, dressing gown, or a large piece of colored fabric draped like a simple cape/robe. Use gold/sparkly scarves or necklaces.
King Herod & Caesar	Needs to look powerful and royal.	A solid, dramatic color robe/dressing gown (red/purple). A simple, store-bought, or homemade card crown painted gold.
Soldier/Guard	Needs to look stern and official.	Dark clothes (black/grey). A simple, store-bought, or homemade shield made from cardboard and foil.

Key Simple Items to Consider

- **Belts/Ties:** Any piece of **rope, thick wool, or twine** works perfectly for tying a tunic at the waist.

- **Head Coverings (for Mary, Joseph, Townsfolk):** A **tea towel, kitchen towel, or scarf** draped over the head and secured with a hairband or a simple rope tie.
- **Shepherd's Crook:** A **long stick** found outside or a simple garden cane/broom handle.

Please try to have your child's costume ready by **Monday 8th December**

If you have any trouble gathering the materials, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. We are happy to help.

Thank you so much for your support in making this year's Christmas play a success.

Sincerely,

Year 2 team