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NOT SO LITTLE DONKEY

Photo Opportunity, Monday 24th November or Tuesday 25th November

St Mary's Catholic Infant and Junior School, Vivian Road, Harborne

Children from St Mary's School in Harborne will be putting finishing touches to a life size papier maché donkey called Nathaniel that they have made for a nativity scene that will be on display at the Pavilions Shopping Centre, High Street from Sunday 30th November 2008 . It's part of a city centre nativity trail organised by the city centre churches as a gift to the people of Birmingham.

Nathaniel the Donkey, together with life size figures of Joseph and Mary, made by local artists from St Mary's Church, Harborne with the help of the children form a tableau of The Journey to Bethlehem which can be seen on level 2 at the Pavilions throughout December. Nathaniel is based on a new children's story book, written and illustrated by Maureen Regan, a teacher at St Edward's School and scenes from her book have been enlarged to create a colourful backdrop to the installation.

There will be five different tableaux at different venues around the city forming a trail of the Christmas story– starting at St Martin in the Bull Ring and travelling to Carrs Lane Church, St Phillips Cathedral, the Pavilions before ending in a full nativity scene at the Christmas Craft Market.

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