



# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



## **HARVEST MASS**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Mass in our school hall at 9.30am.

## **ALL SAINTS**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

## **THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

## **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

## **ADVENT**

Begins Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

## **THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

## **PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS STAY AND PLAY**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December (2-3pm)

## **RECEPTION AND KS1 NATIVITY**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (2.15-3.15pm)

## **KS2 CAROL SERVICE**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (2-3.15pm)

## **CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2024 TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY AT HOME PRESCHOOL, RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2 & YEAR 3

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the two branches Creation and Covenant and Prophecy and Promise. Each class will approach the themes differently. The children will also spend two weeks studying Judaism.

## CREATION AND COVENANT

*(3<sup>rd</sup> September – 18<sup>th</sup> October)*

Preschool - God made our beautiful world and everything in it.  
God made me.

Reception – God made the world and thought that it was good. We are all special and part of God's family.

Year 1 - All that is comes from God. Praying is a way to get closer to God.

Year 2 - Baptism is when we become part of God's family. We must make good choices to show love to God and his world.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Consider how we can show care for God's world as part of our care for each other. Go on a nature walk outside and make a pledge to do one thing to take care of God's world.

## PROPHECY AND PROMISE

*(28<sup>th</sup> October- 20<sup>th</sup> December)*

Preschool – Mary had a baby called Jesus who God sent Jesus to love us all.

Reception - Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his son. People celebrate Christmas in many different ways.

Year 1 - Because God loves us, he gave us his only son Jesus. We can pray to Mary, Jesus' mother.

Year 2 - Advent is the season when Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ at Christmas.

Year 3 - How and why Catholics celebrate mass on Sundays.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to your children about the Christmas story and the importance of Jesus being sent as a special gift from God.

Talk to your child about how you celebrate Christmas. What are your traditions from your culture?

## JUDAISM (1<sup>st</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November)

Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.





# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AUTUMN TERM 2024 COME AND SEE AT HOME YEAR 4, YEAR 5 & YEAR 6



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend two weeks studying Judaism.

## DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

*(3<sup>rd</sup> September - 27<sup>th</sup> September)*

Year 4	<b>PEOPLE</b> - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	<b>OURSELVES</b> - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	<b>LOVING</b> - God who never stops loving

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.

Write underneath it  
"We show God's love to one another."

Include those who have died.

## BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

*(30<sup>th</sup> September- 31<sup>st</sup> October)*

Year 4	<b>CALLED</b> - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	<b>LIFE CHOICES</b> - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	<b>VOCATION AND COMMITMENT</b> - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

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## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

*(18<sup>th</sup> November-20<sup>th</sup> December)*

Year 4	<b>GIFT</b> - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	<b>HOPE</b> - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b> - Jesus born to show God to the world

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.

Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.