

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(celebrated Sunday 31 October)

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)

(2 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, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(21 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 28 November)

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

(8 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.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

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

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(26 December)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – NEW CURRICULUM

AUTUMN TERM 2023

YR, Y1, Y6 – ‘TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY’

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This year, along with other schools in our diocese, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will be working from the new RE curriculum.

This curriculum is called ‘To Know You More Clearly.’

This term pupils will study two topics, *Creation and Covenant* in Autumn 1 and *Prophecy and Promise* in Autumn 2.

CREATION AND COVENANT – AUTUMN 1

WORLD STEWARDSHIP

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| Year R | God made the world, God made me; I am part of a family, looking after myself, looking after the world. |
| Year 1 | The story of God making the world, everything comes from God, God loves us, prayer and the Our Father, caring for God’s world, how others care for the world. |
| Year 6 | The second account of Creation and Our relationship with God, Baptism, Ladauta Si and Stewardship of our world, Science leads us to a deeper appreciation of God’s creation. |

PROPHECY AND PROMISE – AUTUMN 2

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| Year R | Advent, the advent wreath and crib tradition, Mary having a baby, The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-31, 38). The Nativity (Lk 2: 4-7). The Shepherds visit the manger (Lk 2:8-20). God sent Jesus to love us all. How people celebrate the birth of Jesus and good works in Advent. |
| Year 1a | Advent and The Nativity, Mary answered God’s call. Angels bring God’s messages and the stories about Jesus are in a special book The Bible. We can ask Mary to pray for us including the Hail Mary. How Christians honour Mary. How Christians celebrate Jesus’ Birth. The Gloria as the Angels’ song of praise to Jesus. |
| Year 6 | Old Testament Passages that show women in history and their importance in salvation history, for example Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7: Sarah • Exodus 1:8-22; 2:1-10: Miriam • Judges 4:4-11; 5:7-15: Deborah • 1 Samuel 1:5, 9-11, 26-28: Hannah. The Magnificat as Mary’s song of the church. Women today who answer God’s call. |

THE FULL NEW CURRICULUM IN DETAIL CAN BE FOUND ON THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEBSITE

<https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/religious-education/item/1000034-religious-education-curriculum-directory>

All Catholic schools and all year groups will be teaching this curriculum in a staggered start over the next few years.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2023

COME AND SEE – YEAR 2,3,4 AND 5

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 a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

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| Year 2 | BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning |
| Year 3 | HOMES - God's vision for every family |
| Year 4 | PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture |
| Year 5 | OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God |

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.

JUDAISM

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

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

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| Year 2 | SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism |
| Year 3 | PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism |
| Year 4 | CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness |
| Year 5 | LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service |

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

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| Year 2 | PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas |
| Year 3 | VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus |
| Year 4 | GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus |
| Year 5 | HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one |

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.