

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 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)

(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, UNIVERSAL KING

(20 November)

ADVENT

(Begins Sunday 1st 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

(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

(30 December)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
AUTUMN TERM 2024
RED AND COME AND SEE AT HOME**

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after the summer holidays, EYFS- Year 4 will be studying the New Religious Education Directory focusing on Branch 1 and Branch 2. Year 5 and Year 6 will still be studying Come and See focusing on the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (loving). In November, all year groups will explore Judaism.

**BRANCH 1 CREATION AND COVENANT
EYFS-YEAR 4 (SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER)**

Children explore the revelation that all comes from God, including creation accounts from Genesis and the scientific explanation of creation.

**BRANCH 2 PROPHECY AND PROMISE
EYFS-YEAR 4 (NOVEMBER-DECEMBER)**

Children explore the teachings of prophets and the fulfilment of God's promise in a Messiah, Jesus Christ. Explore the waiting of the Messiah through the season of Advent.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES**

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at creation. Read Bible stories about creation and make links to the children's daily lives as well as what they already know.

DOMESTIC CHURCH- FAMILY

Year 6 OURSELVES – Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6 LOVING – 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.

Judaism (4th-8th November)

Children will spend time studying various aspects of Judaism. Ask them what they have been learning about.

BAPTISM/ CONFIRMATION- BELONGING

Year 5 LIFE CHOICES – Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6 VOCATION AND COMMITMENT – 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.

ADVENT/ CHRISTMAS- LOVING

Year 5 HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one

Year 6 EXPECTATIONS – 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.