



IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

22 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 April

GOOD FRIDAY

7 April

EASTER SUNDAY

9 April

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/ Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Sikhism.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY (4th January 2023)

Early Years CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Year 1/2 BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3/4 COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5 MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6 SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop. Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

Sikhism (30th January – 3rd February)

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

EUCHARIST - RELATING (6th February 2023)

Early Years GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1/2 THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3/4 GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5 MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6 UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING (13th March 2023)

Early Year GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1/2 OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3/4 SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5 SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6 DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.