

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

## SPRING TERM 2024

### COME AND SEE / TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY

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.

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

*(9<sup>th</sup> Jan-2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2024)*

Year 2	<b>BOOKS</b> - The books used in Church
Year 3	<b>JOURNEYS</b> - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	<b>MISSION</b> - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	<b>SOURCES</b> - 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.

#### EUCHARIST - RELATING

*(5<sup>th</sup> Feb-8<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024)*

Year 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
Year 5	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	<b>UNITY</b> - 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

#### LENT/EASTER - GIVING

*(11<sup>th</sup> Mar-27<sup>th</sup> Mar 2024)*

Year 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - 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.

#### EYFS and Year 1

**Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem:** Children will explore the life of Jesus and his revelation of the kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings.

**Branch 4: Desert to Garden :** Children will explore the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look at images of Jesus and his friends teaching about love and forgiveness.

# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

1 January

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

7 January

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8 January

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

2 February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

14 February

**ST DAVID, BISHOP, PATRON OF WALES**

1 March

**ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

19 March

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

24 March

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

28 March

**GOOD FRIDAY**

29 March

**EASTER SUNDAY**

31 March

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD**

8 April (moved from 25 March)