



# RE NEWSLETTER

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.  
ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children from Nursery to Year Three are learning from an updated Religious Education Curriculum. Starting from scripture, the children work on the same themes at an age and stage-appropriate level. Topics are longer, lasting for half a term each rather than four weeks. Children in other year groups change to the new curriculum at a later date and are following the Come and See Programme of Study in the meantime.

To know You  
more clearly

The Religious Education Directory  
for Catholic Schools, Academies and Colleges  
in England and Wales



### Creation and Covenant

Nursery-Year 3

3rd September -  
24th October

Children will listen to stories from the Bible on the theme of creation. They will learn about the sacrament of Baptism. We will talk about how God made everything in our world and how we can look after it.

### Home Activities:



Encourage your child to take notice of the world around them. Talk about a family Baptism you have been to. If possible look at photographs of your child's Baptism.

### Prophecy and Promise

Nursery-Year 3

4th November -  
20th December



Children will listen to St. Luke's Gospel and learn that Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

### Home Activities:



Thank God for one thing each day during Advent. Write down your child's ideas and put them in a jar/box. Re-read them at Christmas to help us appreciate all we have to thank God for.

### Harvest Festival

In school, we will celebrate Harvest Festival on the week beginning 14th October. Nursery -Year 2 classes will have their own celebrations in school. Years 3 -6 will take part in a Harvest Festival Service in church on **Thursday 17th October at 2pm. All are welcome to attend!**



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## 'Come and See' Year 4, Year 5, Year 6

### Domestic Church/Family

- Y4 **People** - The family of God in Scripture
- Y5 **Ourselves** - Created in the image and likeness of God
- Y6 **Loving** - God who never stops loving

### Baptism and Confirmation - Belonging

- Y4 **Called** - Confirmation: a call to witness
- Y5 **Life Choices** - Marriage, commitment and service
- Y6 **Vocation & Commitment** - Vocation of priesthood and religious life

### Advent/Christmas - Loving

- Y4 **Gifts** - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
- Y5 **Hope** - Waiting in joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
- Y6 **Expectations** - Jesus born to show God to the world

### 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 find a religious Advent calendar:

[www.cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar](http://www.cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar)

<https://missio.org.uk/advent-calendar/>



### October - The Month of the Rosary

Catholics try to pray the rosary more frequently in October as it is traditionally recognised as the month of the Rosary.

<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/pray-the-rosary>



### Judaism 18th - 22nd November

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





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## CHURCH CALENDAR - AUTUMN TERM 2024

### Important Dates This Term:

NOV

1

#### All Saints

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



NOV

2

#### The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

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.

DEC

1

#### Advent

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.



DEC

9

#### The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

DEC

25

#### Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

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



Through the Ten Ten Resources [Online Parent Portal](https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/) for Prayer and Liturgy, you can access the Daily Classroom Prayers that children will be praying each day in school. Perhaps you could pray the prayers at home as a family too! Ask your child's school about the login details if you don't already have them.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Reflections on Prayer and Liturgy



“Prayer leads us forward in hope.”

~ Pope Francis

