



RE NEWSLETTER

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

Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Many thanks to all of you who completed the Parental Survey, in July, regarding our school Mission Statement. In response to the feedback each term we will focus on one aspect of the Mission Statement Autumn - Believe, Spring - Inspire, Summer - Achieve.

Children in Y5 are now following the Religious Education Directory along with Nursery-Y4. Y6 will continue to use Come and See.



Creation and Covenant

Nursery-Year 5
2nd September - 23rd 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:



Think about ways that we can take care of the world God has gifted to humanity.

One of the ways we can do this is through the Catholic Social Teaching principles. You can find out more about them by watching this [animation](#).

Prophecy and Promise

Nursery-Year 5

2nd November - 18th December



Children will listen to St. Luke's Gospel and learn that Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus. They will learn about how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.

Home Activities:



Mary says 'Yes' to being the mother of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. As a family, think of ways you say 'Yes' to God this Advent. It may be an extra prayer or a good deed per day.

In school, we will celebrate Harvest Festival on the week beginning 5th October. Nursery -Year 2 classes will have their own celebrations in school. Years 3 -6 will take part in a Harvest Service in church on Thursday 8th October at 2.15pm
All are welcome to attend!





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'Come and See', Year 6

Domestic Church/Family

Y6 **Loving** - God who never stops loving

Baptism and Confirmation - Belonging

Y6 **Vocation & Commitment** - Vocation of priesthood and religious life

Advent/Christmas - Loving

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

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



Judaism 16th - 20th November

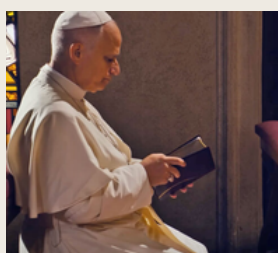
Pupils in Years 6 will study various aspects of Judaism in their RE lessons for one week. Ask them what they have been learning about.



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.

The charity *Mission Together* have some simple resources about how to pray the rosary. ([Click here](#) and follow the link at the bottom of the webpage.)



Pray with the Pope

Each month a short video is released inviting people to 'Pray with the Pope'. Pope Leo XIV invites us to join him in his prayers said in English. The prayers can often be discussed at all ages and stages and give us a unique insight into different prayer intentions and ways to pray. [Click here](#) for the link to the video for September.

Different Ways to Pray

Your child may share with you different ways that they have been praying in school. For example, tactile prayer, journaling. These ways to pray run alongside common prayers of the Catholic Church. Our School Book of Prayers can be found [here](#).





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CHURCH CALENDAR - AUTUMN TERM 2026

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.

NOV

29

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

8

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/>



“ How powerful prayer is!
May we never lose the
courage to say: Lord, give us
your peace. ”

~ Pope Leo

