

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(9th May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

(19th May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(26<sup>th</sup> May)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD**

(30<sup>th</sup> May)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

## **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

(7<sup>th</sup> June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

## **SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

(29<sup>th</sup> June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

## **SCHOOL CELEBRATION MASS FOR THE Y4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES**

(5<sup>th</sup> July)

All Key Stage 2 children will attend the celebration mass, and Key Stage 2 parents are invited to church.

## **YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS**

(15th July)

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

## SUMMER TERM 2024

### COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam. Nursery and Reception will be continuing their journey with their next topics; To the ends of the earth and Dialogue and Encounter.

#### PENTECOST—SERVING

*(15<sup>th</sup> April -10<sup>th</sup> May)*

Early Years	To the ends of the Earth – the story of Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.
Year 1	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.  
Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

#### ISLAM (13<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup> May)

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

#### RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

*(3<sup>rd</sup> June – 28<sup>th</sup> June)*

Early Years	Dialogue and Encounter- Friends of Jesus: Hear a simple life of St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5 enable	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments Christians to be free & responsible

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.  
Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

#### UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD

*(1<sup>st</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> July)*

Early Years	Dialogue and Encounter- people's spiritual and cultural traditions
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.  
Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.