

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2026

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. Nursery, Reception and Years 1-5 will be continuing with the new R.E. curriculum that covers; Galilee to Jerusalem and Desert to Garden.

GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

Early Years	GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – Wise men visiting Jesus
Year 1	GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – Jesus showing love and kindness to those on the edges of society, especially little children.
Year 2	GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – Jesus teaches about the nature of God through parables and miracles
Year 3	GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – The Kingdom of God through parables and miracles
Year 4	GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – How Catholics experience God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and through it are reconciled with their community and how the Anointing of the Sick brings God's strength to help those who are sick

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(5th January -30th January)

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.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

(2nd February – 6th March) Including half term

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.

DESERT TO GARDEN

Early Years	DESERT TO GARDEN - Looking forward to Easter
Year 1	DESERT TO GARDEN – Lent as a time for preparing for Easter
Year 2	DESERT TO GARDEN – Holy Week and forgiveness
Year 3	DESERT TO GARDEN – Eucharist at the Last Supper
Year 4	DESERT TO GARDEN – The events of Holy week and the virtues of faith, hope, and love

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(9th March – 17th April)

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.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD/WORLD DAY OF PEACE

1st January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11th January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

15th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February

Lent Mass

Friday 27th February - 9.30am in church

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19th March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25th March

YEAR 3 EASTER REFLECTION

In school for Y3 parents WB 23rd March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

29th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, EASTER SUNDAY

2nd April – 5th April

