

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(18 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**

(28 May)

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

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(4 June)

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**

(11 June)

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**

(16 June)

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

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

(29 June)

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



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**SUMMER TERM 2023**

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).

### PENTECOST—SERVING

EYFS	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Class 2	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Class 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Class 4	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Class 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

Other Faith – SIKHISM

#### 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.

### RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

EYFS	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Class 2	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Class 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Class 4	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Class 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable 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

EYFS	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Class 2	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Class 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Class 4	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Class 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation

#### 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.