

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

(1st January)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(6th January)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

(12th January)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

(2nd February)

ASH WEDNESDAY

(5th March)

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(19th March)

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

(25th March)

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

(13th April)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

(17th April)

GOOD FRIDAY

(18th April)

EASTER SUNDAY

(20th April)

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SPRING TERM 2025
RED AND COME AND SEE AT HOME**

Dear families,

This term, EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 will be studying the New Religious Education Directory focusing on Branch 3 and Branch 4. Children in Year 3, 4, 5 and Year 6 will still be studying Come and See focusing on the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/ Easter (Giving).

**BRANCH 3 GALILEE TO JERUSALEM
EYFS- YEAR 2(JANUARY- FEBRUARY)**

Children explore the revelation that all comes from God, including creation accounts from Genesis and the scientific explanation of creation.

**BRANCH 4 DESERT TO GARDEN
EYFS-YEAR2 (FEBRUARY - APRIL)**

Children explore the teachings of prophets and the fulfilment of God's promise in a Messiah, Jesus Christ. Explore the waiting of the Messiah through the season of Advent.

**SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES**

Explore the Brentwood Diocesan website, looking at Lent. Explore Holy Week and what it means to Christians.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Year 3 JOURNEYS- Christian family's journey to Jesus

Year 4 COMMUNITY- Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish.

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.

EUCHARIST - RELATING

Year 3 LISTENING& SHARING- Jesus gives himself to us

Year 4 GIVING& RECEIVING- Living in communion

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.

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Year 3 GIVING ALL- Lent a time to remember Jesus' total giving.

Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE- celebrating growth to new life.

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. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

