



Religious Education



Autumn 2022 Come and See At Home

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

5th September - 30th September

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love. Write underneath it **"We show God's love to one another."** Include those who have died.

JUDAISM

3rd October - 7th October

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

Early Years - Hanukkah	Year 1 - Abraham and Moses	Year 2 - Shabbat	
Year 3 - Synagogue	Year 4 - Torah	Year 5 - Passover	Year 6 - Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

10th October - 11th November

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

21st November - 16th December

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

SUGGESTIONS FOR 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. Complete the weekly Advent prayer focus provided by CAFOD. (attached the weekly newsletter)

What we got up to this term:

Pupil Chaplains



This term we interviewed and commissioned our Pupil Chaplains of 2022. The children wrote a formal application and explained their reasons for wanting to be a pupil chaplain to myself and Mr Ashburn. It was a pleasure speaking with Year 6 about the importance of their faith. On the feast of St. Ursula our Pupil Chaplains led the whole school mass before being presented with the dove of peace. This badge represents peace of the deepest kind, it is a symbol of love, peace or of messengers, reminding our pupil chaplains of the message they have been chosen to spread. The dove is carrying an olive branch to remind our pupil chaplains of the friendship, peace and care they will be spreading throughout our school.



CAFOD

This term CAFOD came to visit us to talk about their harvest focus this year – the global food crisis. The children learnt a little more about CAFOD and about all the countries that CAFOD work with.



BCCS Fundraising

As we do every year, throughout advent we will be fundraising for Brentwood Catholic Children's society who are a local charity working with children and families within the diocese to support their mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Wishing you a happy and holy Advent season. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year.

Miss Gilligan

R.E. Coordinator



Important dates this term

HARVEST FESTIVAL (4th October)

We celebrate our earth and all that it provides for us, whilst reflecting on those who are in greater need than ourselves.

ST. URSULA'S DAY (28th October)

The feast of our Patron saint, a special day where we celebrate St. Ursula's faith, determination and bravery.

ALL SAINTS (1st November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)
(2nd November)

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.*

ADVENT (Begins 27th November)

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.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (8th December)

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.

NURSERY NATIVITY (14th December)

EYFS/KS1 NATIVITY (15th December)

KS2 CAROL CONCERT (16th December)

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE
LORD (25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.