IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS
(1 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)
(2 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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
(22 November)

ADVENT
(Begins 29 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
(8 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.
When December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
(25 December)
On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
(27 December)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
ADVENT TERM 2026

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As many of you will know, our school began teaching the new Religious Education Directory, known as the RED, last academic year. This marked an important and exciting new chapter in how we teach Religious Education.
The RED has its own specially designed model curriculum, made up of six branches. Each half-term, we will explore one of these branches in class. Each one focuses on a core theme, helping children to grow in their understanding of key aspects of the Catholic faith — including Revelation, Scripture, life in Christ, and life in the Church.
What makes this new approach so special is that it not only helps pupils learn about their faith in a deeper, more meaningful way, but also invites them to reflect on what it means for their own lives. It helps them to see, judge, and act with greater understanding and compassion.
To help keep you informed and involved, we'll be sending out a newsletter each term with updates on what your child is learning.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Curriculum branches are the way the programme of study presents its model curriculum. There are six half term branches which are the same in each year group:

Advent term 1 - Creation and Covenant - Encounter the God who creates and calls all people with a focus on the accounts of Creation.
Advent term 2 - Prophecy and Promise - Explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season.

Lent term 1 - Galilee to Jerusalem - Experience the ministry of Jesus and the Word of God. They will learn through parables, encounters, miracles and teachings.
Lent term 2- Desert to Garden - Study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week.

Pentecost term 1- To the ends of the Earth - Study the events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church.
Pentecost term 2 - Dialogue and Encounter - Learn how Christians work together with people of different religious backgrounds, building an understand that all people work towards a common good and should respect all humanity.

How can you support your child at home?
Conversation:
Discuss what your child is learning in RE
Experiences:
Help your child to link RE learning to their everyday life.
Scripture:
Explore some of the scripture shared with your child at home e.g. through homework activities shared
Quiet Reflection:
Encourage your child to spend time in quiet reflection, either through prayer, meditation, or simply taking time to pause and take in the importance of having some quiet time