

# **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**

(24 November)

## **ADVENT**

(Begins 1 December)

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**

(9 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**

(30 December)

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term, in keeping with the expectations of the Diocese, the pupils in the Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be studying the new Curriculum from the Religious Education Directory (RED). This new curriculum aims to draw pupils into an encounter with a story; the story of God's relationship with us. These are not just samples of stories about different events, but a lively engagement of faith rooted in the way we live and to connect the values in Christianity.

The spiral structure of this new curriculum enables a build-up, layering a critical dimension for each year group where there will be a deepening of pupils' understanding of the story of Salvation. There will also be the development of a common language as they explore the Church and her teaching.

The new curriculum has six components known as *branches*. Each branch has a core theme and pupils are invited to learn age appropriate aspects of Revelation, Scripture, life of Christ and the Church. They are encouraged to recognise what their learning means and to see, judge and act through a deeper knowledge of the Christian faith.

During the autumn term, the pupils will be studying the first two branches, which are ***Creation and Covenant*** and ***Prophecy and Promise***.

**CREATION and COVENANT**  
**(9<sup>th</sup> September- 25<sup>th</sup> October)**

In this branch pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people.

**EYFS:** God loves me. God made me and the world

**YEAR 1 :** *God, Creator ,Father*

**YEAR 2 :** *Noah and Sacrament of Baptism*

**PROPHECY and PROMISE**  
**(5<sup>th</sup> November-20<sup>th</sup> December)**

In this branch pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a messiah, Jesus Christ.

**EYFS:** Mary had a baby called Jesus

**YEAR 1:** Jesus, Annunciation – Nativity

**YEAR 2:** Nativity – Visitation, Magnificat, Advent