



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

ADVENT TERM 2024/25

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

TOPIC 1 - DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY	
EYFS	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
YEAR 1/2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
YEAR 3/4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
YEAR 5/6	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 and uncles - who show God's love. Write underneath it "We show God's love to one another."	
OTHER FAITH TOPIC - JUDAISM	
Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism for one week.	
TOPIC 2 - BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING	
EYFS	WELCOME - Baptism: A welcome to God's family
YEAR 1/2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
YEAR 3/4	CALLED - Confirmation: A call to witness
YEAR 5/6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life
SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES	
Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism/Confirmation about their memories of the occasion.	
TOPIC 3 - ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING	
EYFS	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
YEAR 1/2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: Preparing to celebrate Christmas
YEAR 3/4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
YEAR 5/6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world
SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES	
Discuss how your family welcomes visitors to your home. Find out about some symbols for Advent e.g. Advent Wreath, Advent Calendar, Crib.	

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES THIS TERM	
1 ST NOVEMBER	ALL SAINTS DAY
2 ND NOVEMBER	ALL SOULS DAY
24 TH NOVEMBER	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
1 ST DECEMBER	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9 TH DECEMBER	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
25 TH DECEMBER	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, CHRISTMAS DAY
29 TH DECEMBER	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
HOLY MASS AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION	
2 ND DECEMBER 9.30am	<p>The whole school will celebrate HOLY MASS in the main hall <i>*Parents are welcome to join us</i></p> <p>Pupils in Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to go to CONFESSION</p>
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP	
18 TH NOVEMBER 2.30p.m.	<p>Class 8 Assembly <i>*(Class 8 Parents are welcome to join us)</i></p>
25 TH NOVEMBER 2.30p.m.	<p>Class 7 Assembly <i>*(Class 7 Parents are welcome to join us)</i></p>
CHRISTMAS FAIR	
6 TH DECEMBER 3.10p.m.	<p><i>*(Parents are welcome to join us)</i></p>
NATIVITY PLAY	
10 TH DECEMBER 11 TH DECEMBER 12 TH DECEMBER 1.45p.m.	<p>Key Stage 2 <i>*(Parents are welcome to join us)</i></p>
SERVING THOSE IN NEED	
4 TH OCTOBER	HARVEST FESTIVAL (St. Vincent de Paul Society)
15 TH NOVEMBER	CHILDREN IN NEED
18 TH NOVEMBER	SAMARITANS' PURSE SHOEBOX APPEAL

**Please be aware that the dates listed above may be subject to change if unforeseen circumstances arise.*

In addition to this letter, parents/carers can also access the school website to find out more information related to Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship. In order to access this information, you need to click on the '**Catholic Life**' tab on the 'Home Page'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. A. Strong (*Religious Education Leader*)