

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)

School Dates:

3rd October Whole School Mass

17th October Class 2 Mass

7th November Class 4 Mass

14th November Class 3 Mass

21st November Class 2 Mass

28th November Class 4 Mass

5th December Class 3 Mass

11th December and 12th December Infant Nativity @ 2pm

17th December KS2 Advent Service: 2pm

'To know You more clearly'

From September 2024 all children will be following the new RE curriculum, 'To know You more clearly'. This curriculum is delivered over 6 'Branches'. One branch is covered each half term.



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. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.

Hear		Ways in which you can support learning at home
<i>The children will listen to and learn from the following sacred tradition (through magisterial texts, the teachings of the Fathers, and the lives of the saints, for example), and in Sacred Scripture. Children will hear:</i>		
Class 1 <i>Early Years Foundation Stage</i>	Mary was going to have a baby. His name will be Jesus (Lk 1:26-31, 38). Jesus was born in Bethlehem (Lk 2:4-7). Shepherds hurried to see Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus (Lk 2:8-20). The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-31, 38). The Nativity (Lk 2: 4-7). The Shepherds visit the manger (Lk 2:8-20).	Discuss with the children how your family prepares for and welcomes visitors to your home. How do you prepare for Christmas? Make Christmas cards depicting the Nativity Scene.
Class 2 <i>Working from Y1 curriculum</i>	The Annunciation (Lk 1: 26-38, focusing on 1:26-32, 38) The Visitation (Lk 1:39-45) The Birth of Jesus (Lk 2:4-8) The Visit of the Shepherds (Lk 2:8-20)	Draw a picture of the Angel Gabriel and write some of the words that he said to Mary
Class 3 <i>Working from Y3 curriculum</i>	Messiah would be born of a virgin and would be called Immanuel (Is 7:14). The Annunciation to Joseph (Matt 1:18-25). The Birth of Jesus foretold Lk 1:26-38.	Make and decorate a poster using the words of a prayer used at Mass. Attend Mass during the Advent season – share your experience with the rest of the class.
Class 4 <i>Working from Y5 curriculum</i>	1 Samuel 16:1-13: anointing of David (a great king) 2 Samuel 5:1-5: David becomes king 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12: David's death Matt 1:1-17, Jesus' as the fulfilment of the promise to David	1 Samuel 17:1-11, 32-54: David and Goliath 2 Samuel 7: 8-15 God's covenant with David Psalm 21:1-7, Psalm 23
		Find out about some Christian symbols for advent e.g. advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree. Design own Countdown to Christmas Advent Calendar with a thought or action for each day

