

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2023

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Local Church (Community), Eucharist (Relating) and Lent/Easter (Giving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

(4th January – 20th January)

Acorns	CELEBRATING - People celebrate in Church
Maple	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Willow	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Sycamore	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Oak	SOURCES - The Bible, the special book for the Church

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

EUCCHARIST - RELATING

(23rd January – 11th February)

Acorns	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Maple	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Willow	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Sycamore	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Oak	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

ISLAM (20th February – 24th February)

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

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

(27th February – 24th March)

Acorns	GROWING - Looking forward to Easter
Maple	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Willow	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Sycamore	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Oak	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

All Classes week beginning 27th March preparation and participation in Holy Week in a Day liturgies.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

22 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

20 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

2 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

6 April

GOOD FRIDAY

7 April

EASTER SUNDAY

9 April