

# IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(18 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

(28 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(4 June)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD**

(11 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

## **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

(16 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

## **SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION : COME AND SEE AT HOME

## SUMMER TERM 2023

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

### *Sikhism (24.04.23 – 05.05.23)*

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

### **PENTECOST—SERVING (05.05.23 - 26.05.23)**

Early Years	<b>GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus</b> What is good news?
Year 1/2	<b>SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News</b> Why should we spread Good News?
Year 3/4	<b>ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit</b> What's the use of energy?
Year 5/6	<b>TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power</b> How can energy transform?

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

### **RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING (05.06.23 – 28.06.23)**

Early Years	<b>FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus</b> Is it good to have friends?
Year 1/2	<b>RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family</b> Do we need rules?
Year 3/4	<b>CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience</b> What helps me to choose well?
Year 5/6	<b>FREEDOM &amp; RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free &amp; responsible</b> How do rules bring freedom?

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

### **UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD (28.06.23 – 21.07.23)**

Early Years	<b>OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world</b> What makes our world so wonderful?
Year 1/2	<b>TREASURES - God's treasure; the world</b> Is the world a treasure?
Year 3/4	<b>SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community</b> What makes a place special?
Year 5/6	<b>STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation</b> Can I be a steward of creation?

### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.