

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
SUMMER TERM 2024**

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(9 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

(19 May)

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(26 May)

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 CHRIST

(30 May)

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

(7 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.

This feast day will be celebrated at Mass on Sunday 30 June.

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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 followed by a study of a major world religion.

RED Branch 5: Ends of the Earth

SUMMER 1

EYFS

In this unit the children will learn that God loved His Son Jesus very much and Jesus loved His Father too. After Jesus had finished the special job that God sent Him to Earth to do, God wanted Jesus to come home again to Heaven to be with Him. They will hear the Story of Pentecost and learn that the Holy Spirit is the friend that Jesus promised to the Apostles when He went back to His Father.

Year 3/4

In this unit the children will learn the story of The Journey to Emmaus, the meaning of the story, the connection with Mass, exploring this through Scripture and Art. They will then learn about the story of the Ascension, the meaning of the story and the instructions that Jesus gave, The children will learn about the Trinity.

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.

Hold a Pentecost party to celebrate the birthday of the Church

DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER

SUMMER 2

EYFS

In this unit the children will hear a simple life story of St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus. They will listen to someone in from the local parish talking about their faith and why it matters to them to be a friend of Jesus. They will explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition. They will focus on another world religion in the local community and listen to a person of faith talking about their local (faith) community and why it matters to them. To enrich their understanding they will engage in a sensory curriculum about the music, food, smells, tastes, and specific clothing worn.

Year 3/4

This unit begins by looking at Passover and its connection to Eucharist but then moves on to look at the celebration of Passover, its importance and meaning in the Jewish community today. They will listen to someone from the Jewish faith come and explain this from a personal perspective. They will learn about Islam, listening to a Muslim person of faith from the local community. The section on Islam invites pupils to make connections between beliefs and life especially with regard to art, religious music, architecture and poetry.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about the saints, focusing on St. Peter and St. Paul. Ask your child what they know about them and why they were special. Celebrate their feast day

Ask your child what they have learnt about the other faith they have been studying. Can you visit a place of worship, take photos and share these with your child's class teacher.