

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

LENT TERM 2024

'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. Your child's class teacher will send home Knowledge Organisers for these topics in the half-termly parent curriculum booklets. This will include all the key information from the lessons; please revise and test your children on their religious knowledge.

If your child is in EYFS, we are trialling some new resources from the Diocese as part of a new Curriculum which will launch in September 2026. We are delighted to be part of the pilot scheme and to contribute our thoughts to the working party on behalf of Nottingham Diocese.

LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

Jan 8th - Jan 26th

EYFS	GALILEE TO JERUSALEM – Jesus as a child, Jesus as a man
Year 1	SPECIAL PEOPLE - People in the parish family
Year 2	BOOKS - The books used in Church
Year 3	JOURNEYS - Christian family's journey with Christ
Year 4	COMMUNITY - Life in the local Christian community and ministries in the parish
Year 5	MISSION - Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)
Year 6	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.

EUCHARIST - RELATING

Jan 29th - Feb 16th

Early Years	DESERT TO GARDEN – Lent is a time to care for others
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	GIVING & RECEIVING - Living in communion
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

Feb 26th - March 22nd

Early Year	TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: Jesus went back to His Father, but sent us the Holy Spirit
Year 1	CHANGE - Lent: a time for change
Year 2	OPPORTUNITIES - Lent: an opportunity to start anew
Year 3	GIVING ALL - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving
Year 4	SELF DISCIPLINE - Celebrating growth to new life
Year 5	SACRIFICE - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus
Year 6	DEATH & NEW LIFE - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection

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 them 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 RELIGIOUS DATES & EVENTS THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY

27 January

TRUSTWIDE EVENT: ST THOMAS AQUINAS FEAST DAY

30 January – activities throughout the day, live stream Mass

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

14 February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

24 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

24 March (Easter Holidays)

MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 March (Easter Holidays)

GOOD FRIDAY

29 March (Easter Holidays)

EASTER SUNDAY

31 March (Easter Holidays)

EASTER MONDAY

1 April (Easter Holidays)