

# IMPORTANT DATES IN THE CHURCH'S CALENDAR

*The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. The Infant Site will be focusing on the Hail Mary prayer and the Junior Site will be focusing on the Hail Holy Queen prayer.*

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

(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.

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(26 June)

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

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

(29 June)

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PENTECOST TERM 2024

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). 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 or Year 1, 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.

### PENTECOST—SERVING

Mon 8th April – Friday 3rd May

Early Years	TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

### 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

Monday 6<sup>TH</sup> May – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Early Years	DIALOGUE & ENCOUNTER – ask & answer some of our faith questions
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

### 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.

### WORLD FAITHS

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

All year groups will study some of the major world faiths through the lenses of *look, discover, dialogue, encounter and respect*. This will include visits to local places of worship and guest speakers from other religions. It is a fundamental British Value to be respectful and tolerant of people's beliefs and it is vital that children know about world faiths so that they can be positive members of society.

Early Years	Hinduism
KS1	Hinduism and Sikhism
Lower KS2	Sikhism and Buddhism
Upper KS2	Buddhism and Islam

All year groups will also revise their learning on Judaism from earlier in the year.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss similarities and differences between world religions by using the BBC world religions resources online.  
Do a driving tour of the many places of worship in our city.  
Help your children to learn the names of holy books/scriptures for some of the major world religions.