

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

(20 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 27 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace', conceived without sin, from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2022

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the theme of *Creation to Covenant*, including Harvest, Our Lady of the Rosary, Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging), All Saints and Remembrance Day and then the theme of *Prophecy to Promise*, including Advent and Christmas (Loving). The students will also spend a week studying the Jewish new year festival Rosh Hashanah and the Hindu new year festival of Diwali.

CREATION TO COVENANT

Explorers God made the world and God made us and knows and loves each one
Discovers God made the world and we give thanks for the gifts of creation, learn about the Bible
Adventurers God created everything good, learn about the promise made to Abraham and the beginnings of the people of God

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members—grandparents, parents, children, aunts, uncles etc. who show God's love.
Write underneath it
"We show God's love to one another."
Include those who have died.
Explore what a promise is.

Harvest Celebrations – week beginning 3rd October

We will again be supporting the homeless shelter *Guildford Number 5 Project* with your generous donations of produce and toiletries.

Rosh Hashanah 26th September
Diwali 25th October

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

Explorers BELONGING - being part of God's family through Baptism
Discovers PROMISES – making promises and some symbols of baptism
Adventurers LIFE CHOICES – showing care and commitment

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation about their memories of this celebration.

PROPHECY TO PROMISE

Explorers WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas, learn about Mary's 'Yes' to God's call
Discoverers Learn about the prophecies of Emmanuel being born in Bethlehem
Adventurers Learn about Jesus as the fulfilment of the promise to David

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with your children how your family welcomes visitors to your home.
Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g. Advent wreath, calendar, Jesse tree.
Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.