



AUTUMN TERM RE NEWSLETTER 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year we begin our transition from the existing Religious Education Curriculum Directory to the new Religious Education Directory – To know You more clearly (RED). We will introduce this gradually across the school year starting with EYFS and moving to KS1 after Christmas. Whilst many of the topics remain the same, there is a shift in focus to a more secure Scriptural base and more challenging questions to help our pupils develop as people who are ‘fostering true unity and peace on earth’ – *Gravissimum Educationis*

Dates from the Church’s calendar:

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM (24th September)

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI (4th October)

ST. TERESA OF AVILA (15th October)

ALL SAINTS (1st 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, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (26th November)

ADVENT (Begins 3rd December) 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 (8th December) This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was ‘full of grace’ from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (25th December) On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

EYFS	CREATION AND COVENANT (RED)
Y1	GOD’S GREAT PLAN - Creation
Y2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Y3	HOME - God’s vision for every family
Y4	THE BIBLE - The Scriptures are the living Word of God
UKS2	THE KINGDOM OF GOD – Living the Gospel

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.**”

EYFS	PROPHECY AND PROMISE (RED)
Y1	MARY MOTHER OF GOD Advent
Y2	MYSTERIES God’s Incarnation
Y3	MARY OUR MOTHER Advent
Y4	TRUST IN GOD Jesus’ teaching and the importance of trusting in him.
UKS2	JUSTICE Love of neighbour ... involves working for a just society, both locally and internationally.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss with the 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.