



# AUTUMN TERM RE NEWSLETTER 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

*“Creation is the first and universal revelation of God’s love”*

We begin our term with a focus on harvest and creation but soon the dark nights find their way back to us and when we return from half term to the month of November, it’s a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God. We also find ourselves moving towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas.

## Dates from the Church’s calendar:

**OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** (24<sup>th</sup> September)

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI** (4<sup>th</sup> October)

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA** (15<sup>th</sup> October)

**ALL SAINTS** (1<sup>st</sup> 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** (21<sup>st</sup> November)

**ADVENT** (Begins 28<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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** (25<sup>th</sup> December) On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

EYFS	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
KS1	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
LKS2	THE BIBLE The Scriptures are the living Word of God
UKS2	THE KINGDOM 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.”

**JUDAISM** Pupils will study various aspects of Judaism. Ask them what they have been learning about.

EYFS	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus’ birthday
KS1	MYSTERIES God’s Incarnation
LKS2	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.