



Autumn Term RE Newsletter 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We begin our term with a focus on harvest and creation, thanking God for all that He has done for us and consider how we can best look after His beautiful world. We will also reflect on family; both being invited into God's family in the Church, through Baptism, and our own families.

The beginning of November marks a time to remember those who have gone before us into the loving embrace of God. We then move, with a focus on Mary, Mother of God, towards the season of Advent when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

As the first teachers of faith to your children, you will find a list of suggestions for home activities to support your children's RE learning. Please do send in pictures or pieces of work to be shared and celebrated with the school community.

TOPIC 1

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| EYFS | Myself God knows and loves each one |
| KS1 | God's Great Plan Creation |
| LKS2 | Homes God's vision for every family |
| UKS2 | Gifts from God Creation |

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Creation (EYFS, KS1 and UKS2)

Listen to the story of Creation. What would you like to thank God for?

Families (EYFS, KS1 and LKS2)

Make a collage using family photographs of all the significant family members who show God's love. Write underneath it: **"We show God's love to one another."** *You may want to also include those who have died.*

Baptism (EYFS and LKS2)

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism about their memories of this celebration.
LKS2 - Talk about the signs and symbols of Baptism.

Inspirational People (UKS2)

Write a fact file on a particular saint who strikes you as being inspirational, who lived out the Beatitudes. Explain which Beatitude influenced them the most and how they lived it out.

TOPIC 2

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| EYFS | Welcome Baptism; a welcome to God's family |
| KS1 | Families God's love and care for every family |
| LKS2 | The Christian Family Baptism |
| UKS2 | Inspirational People Vocations |

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

TOPIC 3

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| EYFS | Birthday Looking forward to Jesus' birthday |
| KS1 | Mary, Mother of God Advent |
| LKS2 | Mary Our Mother Advent |
| UKS2 | Hope Waiting in joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one |

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss 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.

Important 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 people who have responded to God's invitation of love.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls) (2nd 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 (20th November)

Advent (Begins 27th 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 (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 devoted herself to 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.

Prayer for the New School Year

Dear God,

As we begin this new school year, we ask you to fill our hearts with joy, fill our minds with learning, fill our classrooms with peace, fill our friendships with kindness and fill our school with love. Open our minds as we learn about the glory of your creation, grant us courage as we accept new challenges, and help us to play our part in shaping the St Felix community.

Amen.



"Followers of Jesus learning together"