



IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Tuesday 17th October, School Hall, families welcome

Y2 lead us in celebration and thanks of God's gifts to the world. Links will be made to CAFOD and how we can support the farmers of El Salvador and to how we can also support our local Food Bank.

ALL SAINTS

Wednesday 1st November, 9:30am, St Joseph's Church, Warren Road, families welcome

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)

Thursday 2nd November

In our Collective Worships 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

Sunday 26th November

A special feast day for Liverpool as it was only incorporated into the liturgical calendar at the end of the Holy Year in 1925 by Pope Pius XI. In that period between the two World Wars it was a response to concerns of growing nationalism and secularism due to the rise of fascism and communism in various parts of Europe. The new Feast proclaimed Christ's Sovereignty over all things. **It was the Holy Father who asked that our Cathedral be dedicated to Christ the King** and we were the first Cathedral to be asked to have this title and be linked with this feast which marks the final Sunday of the church year.

ADVENT

Friday, 1st December, School Hall, families welcome

Y4 lead us in celebration of Advent, when we think of the coming of Jesus at Christmas, whilst remembering also His promise to 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

Friday, 8th December

In our Collective Worships today we will celebrate this feast marking 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 CELEBRATIONS

**Tuesday & Wednesday 12 & 13 December Class RR/RU and Friday 15th December Y1
School Hall, families welcome**

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday 25th December

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

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Loving). Each class will approach the themes through different topics. The children will also spend a week studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

6th September – 6 October

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
Year 5	OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God
Year 6	LOVING - God who never stops loving

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.

JUDAISM 9th – 13th October

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

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING *a*

16th October – 17th November (Half Term split)

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
Year 5	LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service
Year 6	VOCATION AND COMMITMENT - The vocation of priesthood and religious life

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

20th November – end of term

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
Year 5	HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Year 6	EXPECTATIONS - Jesus born to show God to the world

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.