



St. William's Catholic Primary School



Religious Education Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

Important Dates for this Term

The Month of the Rosary (October)

In the Catholic Church this is a time dedicated to meditating on the life of Jesus Christ through the repetition of the Rosary prayer, which is rooted in Scripture and honors Mary, the mother of Jesus.

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) (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 (23rd November)

Advent (Begins 30th 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 co-operated with God throughout her life. When December 8 falls on a Sunday, the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday

Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord (25th December)

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



Brighten Up for HARVEST!

Non-uniform day (bright colours) and monetary donations

Friday 3rd October

Harvest Donations- The children are invited to bring in non-perishable items to donate to our local charity, The Brick.

w/c Monday 6th October

Year 6 Stay and Pray for Parents (Harvest)

Wednesday 8th October 9.00am



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Year 6 and their Reception Buddies, Stay and Pray (Friendship)
Wednesday 15th October 9.15am

Year 4 Stay and Pray for Parents (Remembrance)
Tuesday 11th November 9.00am

CAFOD World Gifts Assembly
Non-uniform day and monetary donations
Friday 14th November



Travelling Nativity
w/c Monday 1st December

Y3 Advent Celebration for Parents
Monday 15th December (2.30pm)

Y6 Advent Celebration for Parents
Tuesday 16th December (9.15am)

Y1 and Y2 Nativity Performance
Tuesday 16th December (2.30pm)

Nursery and Reception Nativity Performance
Wednesday 17th December (9.15am)

Y4 Drumming Performance for Parents
Wednesday 17th December (2.30pm)

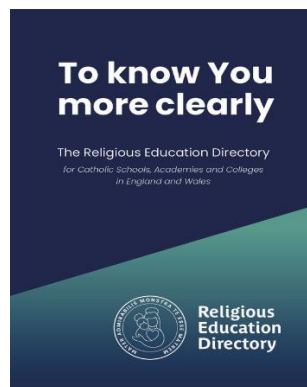
Y5 Advent Celebration for Parents
Friday 19th December (9.15am)





R.E. – To know You more clearly

The children in Early Years, Key Stage One and Lower KS2 are now following the model curriculum from the new Religious Education Directory- To know You more clearly. This term they will be studying two topics; 'Creation and Covenant' and 'Prophecy and Promise'. The children will hear scripture from the Bible, they will explore what it is Christians believe, they will celebrate Christian mystery and prayer, and they will look at the impact of faith on how Christians live.



CREATION AND COVENANT

(Autumn 1)

Prayer and Liturgy at Home

Gather together as a family, light a candle and make the Sign of the Cross.

Listen to the scripture, 'Genesis 1:31'.

Respond to the Word, by praying the Our Father together to thank God for His wonderful creations.

As you Go Forth, remember to look for God's wonders all around you, no matter how big or small.

PROPHECY AND PROMISE

(Autumn 2)

Prayer and Liturgy at Home

Gather together as a family, light a candle and make the Sign of the Cross.

Listen to the scripture, 'Luke 2:4-7'.

Respond to the Word, praying together:
*Dear God, we ask for your blessing over our family during this holy season of Advent.
Amen.*

As you Go Forth during the Advent season of Advent, try each day to live out one kind deed, *demonstrating your faith.*



R.E. - Come and See

The children in Years' 5 and 6 will continue to follow the Come and See programme of work for R.E. This term they 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

(w/c 3rd September 2025 - 10th October 2025)

Year 5- OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God

Year 6- LOVING - God who never stops loving

Talk about/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."

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(w/c 13th October 2025 - 14th November 2025)

Year 5- LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service

Year 6- VOCATION AND COMMITMENT- The vocation of priesthood and religious life

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

JUDAISM

(w/c 17th November 2025)

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

(w/c 24th November 2025 - 19th December 2025)

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

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 Mission websites to get a religious Advent calendar.