

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(8 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(15 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(22 May)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

(29 May)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(3 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

St. Aidan's Dates

Monday 25th April 2016 – Sacramental Preparation Session 7 - 6pm

Friday 6th May 2016 – Y4S Collective Worship 9.15am (New Life)

Saturday 7th May 2016 – First Holy Communion Mass - 10.30am and 12.30pm

Monday 23rd May 2016 – First Holy Communion Celebration Mass – 10am

Friday 17th June 2016 – Y5R Collective Worship 9.15am (Freedom and Responsibility)

Tuesday 21st June 2016 – Y6G Collective Worship (Healing)

Wednesday 13th July 2016 – Y1/2T Collective Worship (Treasures)

Monday 8th July 2016 – Y6 Leaver's Celebration 6.30pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SUMMER TERM 2016 COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

PENTECOST—SERVING (11TH APRIL -6TH MAY 2016)

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1/2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3/4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING (16TH May – 17TH June 2016)

Early Years	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Year 1/2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3/4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

ISLAM (9th May – 13th May 2016)

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

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD (20th June – 15th July 2016)

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1/2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3/4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.