

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 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

(20 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 27 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 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 December)

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

St. Aidan's Important Dates

26th September 2016 – Sacramental Preparation Meeting (in Church) 6pm

3rd October 2016 – Sacramental Preparation Session 1 (in Church) 6pm and 6.45pm

17th October 2016 – Sacramental Preparation Session 2 (in School) 6pm

9th November 2016 – Y2B Collective Worship "Belonging" 9.15am

10th November 2016 – Y6G Collective Worship "Vocation and Commitment" 9.15am

21st November 2016 – Sacramental Preparation Session 3 (in School) 6pm

5th December 2016 – Reconciliation Service (at Church) 6pm

5th December 2016 – Nursery performance 2pm

7th December 2016 – Reception performance 2pm

8th December 2016 – Nursery performance 10am

15th December 2016 – KS1 performance 2pm and 5.30pm

22nd December 2016 – KS2 Carol Service 1.30pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

AUTUMN TERM 2016

COME AND SEE AT HOME

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(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

(12th September – 7th October 2016)

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1/2	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 3/4	HOMES - God's vision for every family
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.

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(10th October – 11th November 2016)

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1/2	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 3/4	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
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.

JUDAISM *(14th -18th November 2016)*

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

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

(21st November – 16th December 2016)

Early Years	BIRTHDAY - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1/2	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 3/4	VISITORS - waiting for the coming of 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.