

# IMPORTANT DATES SPRING TERM 2024

**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD** (*1<sup>st</sup> January*)

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** (*7<sup>th</sup> January*)

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** (*8<sup>th</sup> January*)

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD** (*2<sup>nd</sup> February*)

**LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY** (*14<sup>th</sup> February*)

**ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
(*19<sup>th</sup> March*)

**ST. CUTHBERT, PATRON SAINT OF  
DIOCESE OF HEXHAM & NEWCASTLE** (*20<sup>th</sup> March*)

**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** (*8<sup>th</sup> April*)

**HOLY WEEK:**

**PALM SUNDAY** (*24<sup>th</sup> March*)

**HOLY THURSDAY** (*28<sup>th</sup> March*)

**GOOD FRIDAY** (*29<sup>th</sup> March*)

**EASTER SUNDAY** (*31<sup>st</sup> March*)



# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - COME AND SEE AT HOME



## ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALNWICK

### SPRING TERM 2024

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

This term we will be studying the three themes of **Local Church** (*Community*), **Eucharist** (*Relating*), and **Lent/Easter** (*Giving*). Each class will approach the themes through different topics.

#### LOCAL CHURCH - COMMUNITY

*8<sup>th</sup> Jan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb*

Early Years	<b>CELEBRATING</b> – people celebrate in church.
Year 1	<b>SPECIAL PEOPLE</b> – people in the parish family.
Year 2	<b>BOOKS</b> – the books used in church.
Year 3	<b>JOURNEYS</b> – Christian families journey with Christ.
Year 4	<b>COMMUNITY</b> – Life in the local Christian community & ministries in the parish.
Year 5	<b>MISSION</b> – Continuing Jesus' mission within the diocese.
Year 6	<b>SOURCES</b> – The Bible, the special book of the church.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Explore the diocesan website looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.

#### EUCCHARIST - RELATING

*5<sup>th</sup> Feb – 8<sup>th</sup> March*

Early Years	<b>GATHERING</b> - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	<b>MEALS</b> - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	<b>THANKSGIVING</b> - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	<b>LISTENING &amp; SHARING</b> - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	<b>GIVING &amp; RECEIVING</b> - Living in communion
Year 5	<b>MEMORIAL SACRIFICE</b> – Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	<b>UNITY</b> - Eucharist enabling people to live in communion.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.

Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.

**ISLAM** *this has been moved to Summer due to length of this term.*

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

#### LENT/EASTER - GIVING

*11<sup>th</sup> March – 28<sup>th</sup> March*

Early Years	<b>GROWING</b> - Looking forward to Easter.
Year 1	<b>CHANGE</b> - Lent: a time for change.
Year 2	<b>OPPORTUNITIES</b> - Lent: an opportunity to start anew.
Year 3	<b>GIVING ALL</b> - Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving.
Year 4	<b>SELF DISCIPLINE</b> - Celebrating growth to new life.
Year 5	<b>SACRIFICE</b> - Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice made by Jesus.
Year 6	<b>DEATH &amp; NEW LIFE</b> - Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection.

#### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.

If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross.

Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and Self-giving.