

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2026

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term we will be continuing to follow the Religious Education Directory (RED) in all year groups. Two Branches will be taught throughout the term. Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem will be covered in Spring 1 and Branch 4 Desert to Garden will be covered in Spring 2.

BRANCH 3 GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children will learn about stories of the miracles and parables of Jesus. They will reflect on how Jesus cares for other people and what they can learn from his actions.

In Key Stage 2, the children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of Scripture and make links between miracle stories. In the upper Key Stage, they will learn about the Beatitudes and the Commandments. They will reflect on how the communities that they are part of could be transformed if everyone chose to love their neighbour as themselves.

BRANCH 4 DESERT TO GARDEN

In EYFS and Key Stage 1 the children will learn the key events of Holy Week and learn simple signs, simple, actions and words used during Lent and Easter. They will learn about caring for others and the importance of saying sorry.

In Key Stage 2, the children will develop an understanding of the Eucharist and links to the Last Supper as well as deepening their knowledge of specific events during Holy Week. they will begin to understand that the Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Christ.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Good News Bible. Explore ways to help other people – charity support, helping family and neighbours.

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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. As your child/ren how our school community is focusing on Lent and self-giving.



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IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
1st January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
6th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
7th January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
2nd February

ASH WEDNESDAY
18th February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
19th March

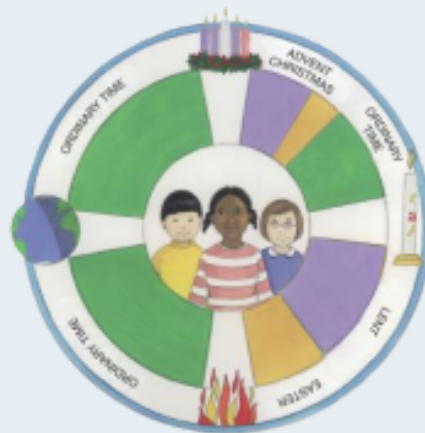
THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
25th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
28th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY
2nd April

GOOD FRIDAY
3rd April

EASTER SUNDAY
5th April



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CATHOLIC LIFE IN SCHOOL

Throughout this term, our school community will take part in many events that help to celebrate and support our Catholic life. These include opportunities for prayer, worship, charity and reflection, that helps our children grow in faith and live out our Gospel Values each day.

These events play an important role in our school life and strengthen our sense of community.

Please see below for more information about recent and upcoming events linked to the Catholic Life in our school.

**EACH WEDNESDAY MORNING A KEY STAGE 2 CLASS WILL ATTEND
MASS AT ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH**

YEAR 3 CLASS ASSEMBLY - BRANCH 3
13th February at 9am in School - parents/carers welcome

**DURING LENT, EACH KEY STAGE 2 CLASS WILL HAVE A LENTEN CLASS MASS WITH
FATHER JOHN IN SCHOOL**

YEAR 4 HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP IN SCHOOL
28th February and 28th March at 10.30am

RECEPTION CLASS MOTHERS' DAY STAY AND PRAY
13th March at 9.15am - parents/carers welcome

YEAR 1 AND 4 EASTER LITURGY - PALM SUNDAY
27th March at 2.30pm - parents/carers welcome

YEAR 2 AND 5 EASTER LITURGY - MAUNDY THURSDAY
30th March at 2.30pm - parents/carers welcome

YEAR 6 EASTER LITURGY - GOOD FRIDAY
31st March at 2.30pm - parents/carers welcome

RECEPTION AND YEAR 3 EASTER LITURGY - EASTER SUNDAY
1st April at 2.30pm - parents/carers welcome

