

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER 2026

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term all of our children we will be studying two Branches of the Religious Education Curriculum, To Know You More Clearly. Branch 1 Creation and Covenant will be explored within Autumn 1 and Branch 2 Prophecy and Promise will be studied within Autumn 2.

BRANCH 1 CREATION AND COVENANT

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, the children will become increasingly familiar with Genesis, the creation story, and will learn about how prayer draws them closer to God. They will begin to understand the importance of taking care of our world and the responsibility that this brings.

In Key Stage 2, the children will deepen their knowledge and understanding of Scripture from the Book of Genesis. They will learn about Laudato Si and more about the intertwined relationships with God, our neighbour and with the Earth itself.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Go on a nature walk and spot all the things that God created.

Think of ways you can help the world and work together as a family to do this e.g. turning taps off while brushing teeth to save water.

BRANCH 2 PROPHECY AND PROMISE

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, the children will hear about the Annunciation, the Birth of Jesus and the Shepherds visiting Jesus. The children will become more familiar with these stories and be able to retell and describe the key events. They will learn about the significance of Advent and that during this season, we can show God's love by helping others.

In Key Stage 2, the children will further develop their knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures linked to Jesus' birth. They will also learn Scripture passages from the Old Testament such as David's life and how Jesus is the fulfilment of the promise to David. They will build upon their knowledge of the signs, symbols, actions and prayers.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Discuss the story of Jesus' birth and the key people involved in it. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent. Use the CAFOD or Missio websites to get a religious Advent calendar.

Share the 'Travelling Nativity' with your family at home.



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IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS
1st November

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)
2nd November

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
23rd November

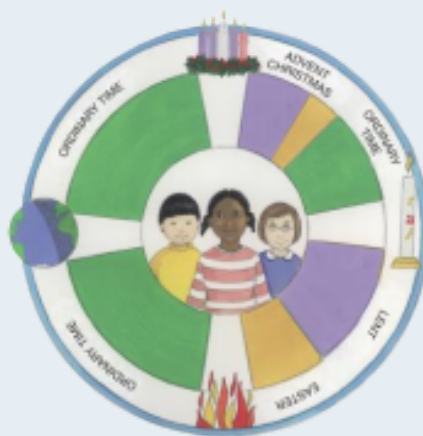
ADVENT
Begins 30th November

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
8th December

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
25th December

THE FEAST OF ST STEPHEN
26th December

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
31st December



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CATHOLIC LIFE

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT - CAKE SALES
25th September

CAFOD FAMILY FEAST DAY/HARVEST
2nd October

YEAR 2 CLASS CELEBRATION OF THE WORD - BRANCH 1 CREATION AND COVENANT
23rd October at 9am

YEAR 6 CLASS CELEBRATION OF THE WORD - BRANCH 2 PROPHECY AND PROMISE
11th December at 9am

ST ROCCO'S ELF RUN & KS2 CHOIR PERFORMANCE
11th December

EYFS AND KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES
15th December at 9:15am and 2:30pm

KEY STAGE 2 CAROL CONCERT IN CHURCH
16th December at 2.30pm



Making Every Day Count

