

# 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.

## **ADVENT**

(Begins 3December)

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.

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

(30 December)

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

## **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

## **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.

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.

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Make a collage using family

#### **SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES**

Talk to someone who has been to a Baptism and/or Confirmation  
about their memories of this celebration.

#### **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.