

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)

(22 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, UNIVERSAL KING

(25 November)

ADVENT

(Begins 29 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.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(27 December)

Sacramental Programme

Please keep in your prayers, our Current Year 5 class, who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the children and their families have waited patiently to receive the Sacrament, since May 2020.

After the children had received the Sacrament, we had a Collective Worship and celebration together in school, in their Year 5 bubble.

Many thanks to Fr Dave who has worked hard to prepare the children and ensure that they could receive their First Holy Communion and the earliest possible time.



Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion, please keep them in your prayers.

Can you help the food bank?

St. Oswald's are very aware of the much-needed goods for the food bank in our local areas.

We usually ask for the children to bring items into school, however during the current pandemic, this is not possible.

If when you do your shopping, please be aware and drop an extra item into the foodbank box, if you can, available in most supermarkets.

All items will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your support!

Items needed:

- Sweets
- Jellies / jam
- Rice pudding
- Sponge pudding
- Tinned spaghetti/ravioli
- Tinned tomatoes/meat
- Toilet rolls
- Tooth paste /Tooth brushes
- Shampoo/body wash
- Nappies (any size)

(Please ensure all items are in date)



Operation Christmas Child

For the last few years, St. Oswald's have supported 'Operation Christmas Child' (Samaritan's Purse). This year we would like to do the same, but are unable to offer a venue for collection, due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

If you want to find out how to support this charity this year, please find details on:

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-give>



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ST. OSWALD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - COME AND SEE

AUTUMN TERM 2020

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 day studying Judaism.

DOMESTIC CHURCH - FAMILY

(Insert dates)

Early Years	MYSELF - God knows and loves each one
Year 1	FAMILIES - God's love and care for every family
Year 2	BEGINNINGS - God is present in every beginning
Year 3	HOMES - God's vision for every family
Year 4	PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture
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.

JUDAISM – Thursday 26th November 2020

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

BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION - BELONGING

(Insert dates)

Early Years	WELCOME - Baptism: a welcome to God's family
Year 1	BELONGING - Baptism: an invitation to belong to God's family
Year 2	SIGNS AND SYMBOLS - Signs and symbols in Baptism
Year 3	PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism
Year 4	CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness
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.

Look out for 'Prayer Bags' going home. This is an opportunity to share some reflective time as a family.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS - LOVING

(Insert dates)

Early Years	BIRTHDAYS - Looking forward to Jesus' birthday
Year 1	WAITING - Advent: a time to look forward to Christmas
Year 2	PREPARATIONS - Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas
Year 3	VISITORS - Waiting for the coming of Jesus
Year 4	GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in 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.

Look out for the 'Travelling Nativity' bags which will go home with the children throughout Advent.