

IMPORTANT DATES SPRING TERM 2024

YEAR 4

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (*1st January*)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (*7th January*)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (*8th January*)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (*2nd February*)

LENT: ASH WEDNESDAY (*14th February*)

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

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

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD (*8th April*)

HOLY WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY (*24th March*)

HOLY THURSDAY (*28th March*)

GOOD FRIDAY (*29th March*)

EASTER SUNDAY (*31st March*)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - COME AND SEE AT HOME



ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALNWICK

SPRING TERM 2024 – YEAR 4

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

8th Jan – 2nd Feb

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

5th Feb – 8th March

Early Years	GATHERING - Parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist
Year 1	MEALS - Mass, Jesus' special meal
Year 2	THANKSGIVING - Mass, a special time to thank God
Year 3	LISTENING & SHARING - Jesus gives himself to us
Year 4	CELEBRATING THE MASS: What do Catholics believe and do?
Year 5	MEMORIAL SACRIFICE - Eucharist as the living memorial of Christ's sacrifice
Year 6	UNITY - 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 - move to Summer term due to length of term

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

LENT/EASTER - GIVING

11th March – 28th March

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