

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ST. JAMES AND ST. JOHN

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived.

Dear Parents/Carers,

During this term at St James and St John, pupils will be learning about Christianity in Religious Education lessons. The children will also take the time to write prayers in their individual prayer books on Advent and Christmas.

1st Half Term

Nursery - Who am I?

Reception – Who made the wonderful world and why?

Year 1 - What responsibility has God given people for taking care of Creation?

Year 2 - Why did Jesus teach the Lord's Prayer as the way to pray?

Year 3 - What is the Bible's 'Big story'?

Year 4 - How did belief in God affect the actions of people from the Old Testament?

Year 5 - What do the miracles tell us about Jesus?

Year 6 - What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Help your child to find out about the area of religion they are studying in class by using books from the library and websites.

Go to BBC Bitesize → KS1 or KS2
→ Religious Education

2nd Half Term

Nursery - Why is Christmas special?

Reception - Why is Christmas special for Christians?

Year 1 - Why is each person important in the Nativity story?

Year 2 - How does the symbol of light help us to understand the meaning of Christmas for Christians?

Year 3 - How does the season of Advent and the feast of the Epiphany point towards the true meaning of Christmas?

Year 4 – Is the Christmas message of peace still relevant in today's world?

Year 5 - How do art and music convey Christmas?

Year 6 - How would Christians advertise Christmas to show what Christmas means today?

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Ask your children to tell you the story of Christmas and what God's ultimate gift to mankind is. Find out about some Christian symbols for Advent e.g., Advent wreath, candles, calendar.

'For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'

Luke 2:11-14



A Prayer for the New Year

Bless us, O Lord, in our teaching and learning.

Give to enquiring minds wisdom and understanding.

Inspire us all with your justice and peace and bring us always to delight in your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

ALL SAINTS

(1st 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)

(2nd 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 1st December)

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25th December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.