

Religious feasts and festivals
September 2023- July 2024

Religious feasts & festivals			
September 2023			
September	Diocesan Children's Mass		Year 6 to attend
October 2023 - Month of the Rosary			
October 1st	St. Therese of Lisieux		
October 2nd	Feast of the Guardian Angels		
October 4th	St. Francis of Assisi		
October 5th	Saint Faustina		
October 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary		
October 15th	Saint Teresa of Avila		
October 22nd	Saint Pope John Paul II		
November 2022			
1st November	All Saints' Day	Holy Day of Obligation	Mass
11th November	Armistice Day		KS1/KS2 assembly
13th November	Remembrance Sunday		
13th November	Inter faith week		Judaism studied in all year groups
27th November 30th November	Advent begins St Andrew's Day		Patron Saint of Scotland
December 2023			

3rd December	Advent begins		
18th December	Hanukkah Begins	Judaism	
25th December	Christmas Day	Holy Day of Obligation	
January 2024			
6th January	Epiphany	Holy Day of Obligation	
22nd January	Chinese New Year		
February 2024			
2nd February	Feast of the Presentation	Holy Day of Obligation	Mass
5th February	Tu Bishvat	Judaism	
15th February	Nirvana Day	Buddhist	
18th February	Lailat al Miraj	Islam	
13th February	Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras		Whole school procession
14th February	Ash Wednesday - Lent begins		Liturgy for Years 2-6
March 2024			
1st March	St David's Day		Patron Saint of Wales
10th March	Mothers' day		
17th March	St Patrick's Day		Patron Saint of Ireland
22nd March*	Ramadan begins	Islam	
28th March	Maundy Thursday		
29th March	Good Friday		
30th March	Holy Saturday		
31st March	Easter Sunday		Holy Day of Obligation
April 2024			
9th April	Eid al-Fitr	Islam	
13th/14th	Vaisakhi	Hindu	
22nd - 30th	Passover	Judaism	
23rd April	St George's Day		Patron Saint of England
May 2024 - Month of the Rosary			

19th May	Pentecost		Holy Day of Obligation
20th May	Our Lady to be crowned		
30th May	Corpus Christi		
June 2024			
7th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus		
8th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary		
16th June*	Eid-al-Adha	Islam	
22nd June	Ss Thomas More and John Fisher		Whole School Mass
July 2024			
7th July	Eid al-Ghadeer	Islam	
9th July	St Thomas More Day		
*dates may change			

Additional information
<p>Hanukkah or Chanukah is the Jewish Festival of Lights. It dates to two centuries before the beginning of Christianity. The festival begins on the 25th day of Kislev and is celebrated for eight days. In the western calendar Hanukkah is celebrated in November or December. The word Hanukkah means rededication and commemorates the Jews' struggle for religious freedom.</p> <p>Tu Bishvat: In Judaism, this holiday is an ancient and authentic "Earth Day."</p> <p>Lailat al Miraj: This Muslim holy day celebrates Muhammad's pilgrimage from Mecca to Jerusalem.</p> <p>Nirvana Day Nirvana Day is a Mahayana Buddhist holiday celebrated in East Asia. It celebrates the day when the Buddha is said to have achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body.</p> <p>Vaisakhi Vaisakhi is a historical and religious festival in Sikhism and Hinduism celebrating the start of the month of Vaisakha. For Sikhs, the day commemorates</p>

the formation of Khalsa panth of warriors under Guru Gobind Singh in 1699. For many Hindus, the holiday is known as Vaisakha Sankranti and celebrates the Solar new year. Additionally, it is a spring harvest festival for many Indians.