



October 2026

October arrives as the Autumn term is well underway and routines of school and family life are becoming more firmly established. In these weeks, our resources aim to bring opportunities to pause, notice what is important and make time for God and one another.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout October, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

HOLY ROSARY

The month of October traditionally focuses on prayer with the Holy Rosary, offering families a way to spend time together in prayer, and reflect on the life of Jesus with Mary. For families who would like to explore the Rosary at home and become more familiar with these prayers, our 'Praying the Rosary' resource on the Parent Portal offers guidance and support.

LOVE AND RESPECT

In the week beginning 5 October, children will reflect on the difference between showing respect and rejecting others. Through Jesus' parable of the tenants in the vineyard (Matthew 21:33-43), they will consider the choices people make and how their words and actions can show love and respect.

The assembly encourages children to listen to Jesus' message of love and think about how they can respond to Him each day. They will also hear about St Francis of Assisi, who listened to God's message of love and showed care for people who were poor, welcomed those who were forgotten and treated Creation with kindness.

With your child/ren, you may also like to...

- *Talk about what respect can look and sound like at home, at school and in your community.*
- *Try the assembly's one-minute challenge: spend one minute in silence when you wake up or before bedtime, remembering Jesus' message of love.*
- *Find out a little more about St Francis of Assisi and choose one way your family could follow his example by caring for other people or for Creation. You may like to use our prayer resource for St Francis' feast day (4th October) from the Parent Portal.*

COME TO THE PARTY!

In the week beginning 12 October, children will explore Jesus' parable of the wedding feast (Matthew 22:1–14). Children will take time to wonder how it might have felt to be invited to the king's party. This will help them think about what it means to receive an invitation that is both generous and unexpected.

Through the story, children will reflect on what it means to be ready to accept God's invitation, and how being part of His Kingdom involves choosing to follow Jesus and growing in love each day.

With your child/ren, you may also like to...

- *Plan a simple 'family party' and let each person choose one thing that would make everyone feel welcome.*
- *Think of one way your family could say 'yes' to getting more involved in the life of your school or parish.*

SING SING SING!

The daily prayers for the week beginning 19 October are inspired by Psalm 96 - a beautiful prayer of praise. St Augustine reminds us that 'The one who sings, prays twice!', and children are encouraged to bring their praise and thanks to God through song.

You may like to create your own prayer of praise, sing along to our song based on the Psalm in the Parent Portal, or use the lyrics below in your family prayer time:

**All the people in the world,
Sing to the Lord.
Tell of His wonders, sing His praise -
Sing a new song!**

**Sing, sing, sing a new song,
Sing to the Lord.
Sing out loud and sing out strong -
Sing a new song!**