



RE Newsletter

Spring 2 - Desert to Garden



Mt Rev. Richard Moth

Pope Leo XIV has appointed the Mt. Reverend Richard Moth as the 12th Archbishop of Westminster, succeeding Cardinal Vincent Nichols since his appointment in 2009.

Archbishop Moth was Installed at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 14 February 2026. Within the Arundel and Brighton Diocese, we give thanks for Archbishop Moth for his inspiration which has helped transform our education communities under his stewardship.



Desert to Garden

This half term, children across the school will be exploring the branch: "Desert to Garden," which follows the Church's journey through Lent and towards Easter. They will learn about themes of forgiveness, reconciliation, and new beginnings, understanding how Christians use this season to reflect on their relationship with God and others. Through scripture, prayer, and discussion, pupils will discover how Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection offer hope and transformation - moving from the "desert" of Lent to the "garden" of Easter joy. Each year group will engage with these themes in an age-appropriate way, from learning about God's love and forgiveness in the early years to deeper reflection on sacrifice, service, and salvation in upper Key Stage 2.

Faith Ambassadors and Little Liturgy Leaders



This term, our children will be preparing their hearts and minds during Lent. Our Faith Ambassadors will have the opportunity to lead the Stations of the Cross at lunchtime, providing a special moment for reflection. Meanwhile, our Little Liturgy Leaders will continue to support our worship through song, helping to create a prayerful atmosphere.



We are also delighted that our CAFOD club, led by Mrs. Kemp-Smith during lunchtimes, is working alongside both the Faith Ambassadors and Little Liturgy leaders. This club provides a wonderful opportunity for pupils to take the lead in putting Catholic Social Teaching into action, strengthening the Catholic life and mission of our school.



At Home

Talk about forgiveness: Encourage conversations about saying sorry, forgiving others, and making a fresh start; just as Lent is a time for Christians to reflect and reconcile.

Explore nature together: As we move from winter to spring, take time to notice new life in gardens, parks, or on walks. Discuss how this mirrors the Easter story of new life and hope.

Discuss Lenten traditions: If you observe Lent at home, talk about why your family might give something up or take on an act of kindness - linking it to preparing for Easter.

Model kindness and service: Look for small ways to help others as a family-donating food, visiting a relative, or simply being extra patient with one another. This reflects Jesus' example of serving others.



ASH WEDNESDAY 18 February - ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 19 March - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD 25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 29 March



MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 April
GOOD FRIDAY 3 April
EASTER SUNDAY 5 April

