

Assembly	Autumn 2026 Overview
Ordinary Time	
Date w/c	Celebration of the Word Assemblies
7th September Matthew 18:15-20	Gathered in His Name “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.” Matthew 18:20 Jesus said that where two or three are gathered in His name, He is with them. In this Celebration of the Word Assembly children consider how working together makes us stronger and more effective. They will discover how
14th September Matthew 18:21-35	Forgive — Reset— Repeat ‘ Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?” Matthew 18:21 In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches about the importance of forgiveness. In this assembly, children will recognise what it means to forgive others, how important it is, and how forgiving others allows us to do as Jesus teaches: to ‘love one another’
21st September Matthew 20:1-16	Generous and Just ‘For as the Heavens are higher than the Earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.’ Isaiah 55:9 In this assembly, children will explore Jesus’ parable of the workers in the vineyard and reflect on the meaning of fairness. They will discover that whilst we may not always understand God’s ways, we can trust that He is more generous and just than we can imagine
28th September Matthew 21:28-32	Actions Louder than Words “Which of the two did the will of his father?” Matthew 21:31 Through a modern-day parable about two characters whose words do not match their actions, children will learn that what we do is more

	important than what we say we will do. There will be an opportunity for reflection on how far children's own words and actions mirror those of Jesus
5th October Matthew 21:33-43	Love and Respect Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'?" Matthew 21:42 In the parable of the tenant workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches us about rejection and acceptance. Children will understand how we are called to respect Jesus, by listening to His message of love and sharing it with others.
12th October Matthew 22:1-14	Come to the Party! 'The Kingdom of Heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited...' Matthew 22:2-3 Through the parable of the wedding feast, Jesus tells us what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. In this Celebration of the Word Assembly children will reflect on God's invitation and how they can say 'Yes!' through their choices, words and actions
19th October Matthew 22:15-21	We Belong to God 'Then He said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'" Matthew 22:21 In this week's Gospel we hear how Jesus responds to the Pharisees and leaders who were trying to catch Him out. Children will reflect on how they can put God first and give everything of themselves to God.
2nd November Matthew 5:1-12a	All Holy Men and Women "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven." Matthew 5:12a In this Celebration of the Word assembly, children explore the Solemnity of All Saints through Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes. With prayer and reflection, they will look to these holy men and women who now share the joy of Heaven with Jesus. Children are encouraged to recognise that they too are called to be holy and to follow Jesus in their daily lives

9th November Matthew 25:1-13	Waiting Wisely “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.’ Matthew 25:13 The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids reminds us to be ready for God. We too can wait wisely by following God each day and make choices that help us grow closer to Him. In this assembly, children are encouraged to take every opportunity to know Jesus, to love like Him and live as His followers.
16th November Matthew 25:14-15	Unique Gifts “The Kingdom of Heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.” Matthew 25:14 In this Celebration of the Word assembly, children reflect on the Parable of the Talents and discover that each of us is a unique gift from God. God gives us special talents and abilities, and He wants us to use them to serve Him and help others. Children are encouraged to make the most of their gifts, and use them to bring God's glory and goodness to the world around them.
23rd November Matthew 25:31-46	His Glorious Throne At that time: Jesus said to His disciples, “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne.” Matthew 25:31 The Solemnity of Christ the King celebrates Jesus’ glorious Kingship. Jesus is our one true King who unites His people, brings healing, protects us, and leads us to share in His glory. In this assembly, children are invited to acknowledge Jesus as their King and follow Him by living lives that reflect His love and care.

Advent

30th November Mark 13:33-37	How Am I Faithful? "It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake." Mark 13:34 In the first week of Advent, children will explore how God calls us to be faithful in the everyday things we do. Through the story of Jesus' teaching about watchfulness, they will discover that even small acts of kindness, care, and responsibility help God's light grow in the world.
7th December Mark 1:1-8	What Am I Hearing? 'John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.' Mark 1:4 In the second week of Advent, children will explore the gift of listening. Just as John the Baptist shared God's important message from the wilderness, we can hear God's voice in unexpected places. Children will discover that Advent is a time to slow down and listen carefully to God and others.
14th December John 1:6-8, 19-28	Who Am I Called to Be? 'There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.' John 1:6 In the third week of Advent, children will explore who they are called to be. Just as John the Baptist knew his mission to point people to Jesus, we each have a special role in God's plan. Children will discover that Advent is a time to reflect on the kind of person God wants us to be and how we can live out this calling every day.