

# Local Church - Community

Year 1  
Spring Term

In this unit the children will learn that community is an essential and enjoyable part of life for everyone. There are many occasions where family and friends gather to celebrate. The life of the Church revolves around the Eucharist and Sacraments.

## Background Information

The Church's celebrations are community occasions. On Sundays, the parish family gathers together, It is a time to say thank you and a time to know that God's love is offered in Jesus and in people. Sacraments are these special moments of God being with us throughout our life.

## Key Knowledge

- To know how special people help them.
- To have learnt about Jesus through stories from the New Testament.
- To know what makes a person special.



## What we will be Learning

- What is involved when we gather together at Church on Sunday.
- To learn about the roles of people who help us in Church.
- The Priest is a special person who has been chosen to do God's work.
- Jesus is the special person for the parish family.
- To know the story of the Presentation in the Temple.
- We are part of the parish community.

## Questions of Meaning and Purpose:

- What makes a person special?
- Who are the special people in our families and why?
- Who are the special people in our parish?

## Key Vocabulary

**Welcomers:** the people in the parish who greet the people as they come into Church.

**Presentation:** Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple for a special blessing.

**Priest:** a man who has been chosen to do the work of God.

**Choir:** a group of singers who lead the people in music to praise God through song.

**Mass:** a time to join together and thank, praise and ask God. The Last Supper is re-enacted and people receive the body and blood of Christ. Jesus is with us in a special way.

**Altar servers:** helpers who prepare the altar and help the priest during The Mass.



