

Sacred Heart

RE Newsletter

Autumn half term 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

As we continue in our Year of Prayer, all pupils have discussed our chosen strapline for the year, Pope Francis' quote, 'Prayer unites us. It makes us brothers and Sisters'. Each class has a unique display and will refer to the quote throughout their learning this year.



Each Class has also learnt about their particular class Saint and have revisited our School Mission Statement, Live Love and Learn joyfully in the Family of Christ.

We have introduced to the children a focus on Virtues, two a half term.

In Autumn Term 1, children will have assemblies and class focuses on :

- *Respect and Courtesy*
- *Thanksgiving*

This year, Reception Class will be underway with the new Religious Education Curriculum (RED). Year 1 and 2 will be starting the new RED. Key Stage 2 will continue to follow the scheme, The Way, The Truth, The Life

In addition to our lessons, the children will be focusing on two aspects of Catholic Social Teaching. The pupils will be using resources from CARITAS to focus on Creation and Preferential Option for the Poor.

Dates from the Church's Calendar:

3 rd September	St Gregory the Great	7 th October	Our Lady of the Rosary
4 th September	St Cuthbert	9 th October	St John Henry Newman
12 th September	Most Holy Name of Mary	10 th October	St Paulinus
21 st September	St Matthew, Evangelist	11 th October	St John XXIII, Pope
24 th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	12 th October	St Wilfrid, Patron of the Diocese
27 th September	St Vincent de Paul	15 th October	St Teresa of Avila
30 th September	St Jerome	17 th October	St Ignatius of Antioch
1 st October	St Therese of Lisieux	18 th October	St Luke, Evangelist
2 nd October	Guardian Angels	22 nd October	St John Paul II, Pope
4 th October	St Francis of Assisi	26 th October	Ss Chad and Cedd
	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day	1 st November	All Saints

School Worship

September	Creation
October	Month of the Rosary
November	Remembrance/ Option for the Poor
December	Advent; Christmas

Mini Vinnies

Mrs Gupta runs the lunchtime club for the Mini Vinnies (Years 3 and 4).

School Chaplaincy Team

Mrs Fusi will be leading the school chaplaincy Team (Years 5 and 6).

School Spiritual Dates

September 9th- Whole School Mass

September 30th – Little Way Week

October 4th - Feast of St. Francis

October 10th – Harvest Festival

October 21st- Trust Chaplaincy Teams Liturgy

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will use the new Religious Education Directory, **To Know You More Clearly**. This term's focus is:

Branch 1 Creation and Covenant



In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

Reception Creation and Covenant

The children will be introduced to the Bible- what it is, what it is used for and why it is special. They will read Genesis 1 to learn about the story of Creation and will deepen their understanding of how God made the world. They will begin to sequence the story and will consider how we can look after God's world. The children will develop a sense of belonging when discussing their family and will discuss how we are all made and loved by God. They will discover that we can be welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of baptism. The children will learn about prayer and learn how we can respond to God's love by making the sign of the cross.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is
- encourage them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.

Year 1 – Creation and Covenant

HEAR	BELIEVE	CELEBRATE	LIVE
<p>The Creation story in Genesis 1:1-4, 24-26 as an ancient, prayerful, poetic reflection on God's world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opening of the Nicene Creed 'I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible'. • An introduction to the ideas presented in Laudato Si' 13. 	<p>That all that is comes from God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God is our Father. • God's love and care for humanity is experienced through the beauty and order of Creation. • Prayer is a way we draw closer to God. 	<p>That praying is a way people draw close to God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That, as a community, the Church prays the Creed and the Our Father to pray to God and worship him. 	<p>pupils will know that the Church teaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God wants us to love and care for the world because the world is God's gift to us. • Caring for the world is one of the ways we love and care for each other. <p>pupils will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How a community in another part of the world cares for Creation

At home:

You could help your children by:

- talking about how we can look after the world, e.g. recycling, not dropping litter, conserving energy and how we can care for plants and animals
- look at the trees during the autumn season and talk about the different colours. You could collect leaves to make a collage or painting.

Year 2 Creation and Covenant

HEAR Pupils will have encountered the following key texts	BELIEVE pupils will know that the Church teaches	CELEBRATE pupils will know	LIVE pupils will know
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The story of Noah, focusing on God’s covenant (promise) with Noah and all living beings in the sign of the rainbow (Gen 9:7-17).145 • LS 71 ‘Through Noah, who remained innocent and just, God decided to open a path of salvation. In this way he gave humanity the chance of a new beginning. All it takes is one good person to restore hope!’ • Psalm 139146 in praise of God’s Creation of each of us and his love for us. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God makes a covenant (promise) with Noah to save all living things. • That people in the story of Noah turned away from God and chose to act badly; this is behaviour called sin. <p>The Sacrament of Baptism is when a person becomes part of the Christian family and promises to love God.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Christian Bible is split into two parts, the Old Testament, and the New Testament. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalms are prayers to praise God. • Sacraments are living signs of Jesus’ love for all people. • Baptism is the first sacrament which welcomes people into the Christian family 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ways in which we can show care for God’s world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other. • How a baby is baptised in the Catholic Church.

The Way, the Truth , the Life

Year 3 – The Christian Family

“The Church is the family of God, the people that God gathers in the whole world.”

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The children will develop their understanding that the Church is the family of God and know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism. They will learn what happens at Baptism and learn about the signs used and why they are used. They will learn about the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism and develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism

The children will have a chance to:

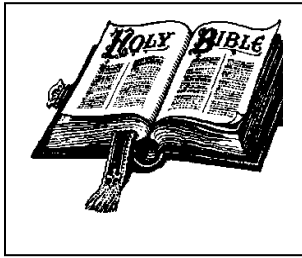
- reflect on what it means to be part of a family
- reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family

At home:

You could help your children by:

- sharing your experiences about their Baptism. Look at any gifts or photographs that they received on their special day.
- discuss what it means to be part of God’s family

Year 4 – The Bible



“The Scriptures are the living Word of God, written under the guidance of the Holy Spirit received and faithfully handed on within the living Tradition and teaching of the Church.”

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

The children will learn that the Bible is a story of God’s love and concern for us. They will learn that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and tells us about himself. They will learn that the Bible is one story told

through many different books and they will learn about Moses, David and Jonah as well as learning how to find a Bible reference.

The children will have the chance to:

- explore how the Bible helps us to pray and experience how God speaks to us in the Bible
- participate in a liturgy and experience a guided meditation on a text from the Bible

At home:

You could help your children by:

- reading some of the stories the children have covered in class

Year 5 - Creation

‘God creates by wisdom and love’

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Pupils will learn that with Creation, God does not only give His creatures being and existence but also and at every moment upholds and sustains them in being.

The children will reflect on important questions about Creation and the importance of the story on Creation in the Bible. Children will learn about the story of the Fall, helping them to understand the suffering in the world. They become aware of the responsibilities of being Stewards of Creation and reflect on their own God given gifts.

At home:

You could help your children by:

- Enabling them to reflect on right from wrong.
- Discussing the freedoms, they have and how to use freedom wisely.



Year 6 - The Kingdom of God

“The kingdom belongs to the poor and lowly, which means those who have accepted it with humble heart.”

Religious Education Curriculum Directory

The children will learn about how Jesus was sent to ‘preach good news to the poor’. They will develop their understanding of who is called and what they must do to enter the kingdom of God. They will learn about the signs of the kingdom of God and to whom Jesus promises the kingdom of God to.

The children will reflect on ways to promote the values of the kingdom and how through words and actions they show how to live up to this commitment.

At Home:

You could help your children by:

- discuss the importance of the kingdom of God
- discuss the many ways in which we can show mercy and compassion.
- chat about people who can help spread the kingdom of God.

