St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Religious Education Newsletter

'We Work, We Care, We Pray, We Share'

Summer 26

Come and See and To Know You More Clearly

Our Religious Education programme is currently being updated as the Bishops of England and Wales have written a new Religious Education Directory. As you are aware, we have used the Come and See programme to teach all of our Religious Education lessons. This will continue for Year 6, however, Class 1,2 and 3 will now be taught lessons routed in this new directory which is called *To Know you More Clearly.* In this new programme, each class will complete a new 'Branch' (unit) half-termly. We are working closely with other local schools to plan and evaluate all of these lessons so that we are confident we are providing the children with the highest quality of Religious Education. Class 4 will begin this new programme in the Summer term 26. Once each class has begun these new lessons, we will hold an information day for parents so that you can fully understand the changes. Please see below for what your child will be taught this term.

BRANCH 5 – TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (Summer Term 1)

Class 1 – Children will hear the stories of the early Church and learn how the disciples spread the Good News after Jesus returned to the Father. They will begin to understand that the Holy Spirit helps us to share love and kindness with others.

Class 2 – The children will explore the events of Ascension and Pentecost through the Gospel and Acts of the Apostles. They will learn how the Holy Spirit inspired the disciples to share Jesus' message with the world and begin to understand what it means to be part of the Church today.

Class 3 – This unit focuses on the mission of the Church and how Christians are called to live out their faith. Pupils will explore the work of the early Church, the lives of saints, and how people today continue to spread the Good News through service, charity, and witness.

BRANCH 6 – DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER (Summer Term 2)

Class 1 – Children will begin to understand that we live in a diverse world. They will learn that Christians are part of a global family and begin to recognise that people have different beliefs. They will explore the importance of kindness, respect, and friendship.

Class 2 – The children will learn about other faiths, including Judaism and Islam, and begin to explore similarities and differences. They will understand that Jesus teaches us to love our neighbour and that we show this through respect and care for others.

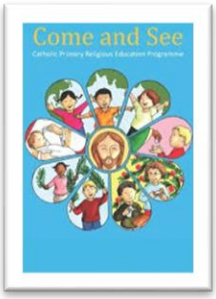
Class 3 – This unit focuses on dialogue, helping pupils understand how to respectfully engage with others who have different beliefs and worldviews. They will explore how the Church encourages dialogue and cooperation for the common good and learn how to respond thoughtfully and respectfully to differences.

COME AND SEE

Pentecost – Serving (Summer 1 – 2)

Class 4 – WITNESSES

The children will learn about the courage of the disciples at Pentecost and how Christians are called to be witnesses of Jesus in their daily lives.



Reconciliation – Inter-relating (Summer 1 – 2)

Class 4 – HEALING

Children will explore forgiveness and how God's love brings healing and reconciliation to our lives.

Universal Church – World (Summer 2)

Class 4 – COMMON GOOD

The children will learn about the worldwide Church and how we are responsible for caring for each other and our world.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

- Pentecost Sunday – Sunday, 24 May 2026
- The Most Holy Trinity – Sunday, 31 May 2026
- Corpus Christi – Sunday, 7 June 2026
- Feast of St Peter and St Paul – Monday, 29 June 2026
- End of School Year Mass – July (TBC)

Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of sunshine, growth and new life.
Help us to share Your love with others, just as the disciples did.
Guide us to respect and understand everyone we meet,
and to be peacemakers in our school and community.
Fill us with Your Holy Spirit,
so we can live as kind and caring children of God.
Amen.

