St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Spring 2 2026

Dear Parents,

Please find below information about the topics children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term. All classes in school now use the new Religious Education directory '**To Know You More Clearly'.** Years 5 and 6 are covering the same Year Group Objectives for this academic year.

BRANCH 4 – **Desert to Garden**

23rd February 2026 – 27th March 2026





EYFS Desert to Garden

Reception will be exploring the important events of Holy Week, specifically focusing on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. During this time, they will learn about Jesus' sacrifice, as He died on Good Friday, taking away our sins, and rose again on Easter Sunday, demonstrating the promise of new life. The Church marks this special period known as Lent, using purple and ashes as signs of being sorry for our wrongdoings. They will also discover the great commandment that Jesus taught, reminding us to love God and our neighbours. Throughout their lessons, Reception will discuss various symbols representing Holy Week and Easter, such as palms, the cross, and Easter gardens, which reflect the themes of renewal and hope. By the end of this journey, they will understand how Easter is a time of celebration as it shows that Jesus is still with us today.



Year 1 Desert to Garden



Year 1 children are exploring the significance of Jesus' time in the desert as outlined in the Gospel of Luke (4:1-13). This important event helps them make connections to the Christian practice of praying and fasting during Lent, a period that lasts for forty days. They are learning about how Jesus exemplifies the act of giving, drawing parallels with the touching story of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-6), which emphasizes that every act of kindness matters, no matter how small. Moreover, we will ensure that they correctly sequence the events of Holy Week, recognising how Jesus suffered, died, and rose again, which is a vital teaching of the Church. Additionally, children will learn that angels signify God's messages and affirm Jesus as the Son of God. Finally, they will understand the symbolism of ashes in Lent, recognising it as a chance for a fresh start in their spiritual journey.



Year 2 Desert to Garden



Year 2 pupils are exploring the important themes of forgiveness as taught by Jesus, particularly focusing on His words while on the cross, where He demonstrated the power of forgiveness. By making simple connections, they learn that just as God forgives us unconditionally, we too should strive to forgive one another. Furthermore, the children will discover that Lent is a significant time for reconciliation, which allows us to reflect on our actions and seek forgiveness. During their lessons, they will learn to correctly use religious phrases and vocabulary when discussing the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament embodies God's endless love and forgiveness, helping us understand how to mend our relationships. They will also explore the rich symbolism of light and water present in the Easter Vigil Mass, which signifies new beginnings, cleansing, and the hope of resurrection.

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Year 3 Desert to Garden



Year 3 children will learn about the feeding of the five thousand where Jesus performed a miracle with five loaves and two fish. They will discuss the Last Supper, at which Jesus shared bread and wine, demonstrating his great love for his friends. Just like at the Last Supper, we celebrate the Eucharist to remember his love for us. They will explore how the actions and prayers during Mass relate to these significant events and why the Eucharist is a special moment where we receive the Body of Christ. Additionally, the children will examine the symbols used in Mass, helping them to understand their deeper meanings and the importance of sharing and being united in our faith as part of Jesus' Church.



Year 4 Desert to Garden



Year 4 children will be retelling the parable of the Prodigal Son, focusing on how it demonstrates God's mercy and forgiveness. They will connect this parable to the Judgement of Nations, understanding that helping others reflects our love for God. Additionally, the children will learn to correctly sequence the events of Holy Week and discuss the various reactions Jesus received, exploring how these events speak to Christians today. They will also recount the story of St Peter during Holy Week. Moreover, the children will develop vocabulary to describe the corporal works of mercy and connect these to the Judgement of Nations. Ultimately, we will discuss how being part of the Church encourages us to live out the 'Works of Mercy' by supporting those in need, such as giving alms in Lent or praying for others who are sad.





Year 6 Desert to Garden

Year 5 will learn about Ash Wednesday and Lent, understanding what happens at Ash Wednesday Mass, including the blessing and receiving of ashes as a symbol of repentance, humility, and turning back to God. They make links between the Scripture readings and Lent as a time for reflection, recognising sin and responding to God's call through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. They will explore the meaning of temptation, reflecting on Jesus' time in the wilderness and asking "what if" questions about choices in their own lives. They learn how Catholics define sin, using the Ten Commandments and Jesus' Great Commandment as guides for moral living. Using specialist vocabulary, pupils describe conscience, discussing whether all viewpoints are equally valid and considering the impact of unkind actions. They simply describe Catholic beliefs about death, judgement, heaven, and hell, and learn that Jesus' Resurrection opens the way to heaven. Pupils also learn about the Rosary, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries, examine their conscience, and reflect on how their learning can shape their own lives.



Year 6 Desert to Garden

Year 6 will learn about Ash Wednesday and Lent, understanding what happens at Ash Wednesday Mass, including the blessing and receiving of ashes as a symbol of repentance, humility, and turning back to God. They make links between the Scripture readings and Lent as a time for reflection, recognising sin and responding to God's call through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. They will explore the meaning of temptation, reflecting on Jesus' time in the wilderness and asking "what if" questions about choices in their own lives. They learn how Catholics define sin, using the Ten Commandments and Jesus' Great Commandment as guides for moral living. Using specialist vocabulary, pupils describe conscience, discussing whether all viewpoints are equally valid and considering the impact of unkind actions. They simply describe Catholic beliefs about death, judgement, heaven, and hell, and learn that Jesus' Resurrection opens the way to heaven. Pupils also learn about the Rosary, focusing on the Sorrowful Mysteries, examine their conscience, and reflect on how their learning can shape their own lives.

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Purposeful End Point

As you are aware, in each area of our curriculum, we end our topic with a 'Purposeful End Point' giving extra meaning to the children's learning. This is of especially relevant in RE, encouraging them to **live** our mission statement and helping them flourish not only in school, but also within the wider-community.

During Lent, we focus efforts on fundraising and helping others. As part of our fundraising, we will take part in the **Big Lent Walk for CAFOD.**

The challenge set by CAFOD is to walk 200km in 40 days to help fight global poverty.

The whole school will be involved, with each class taking turns to rack up the step count and help complete the challenge by walking around Moor Park. More information to be sent out soon.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a means for the children to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world and living out our school mission.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS HALF TERM:

27th February	Shrove Tuesday
18th February	**Ash Wednesday**
22nd February	**First Sunday of Lent**
1st March	**Second Sunday of Lent**
1st March	**St David, Patron Saint of Wales**
8th March	**Third Sunday of Lent**
15th March	**Fourth Sunday of Lent**
17th March	**St Patrick, Patron of Ireland**
19th March	**St Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Mary**
22nd March	**Fifth Sunday of Lent**
25th March	**The Annunciation**

Holy Week

29th March	Palm Sunday
2nd April	Holy Thursday
3rd April	Good Friday
5th April	Easter Sunday

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RE Easter Art Competition

EYFS – Year 6

This year, we are inviting parents to encourage the children to create art that focuses on the true meaning of Easter. Please ask them to use their imagination and creativity to explore themes **of love, sacrifice, hope and new beginnings.** Here are some ideas to inspire you:

Jesus' Love: Depict how Jesus showed love to others.
The Cross: Create a piece that represents the significance of the cross in Jesus' journey (how it symbolises sacrifice).
Paint or draw a scene from the Easter story: Such as The Last Supper, Good Friday or the Resurrection (bring it to life with colours).
Make a 3D model of a cross or a tomb (using recycled materials at home).

Remember to bring your artwork to school by **Thursday 19th of March**. We ask that the children participate in any way they can and we look forward to seeing all the entries!

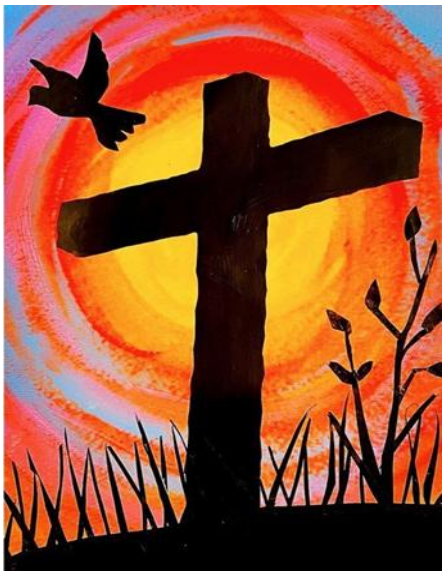
Each entry will be displayed in either school or church.

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Some inspiration....







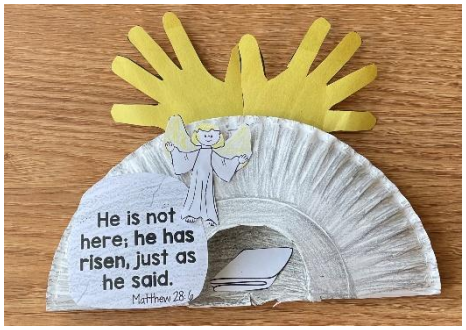
















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