St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Spring 1 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 3 – **Galilee to Jerusalem**

5th January – 13th February





EYFS Galilee to Jerusalem

In Reception, the children will be learning about some wonderful stories from the Bible that teach them important lessons about Jesus. First, they will hear about the visit of the Magi, who brought special gifts to Jesus, showing them that He is God's Son who came for everyone. Next, they will discover how Jesus welcomed little children and blessed them, which reminds us that Jesus takes care of all people, no matter how small. They will also learn about the amazing miracle when Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves and two fish, demonstrating His love and care for everyone. As the children celebrate these stories, they will learn how the Church prays the 'Glory Be' as a joyful response to the coming of Jesus.





Year 1 Galilee to Jerusalem

In Year 1, the children will learn about some very special people who met Jesus. They will hear stories from the Gospel of Luke, such as the tale of Zacchaeus, who was a tax collector. Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus because he wanted to know more about him. After meeting Jesus, he changed and promised to give back what he had taken from others. The children will also discuss how Jesus announced his mission, which is about sharing God's love. By listening to these stories, they will imagine how people felt and how knowing Jesus made a difference in their lives. Finally, they will celebrate Candlemas, a time when people remember the light of Jesus, and explore how families celebrate this special occasion. Through storytelling and discussion, children will appreciate the importance of Jesus and how his love can inspire us today.





Year 2 Galilee to Jerusalem

In Year 2, the children will learn about the important story of John the Baptist, who prepared people for Jesus by baptising them in the river. They will discover how Jesus himself was baptised, showing everyone that he is the Son of God. They will make simple links with Isaiah and John the Baptist as prophets, and their openness to the Holy Spirit. Additionally, the children will explore the parable of the lost sheep, where a shepherd leaves ninety-nine sheep to find one that is lost. As the children talk about this story, they will understand that everyone sometimes makes bad choices, known as sin, but God loves us and forgives us when we say sorry. The children will use religious words and phrases to recognise how Catholics say sorry to God in prayer and talk about why saying sorry to God and to others is important.

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Year 3 Galilee to Jerusalem

In Year 3, the children will learn about the visit of the Magi. They brought him precious gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which show us that Jesus is a king, God, and the Saviour of the world. They will also discover what the kingdom of God is, and how it is about love, kindness, and helping one another. For example, in the story of Jesus healing the servant of the centurion, the children will learn how Jesus showed compassion and performed a miracle, revealing the goodness of the kingdom. Additionally, they will explore two parables, the Good Samaritan and the Lost Sheep, to see how they teach us about caring for others and rejoicing when someone returns to God. Finally, they will recall the 'Our Father' prayer, which helps us understand how we can all contribute to building God's kingdom together.





Year 4 Galilee to Jerusalem

In Year 4, the children will explore why some people called Jesus the 'Christ', which means 'the anointed one', and discover this through the Scriptures we study. They will learn about Jesus' conversations with John the Baptist's followers, where they will see how he shows signs of being the Messiah. As they delve deeper, the pupils will understand that Jesus reveals the kind of Messiah he is by including everyone in God's Kingdom, especially those whom society often forgets. Furthermore, they will explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we seek forgiveness, and the Sacrament of the Sick, which brings comfort to the unwell. They will connect these beliefs to the Nicene Creed, particularly Articles 2-4, and understand why Catholics say this important prayer. Lastly, they will hear about the inspiring work of people like St. Teresa of Calcutta, who help the marginalised, reflecting the virtues of faith, hope, and love exemplified by Jesus.





Year 5 and 6 Galilee to Jerusalem

In Year 5 and 6 children will explore key moments and teachings of Jesus that help Christians understand what it means to live a blessed and faithful life. Pupils learn that in the Beatitudes Jesus offers important messages about true happiness, linking these teachings with both the Ten Commandments and Christian virtues such as hope and charity. They compare Matthew and Luke's presentations of the new law or great commandment, making connections with parables and Jesus' own summary of the law, and consider what this commandment might mean as a rule for life today.

A major focus is the Transfiguration, where pupils describe in sequence what the disciples witnessed and recognise the significance of Moses and Elijah. Through imaginative reflection they consider how Peter, James, or John might have felt, exploring why this event is seen as a mystery. They also respond to artistic portrayals of the Transfiguration, interpreting the intentions and symbolism used by different painters.

Prayer and relationship with God are examined through reflection on the Our Father, including the meaning of its seven petitions and why Jesus invites believers to call God "Father." Throughout the unit, pupils think about how Jesus' teachings can shape their own choices and relationships, especially the challenge to love their neighbour as themselves. They reflect on how this commandment could transform the communities they belong to and what living a life inspired by the gospel might look like today.

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Compliment Cards

Purposeful End Point



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

Each class will be asked to create **compliment cards** containing kind words and thoughtful messages to put a smile on people's faces. We will be following **Jesus's example -** he taught us the importance of spreading **kindness and love.** By sharing these cards, we will hopefully brighten the day of the recipient either in **school or local community** and make our world just a little happier place to be.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS HALF TERM:

6th January Epiphany
11th January Baptism of the Lord
2nd February Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Thank you for taking the time to read our RE newsletter; we hope you have enjoyed reading about all things RE. Don't forget to check out your class's knowledge organiser to find out ways that you can help at home. All things 'RE' are uploaded to the RE section of the school website found under: 'key information' and 'curriculum'. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any queries or questions.

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