St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Autumn 1 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Please find below information about the topics children will be learning about 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 1 – **Creation and Covenant**

2nd September – 24th October



EYFS Creation and Covenant

In Reception, children will celebrate God's beautiful world by recognising that every part of creation reflects His love and goodness. They will learn the importance of the Sign of the Cross, a simple act that connects them to God and His family, the Church, especially through the sacrament of Baptism, signifying their entry into this loving community. The children will hear that God created every aspect of our world, declaring it "very good" (Genesis 1:31), teaching them to appreciate the unique beauty of all living things. They will believe that each individual is created with love and purpose, reminding them that they are special just as they are. Finally, they will practice living out their beliefs by caring for themselves, their families, and the wider world, understanding that their actions must reflect the love of God that binds us all together.



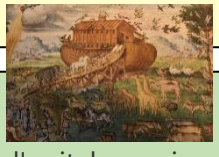


Year 1 Creation and Covenant

Year 1 children will explore the Creation story from Genesis. They will recognise this ancient text as a poetic reflection on God's world and retell it through various forms, such as art or storytelling. They will learn that all things come from God, our Father, who made heaven and earth. Through the beauty and order of Creation, they will sense God's presence in awe and wonder.

Additionally, Year 1 will discover that the Church teaches us to care for the world and each other, showing love for God. They will learn about Pope Francis's letter, Laudato Si', which emphasises that Creation is a precious gift and everyone's home. Lastly, through prayer, the children will understand how to draw closer to God, enriching their spiritual journey.





Year 2 Creation and Covenant

In Year 2, the children will explore the story of Noah from Genesis 6:9-9:17, focusing on God's vital promise to Noah and all living creatures. This story introduces the concept of stewardship, emphasising the importance of caring for God's creation and the environment.

Additionally, the children will engage with psalms, recognising them as meaningful prayers and songs of praise to God, while also learning about their unique literary form. The curriculum will also cover the sacrament of Baptism, highlighting its significance as a sign of Jesus' love and welcome into the Christian family. Finally, the children will understand that the Christian Bible consists of two main parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament, gaining insight into its structure and importance.

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Year 3 Creation and Covenant

In Year 3, the children will revisit the Creation story from Genesis, where the author uses poetic language to describe how the world was formed. The children will explore the belief that humans are made 'in the image of God' (Gen 1:27) and discuss its significance for understanding equality. By connecting the Creation story to Catholic Social Teaching, the children will learn about the principle of human dignity, recognising that everyone deserves respect. They will also describe stewardship by linking Genesis 1:26-31 to actions we can take today. Furthermore, they will use religious vocabulary to explain how a psalm or prayer praises Creation. Lastly, the children will understand Pope Francis' teaching in Laudato Si', which encourages us to cultivate loving relationships with God, each other, and the world.



Year 4 Creation and Covenant

In Year 4, the children will explore the significant biblical figures of Abraham and Joseph, learning about their historical and cultural backgrounds. For instance, they will retell the story of Abraham, focusing on the covenant God made with him, which outlines the special relationship between God and His chosen people. A key narrative will be the story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22:1-18), which encourages students to understand its meaning both in its time and relevance today. As they delve deeper, students will recognise how God's covenant with Abraham serves as a foundation for the faith of both Judaism and Christianity. Moreover, discussions will highlight how Abraham's decisions were guided by his faith, hope, and love for God. Finally, students will make connections between prayers reflecting trust in God and the virtues of faith, hope, and love that inspire such devotion.





Year 5 and 6 Creation and Covenant

In Year 5 and 6, children will learn about the life of Moses, focusing on two key events: God's call to Moses at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:1–15) and the covenant at Mount Sinai, where the Ten Commandments were given (Exodus 19:3–8; 20:1–17). They will use developing specialist vocabulary to describe what a covenant is and recognise that God made several covenants throughout history, including with Noah, Abraham, and Moses.

Pupils will explore how the Ten Commandments guide people to live good and happy lives and how they link to Jesus' summary of the law in Matthew's Gospel (22:36–40) — to love God and love one's neighbour. They will discuss how this teaching inspires Christians today to show love and kindness, for example by welcoming refugees and caring for others.

Children will reflect on how sin damages friendship with God and others and how virtues — positive habits like honesty and compassion — help people grow in goodness. Through discussion and questioning, such as "What might an eleventh commandment be?" or "How do rules help us to be happy?", pupils will think about moral choices, what truly makes them happy, and how they can grow in virtue to be better neighbours.

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Purposeful End Point

As you already know, in each area of our curriculum, we end a topic with a 'Purposeful End Point' giving our children extra meaning to their learning, this is exceptionally important in RE, in order for our children to **live out** our mission statement and encouraging them to flourish not only in school, but also within the wider-community.

This half term, in our Religious Education lessons, we have been exploring the themes of **Creation and Covenant** — learning about **God's love** for the world and **His promise** to care for His people. We've reflected deeply on what it truly means to **love one another** and to live out the **virtues** that help us to build a kinder, fairer, and more compassionate world.

As part of our learning, the children have been thinking about how they can make a real difference today — showing love not just in words, but in action. Together, we have decided that our purposeful end point (PEP) will be to collect items for our local homeless centre - The Foxton Centre, in Preston - supporting those in our community who need a little extra care and kindness.

This is a meaningful opportunity for our children to live out Jesus' teaching to "love your neighbour as yourself" (Mark 12:31). By giving from the heart, they are putting their faith into action — serving others, showing empathy, and recognising the dignity of every person.

We would be so grateful for any contributions you are able to make to our collection. Items such as warm clothing, toiletries, non-perishable food, or other essentials will make a real difference to those in need (see below for further suggestions).

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children grow in faith, love, and service. Together, we can help them see how powerful it is when we choose to love generously and act with compassion — just as Jesus taught us.
Please send all donations in with your child, before Wednesday the 22nd of October.
Thank you for your continued support.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS HALF TERM:

3rd September	**St Gregory the Great**
1st October	St Therese of Lisieux
2nd October	Guardian Angels
4th October	St Francis of Assisi
7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary

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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