St Gregory's Catholic Primary School

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Summer 2 2025

Dear Parents,

Please find below information about the topics children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term. EYFS – Year 4 will use the new Religious Education directory '***To Know You More Clearly***' and Year 5 and 6 will use **'The Way, The Truth and The Life'.**

BRANCH 6 – **Dialogue and Encounter**

2nd June – 18th July





EYFS Dialogue and Encounter

In Reception, the children will be learning about what it means to be a friend of Jesus. They will hear simple stories about the lives of St Peter and St Paul and learn why they are important, especially around their feast day. The children will meet someone from the local parish who will share what it means to them to have faith and be a friend of Jesus today. They will also explore different images of Jesus from around the world, including non-European traditions, helping them understand that Jesus is special to many people in different cultures. As part of their learning, the class will invite someone from the local area or school community to talk about their faith community and why it is important to them. Through this topic, children will begin to understand the values of friendship, faith and respect for others.





Year 1 Dialogue and Encounter

In Year 1, the children will be learning about what it means to be a Christian and how Christians live out their faith today. They will learn that a Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ and that Catholics are part of a global Christian family, where all Christians are seen as sisters and brothers. The children will explore stories from Jesus' life and make simple connections to how Christians try to live like Him today. They will learn that the cross is a special symbol of Christianity and that the Sign of the Cross is a prayer showing Christian belief. Children will also explore how different Christian communities express their faith through music and art, such as Gospel music, Missa Luba, and Jesus Mafa paintings. In addition, they will begin to learn about the Jewish faith, recognising key beliefs such as belief in one God and learning about special clothing and practices. They will be encouraged to ask respectful questions and talk about what they notice and wonder about from the stories and experiences of Jewish people.





Year 2 Dialogue and Encounter

In Year 2, the children will be learning how faith influences the way people live and treat others. They will explore the story of the Good Samaritan, learning that Christians are called to show kindness, compassion and care to everyone, no matter who they are. This will lead them to reflect on the question, "Who is my neighbour?" and how they can live out these values in their own lives. The children will also learn about how Christians work together both locally and globally to serve others in need, putting their faith into action. As they learn about Judaism, they will explore the importance of keeping the Sabbath holy, making connections between Jewish beliefs, worship and daily life. They will discover the beauty of Hebrew calligraphy through the work of a sofer (scribe) and ask thoughtful "I wonder" questions about what they observe. Throughout the topic, children will listen to stories and experiences from different faith communities and discuss the importance of respecting and valuing the beliefs of others in their local area.

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Year 3 Dialogue and Encounter

In Year 3, the children will be learning about the connections between the Jewish Passover and the Last Supper, exploring the stories from Exodus and Luke. They will learn how Jewish people in Britain today celebrate Passover, using specialist vocabulary to describe the symbols and actions in the meal, such as the Seder plate and the significance of unleavened bread. The children will wonder why Jesus chose to celebrate the Last Supper during Passover, deepening their understanding of its meaning for Christians. They will also explore key Islamic beliefs, such as the belief in one God, the importance of Muhammad, and the will of God, making simple links to Islamic worship and life. Through examples of Islamic art and music, like calligraphy and the adhan (call to prayer), children will ask "I wonder" questions about what they observe.





Year 4 Dialogue and Encounter

In Year 4, the children will be learning about the life of St Paul and why he is an important figure for Christians. They will explore his dramatic encounter with Jesus and how it changed his life, looking at different artistic depictions of this moment and expressing their own opinions. They will make links between St Paul's teachings in 1 Corinthians 13:1–7, 13 and the theological virtues of faith, hope and love. Children will also learn about different liturgical rites within the Catholic Church, such as the Coptic or Syro-Malabar traditions, and understand why these traditions developed in different parts of the world. They will explore art and music from these communities and ask questions about what they see and hear. In addition, they will be introduced to the Five Pillars of Islam and why they are important to British Muslims today. Throughout the term, children will listen to stories from different Christian communities and reflect on their beliefs and ways of worship.





Year 5 Other Faiths

In Year 5, children will be learning about what the Catholic Church teaches about people of other faiths, with a focus on understanding and respect. They will deepen their knowledge of key Catholic beliefs and explore how these compare with the beliefs and practices of Jews and Muslims. The children will learn about important Jewish beliefs and celebrations, such as Passover and Hanukkah, and recognise both the similarities and differences between Jewish and Catholic faith. They will also explore significant Muslim beliefs, including the belief in one God (Allah) and learn about important practices such as daily prayer and fasting during Ramadan. Throughout the topic, children will be encouraged to reflect on the values we share across faiths—such as faith in God, charity, and community—while also appreciating the uniqueness of each tradition. This learning will help them grow in understanding, tolerance, and respect for others in their diverse community.





Year 6 Called to Serve

In Year 6, the children will learn about Jesus' teaching and example of service of others. They will develop their ability to recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people. They will learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and understand that we receive these gifts in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will know about the Sacrament of Ordination and the role of the priest within the Church. They will know that Marriage is a Sacrament and is a special form of commitment and service.

The children will have an opportunity to:

- reflect on the Sacrament of Confirmation and the commitment necessary of a Christian
- reflect on a life of service

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Purposeful End Point

In each area of our curriculum, we end our topic with a 'Purposeful End Point' giving 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 within the wider community.

As part of our commitment to promoting respect, understanding and inclusion, we are planning a series of enriching activities to help our children learn more about different religions and cultures.

Over the coming weeks, we will be inviting guest speakers from various religious backgrounds to visit our school and share insights about their beliefs and practices. These visitors may include representatives from faiths such as Islam and Judaism. We believe that hearing directly from people of different faiths helps children build empathy, ask thoughtful questions and understand the world around them more deeply.

All activities will be age-appropriate and designed to support our Religious Education (RE) curriculum, while also reinforcing respect, curiosity and celebration of diversity.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS HALF TERM:

Year 6 Class Mass	Wednesday 4th June
Pentecost Sunday	8th June
Year 5 Class Mass	Wednesday 11th June
Year 4 Class Mass	Wednesday 18th June
Corpus Christi	19th June
Year 3 Class Mass	Wednesday 25th June
St Peter and Paul	29th June
Year 2 Class Mass	Wednesday 2nd July
Reception and Year 1 Class Mass	Wednesday 9th July
Whole School Mass	Wednesday 16th July

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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