

## Parent Letter – Summer Term

The Religious Education Directory (RED) has now been introduced from Reception to Year Four. This parent letter outlines what the children will learn, following the RED, during the Autumn Term. Year Five and Six continue to follow the previous programme of Come and See. By September 2026, they will also follow the RED. The termly parent letter will reflect the changes in learning for these classes.

### Branch Five – To the ends of the Earth

**This will be delivered in the first half of the Spring Term. (The colour gold is used to represent Easter within the church's liturgical calendar)**

### Branch Six - Dialogue and Encounter

**This will be delivered in the second half of the Spring Term. (It is an opportunity for children to learn about, understand and respect other faiths)**

#### Reception

**This unit introduces the children to the Story of Pentecost. We will be discussing the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and sharing the Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian Community.**

**The children will have an understanding that Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church. We will discuss that Jesus knows that people can be happy with families and friends and that we can let these important people help us. The children will think about how we can help each other.**

This unit introduces children to two important friends of Jesus, St Peter and St Paul. St Peter and St Paul loved Jesus and wanted to tell everyone about how they could be a friend of Jesus too. They learn about how Jesus forgave Peter for his mistake and how Jesus will forgive us for our mistakes too if we are sorry. They learn that we are all invited to be friends of Jesus and that people all over the world know and love Jesus and follow Him. Throughout the year, children in Reception will learn about the Hindu festival of Diwali. They will also learn that Jesus was part of a Jewish Community. Within branch 6, children will reception will also hear from visitors about their different faiths within the community.

#### Year One and Year Two

**In Years 1 and 2, the children will be exploring the experiences and events of Jesus and His disciples, through Eastertide and Pentecost.**

**The children will explore the importance of Jesus' life, death and resurrection; The meeting on the road to Emmaus, where Jesus reveals himself through the breaking of the bread; Jesus' ascension and his promise of the Holy Spirit; The events of Pentecost and how the work of the Holy Spirit is in our hearts; And finally, how the mission of the church begins at Pentecost.**

In Key Stage 1, the children will be exploring Christian and Jewish beliefs. They will begin by learning that Christians celebrate their love for Jesus in the Church - the children will have the opportunity to share their own faith stories and experiences of belonging to a community. They will then explore the cross as an important Christian symbol.

They will then look at the Church as a worldwide community and explore how Christians around the world express their faith in different ways.

The children will be learning about Judaism, starting with the belief in one God. The children will be introduced to the Torah, the special Jewish book, and how it serves as a guide for Jewish life.

Finally, we will explore some Jewish practices, including wearing a Kippah as a sign of respect to God.

### Year Three and Year Four

Children will learn about the Journey to Emmaus. They will know the meaning of the story and the connection of this with Mass. They will learn about the Ascension and the meaning of the story, thinking about the instructions that Jesus gives.

They will explore how the Trinity is represented through imagery and music and will think about how the Trinity is used in Mass. Children will explore the Early Church (Acts of the Apostles) and its work including the role and importance of Mary.

In this unit, children will learn about the institution of the Passover and know some facts about how Passover is celebrated by Jews.

They will know and understand the institution of the Eucharist in St Luke's Gospel. They will be able to make links between the celebration of the Passover and the Last Supper.

Towards the end of the unit, children learn about some Islamic laws and beliefs and will examine some artistic impressions of these.

### Year Five and Year Six

As Year Five and Six are still following Come and See, their summer term looks different to those in other year groups.

#### **PENTECOST—SERVING**

Year 5            **TRANSFORMATION** - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

Year 6            **WITNESSES** - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

#### **Hinduism**

Pupils will study various aspects of Hinduism for one week. Ask them what they have been learning

#### **RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING**

Year 5            **FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY** - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible

Year 6            **HEALING** - Sacrament of the Sick

#### **UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD**

Year 5            **STEWARDSHIP** - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation

Year 6            **COMMON GOOD** - Work of the worldwide Christian family

### Learning at Home – How can you support your child at home?

- † **EYFS – Talk to your child about the events of Pentecost. Talk to them about how they can help others.**
- † **Y1/2 - Ask your child to tell you the story of the meeting on the road to Emmaus.**
- † **Y3/4 - When you next go to Mass, discuss how the trinity was represented or pray for Mary in this month of May.**
- † **Y5/6 - Talk to your child about the importance of Mary, as the mother of Jesus and her importance to the Church then and now.**
  
- † EYFS talk to your child about how they can be a friend of Jesus. Can they show their love for Jesus through prayer, kind actions and drawing pictures.
- † Y1/2 - Talk about your own family traditions, celebrations and values and how they help you feel part of a community.
- † Y3/4 – Ask your child to talk about similarities and differences between Catholicism and Islam
- † Y5/6 - Share a story from your own life where someone showed love, patience, or hope.

Ask your child to think about how they can live out Catholic Social Teaching principles to make the world a better place.

## Our Charity Work This Term



### Marys Meals

As we continue to work towards the Mary's Meals award, the children in the Catholic Life Group will be planning and organising a Summer Term Fundraiser. Keep your eye on the school website and ClassDojo page for any updates. We thank you for your continued support in working with this wonderful charity over this year. To find out more about the difference that you are making, please visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

### Friends of Twelve Apostles

The children will be planning, organising and participating in the school Summer Fayre. This will raise money for the registered charity, Friends of Twelve Apostles. The money raised will be used to support the needs of the school.

We will also be holding our annual colour run in the Summer Term. Children will be invited to collect sponsors as they run through coloured dye, covering themselves in bright and bold colours. This is always a favourite fundraiser for the children. Money raised will be for the charity, Friends of Twelve Apostles and will be used directly back into the school.



Through supporting these charities, we are putting Catholic Social Teaching into action! There are nine principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Need a reminder? Head to the CST section of our school website –

<https://www.twelveapostlesleigh.co.uk/religion-in-our-school/catholic-social-teaching/>

Through this charity work, we will put the principles of; The Common Good, Participation, Solidarity, Preferential Option for the Poor and Promoting Peace into action.



# **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

(14 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

(24 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

## **THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

(31 May)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

## **THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD**

(4 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

## **THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

(12 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

## **SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.

