

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

This year, EYFS and Year One will start the new RED program for RE.



BRANCH THREE- GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

(6th January– 14th February)

The focus of this branch is for pupils to develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that through the ministry of Jesus, some of those who encountered him recognised he was the Son of God. Familiarity with these texts means that the astonishing revelation of Christ that they contain is often downplayed. In this branch, pupils will take time to think about how extraordinary these events are and are introduced to Jesus' character as he draws people to follow him and show love and kindness to those on the edges of society, especially little children.



Suggestions for home activities

Jesus is the light for all people. Talk about ways you and your child can be a light for others at home for other people.

BRANCH FOUR- DESERT TO GARDEN

(24th February– 9th April)



In this branch, pupils will learn about Lent. Introducing them to Lent allows them to understand how Christians prepare for Easter as the high point of their year. Pupils will experience Lent traditions as part of the school's prayer life and through the charitable activities in Lent as part of our school's Catholic Life. Reflective time will be given in lessons for children to think about the scripture stories they have heard and what they mean. They will learn about the importance of forgiveness, how an encounter with Jesus changes some people forever and how Jesus gives himself to others.

Suggestions for home activities

Talk about how Lent is when Christians prepare for Easter by thinking about how they could be closer to God by praying, giving up things that are needed and giving to those in need. You may then wish to make a Lenten promise with your family at home.



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COME AND SEE SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

'Come and See at home'

As we implement the new RED gradually, the Come and See program will still be followed by children in Y2-Y6. These topics focus on the **Local Church** ('Community'), **Eucharist** ('Relating') and **Lent/Easter** ('Giving').

As during last term, each class will have a different theme within the main topic.



LOCAL CHURCH- COMMUNITY

(6th January- 31st January)

In the first topic, the children will focus on the people of God, gathered together in a faith journey, caring for one another, in sharing their story and in celebration.

Suggestions for home activities

**Explore the Diocesan website, looking at the number of churches, and finding out about our bishop.
Read Bible stories together or encourage older children to read a child's Bible.**



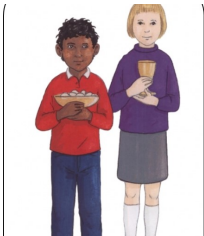
EUCCHARIST- RELATING

(3rd February- 7th March)

In the next topic, we will focus on the invitation to know Jesus, to live in communion with him and with one another.

Suggestions for home activities

**Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives.
Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.**



LENT/ EASTER

(10th March- 4th April)

The final topic of the term focuses on Jesus' loving sacrifice on the cross, God's love that raised him to new life and the challenge to us as Christians to follow Jesus' example of self-giving.



Suggestions for home activities

As a family, talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity.



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SPECIAL FEAST DAYS AND CELEBRATIONS

SPRING 2025

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1st January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6th January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12th January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February

ST DAVID

1st March

SHROVE TUESDAY

4th March

ASH WEDNESDAY

5th March

ST PATRICK

17th March

MOTHERING SUNDAY

30th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13th April

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

17th April

GOOD FRIDAY

18th April

EASTER SUNDAY

20th April



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