



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MUCH WOOLTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

2025
'WITH JESUS WE LOVE, LEARN AND GROW'

Dear Families,

Welcome back to a brand new school year. We are delighted to welcome all our children and families as we begin another exciting journey together. Guided by our mission statement, 'With Jesus we love, learn and grow,' we are committed to nurturing the spiritual development of each child as a central part of their education. Rooted in the teachings of Christ, we aim to help our children deepen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection, acts of kindness, and shared worship. Through high-quality Religious Education, children will deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith and explore how Jesus' teachings can guide their daily lives. We will encourage them to live out Gospel values through prayer, reflection, and action, fostering a strong sense of community, compassion, and love for others. As always, our aim is to support every child in growing closer to God while developing spiritually, morally, and emotionally.

'TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY' OUR NEW RE CURRICULUM AS OUR NEW CURRICULUM IS WELL UNDERWAY SEE WHAT EACH YEAR GROUP WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM

RECEPTION

In Reception, children begin their journey by exploring the wonder of God's creation. They will learn that God created the world out of love and that everything in it is a gift. Through the story of Creation in Genesis, children will discover how God made the world and everything in it "good" (Genesis 1:31). They will also hear about Adam and Eve and how God established a loving relationship with His people from the very beginning (Genesis 2-3). Through prayer, songs, and stories, children will grow in awe of the world around them and understand that they are part of God's wonderful creation, called to care for it and appreciate it as a gift from God.

YEAR 1

In Year 1, children will continue to explore the theme of Creation, reflecting on how God made the world and all living things with purpose and goodness. They will delve deeper into the story of Noah and the covenant God made with him, symbolized by the rainbow as a sign of God's everlasting promise (Genesis 9:13-15). Children will learn that God's promises are reliable and that He cares for all of creation. They will also begin to explore how we, as people created in God's image (Genesis 1:27), are called to respect and care for God's world. Through engaging activities and discussions, they will reflect on the importance of love, care, and responsibility as part of God's creation.

YEAR 2

In Year 2, children will expand their understanding of God's covenants, focusing on Noah and Abraham. They will explore how God made a covenant with Noah after the flood, with the rainbow as a sign of His promise (Genesis 9:12-13). Children will also learn about God's covenant with Abraham, where God promises to make him the father of many nations (Genesis 17:4-5). They will reflect on how God's faithfulness to His people is shown through these covenants, and how we are invited to live according to His love and care for one another. Children will also begin to understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's covenant and will learn about His role in bringing God's love to the world. This will prepare them for a deeper understanding of their own relationship with Jesus.

YEAR 3

In Year 3, children will study the covenants more deeply, learning about God's promises to Noah, Abraham, and Moses. They will reflect on the significance of the rainbow as a sign of God's covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:12-13) and the covenant with Abraham, where God promises to bless his descendants (Genesis 17:4-5). The children will also explore the story of Moses and the Exodus, where God delivers His people from slavery in Egypt and gives them the Ten Commandments, a covenantal law that guides their relationship with God (Exodus 20:2-3). Through these stories, children will come to understand that God's covenants are about trust, faith, and living according to His will. They will also explore how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament covenants and how His death and resurrection establish a new covenant (Luke 22:20).

YEAR 4

In Year 4, children will deepen their understanding of God's covenants, focusing on the ways in which God's love and faithfulness are revealed throughout the Bible. They will revisit the covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses, understanding that these promises are not just historical but continue to have meaning for us today. Children will reflect on the Ten Commandments and how they guide us to live in relationship with God and one another (Exodus 20:2-3). They will also study how Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, particularly through His role in the New Covenant established at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:28). Children will be encouraged to live as active participants in God's covenant by following Jesus' example of love, justice, and mercy, and understanding their role in caring for creation and serving others.



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CURRENTLY, YEARS 5 AND 6 ARE CONTINUING WITH THE 'COME AND SEE' CURRICULUM.

YEAR 5

Year 5 begins with the topic 'Ourselves', which focuses on understanding that each person is unique, made in the image and likeness of God. During this topic, children will explore the Christian belief that God knows and loves everyone personally. They will reflect on the importance of their own gifts, talents, and responsibilities, and consider how these can be used to build loving relationships with others. Through Scripture, discussion, and activities, pupils will deepen their sense of identity and self-worth as part of God's family. This topic helps children develop a greater appreciation of themselves and others as they grow in faith and understanding.

They will then explore the topic of 'Life Choices,' which focuses on love, commitment, and service. In this topic, children will learn about the significance of making thoughtful and loving choices in their lives, particularly in the context of relationships and vocations. They will explore the Sacrament of Marriage as a special way in which people show a life-long commitment to one another, supported by God's love. Through stories, Scripture, and discussion, pupils will reflect on the qualities that help build lasting, loving relationships and the importance of promises and responsibilities. This topic encourages children to think deeply about how their choices affect others and how they can live out love and commitment in everyday life.

YEAR 6

Year 6 will begin with the topic of 'Loving', which focuses on God's unconditional love for all people. Children will learn that God's love is freely given, never earned, and is shown most perfectly through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. They will reflect on how love is at the heart of the Christian message and how they are called to show love in their own lives, even when it is challenging. Through Scripture, prayer, and discussion, pupils will explore themes such as forgiveness, compassion, and commitment, deepening their understanding of what it means to love like Jesus. This topic encourages children to think about how they can respond to God's love by loving others in their families, school, and wider community.

They will then explore the topic of 'Vocations and Commitments,' which focuses on the different ways people are called to serve God and others. Children will explore the Christian understanding of vocation as a personal calling from God, which can be lived out in various ways, such as through priesthood, religious life, marriage, or dedicated service in the community. They will learn about the promises and responsibilities involved in these commitments, and reflect on the courage and faith needed to follow a vocation. Through Scripture, real-life examples, and class discussion, pupils will be encouraged to think about their own gifts and how they might use them in the service of others. This topic helps children develop a deeper awareness of God's calling in their lives and the importance of responding with generosity and love.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing the faith and spiritual growth of your child.
Yours in Christ

OUR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP THEMES FOR THIS HALF TERM ARE

AS FOLLOWS:

WEEK 1 - NEW BEGINNINGS

WEEK 5 - AUTUMN/HARVEST

WEEK 2 - CREATION

WEEK 6 - RULES

WEEK 3 - FAMILY

WEEK 7 - HOPES & DREAMS

WEEK 4 - BELONGING

WEEK 8 - SADNESS/LOSS

'As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.' Pope Francis

Class Collective Worship for Parents will take place during the week beginning 29th September.

Individual class teachers will contact you with specific days and times.

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PRAYER LEADERS

Last half term we introduced prayer leaders in classes. The role of a prayer leader is to support the spiritual and religious life of the school, primarily by leading prayer and worship activities.

'Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances'

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

JOB DESCRIPTION

Leading Prayer and Worship:

They lead daily prayers, class prayers, whole school assemblies, and special liturgies.

Be involved with the planning of Collective Worship:

They assist with planning Collective Worship with the support of teachers.

Developing Faith:

They help children develop their understanding of faith, the Gospels, and the school's core values.

Promoting Prayer Culture:

They encourage participation in prayer and worship, and create a positive environment for spiritual reflection.

Role Modelling:

They serve as positive role models for the children, demonstrating faith and commitment.

Develop Prayer Areas in line with the liturgical calendar:

Updating dedicated RE areas in classes and around school in line with the Liturgical Seasons and representing the school in services and masses with the support of teachers.

Team Work:

Work together as a team to carry out tasks to their best ability possible.

Here is a quote from one of our prayer leaders

"Hi, I'm here to enrol for the position of prayer leader. I will do as you ask me to do. I'll be kind and caring and I'll help with lighting up the school with Jesus' love. I will bring everyone together in a big, loving community. I will also communicate to everyone telling them how they should be honest. I may also lead by example. In Philippians 4:13 it says 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' This verse is how I will lead and deepen our school."

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST HALF TERM

MINI VINNIES

Our Mini Vinnies held a sponsored sleep over in the school hall to raise awareness of homelessness. They raised £292 which will all be donated to the Whitechapel Centre.

Thanks to all the children, staff and families for their support.



ICE LOLLY SALE

Mini Vinnies organised an ice lolly sale at the end of last term to raise money for Dementia UK. From the sale, they raised £131.40. Thanks for all your support. We are forever grateful.

YEAR 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS & BREAKFAST

Congratulations to all our Year 4 children who made their First Holy Communion. We held a mass for all families to celebrate this special occasion. It was wonderful to celebrate with all our children and families and then to have a special breakfast together afterwards.

Thanks to Fr Tim and Mrs Monkhouse for supporting our children through their preparations.



WELCOME TO FR PETER

Fr Peter has taken over from Fr Tim as parish priest at St Marys. We would like to say a big welcome to Fr Peter and a massive thank you to Fr Tim who has been a great support over the years to our school, children and families. He will still be parish priest at Bishop Eton and we will keep in touch.