

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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MUCH WOOLTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

'WITH JESUS WE LOVE, LEARN AND GROW'

Dear Families,

What a wonderful and busy first half term we had! The children have returned with energy, curiosity, and a deepening sense of faith as they've explored key topics such as creation, belonging, and the importance of love and kindness in our daily lives. Guided by our mission statement, 'With Jesus we love, learn and grow,' the children have been putting Gospel values into action – showing compassion, respect, honesty, and forgiveness both in the classroom and around the school. It has been heartwarming to see their spiritual understanding flourish through prayer, reflection, and lively discussion. As we head into the next half term, we are proud of how each child is growing in faith and living out the values that make Much Woolton Catholic Primary such a special place.

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

RECEPTION

In Reception, children will be introduced to the idea that God has always made promises to His people and that He loves each one of us. They will learn about God's love and how He promises to care for His creation. Using simple stories, such as the story of Noah (Genesis 9:12-13), children will begin to understand that God's promises are a sign of His faithfulness. They will also learn that Jesus is God's greatest promise, coming to bring love and joy to the world. Through prayers, songs, and discussions, children will begin to understand the idea of God's covenant love and the promise He has made to always be with us.

YEAR 1

In Year 1, children will learn about the role of the prophets and how they shared God's promises with His people. They will explore simple Old Testament stories of prophets like Noah and Abraham, who announced God's promises to His people. The children will hear how God promised Abraham that his descendants would be a great nation (Genesis 17:4-5) and how Noah's covenant was a sign of God's everlasting love and protection (Genesis 9:13-15). Through these stories, children will understand that God speaks through His prophets to guide us and that His promises are always kept. They will also begin to see how God's promise of salvation is fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

YEAR 2

In Year 2, children will begin to explore more about the prophecies concerning the coming of Jesus, the fulfillment of God's promises. They will learn about key prophets in the Old Testament, like Isaiah, who spoke of a Savior who would bring peace and salvation to God's people (Isaiah 9:6-7, "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given"). Children will hear about God's promise of a Messiah and how the prophets prepared the way for Jesus' birth. They will also explore how God's promise of love, forgiveness, and hope is fulfilled through Jesus. Through stories, artwork, and reflection, children will begin to understand that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.

YEAR 3

In Year 3, children will deepen their understanding of the role of the prophets in announcing God's promises, focusing particularly on the prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. They will learn about the major prophets, such as Isaiah and Jeremiah, who spoke of a Savior who would bring justice, peace, and salvation to God's people (Isaiah 11:1-2, "A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit"). Children will explore the idea that these prophecies pointed to Jesus, the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation for all people. They will reflect on how God always keeps His promises and how we are invited to respond to God's words through faith, hope, and love. They will also understand how Jesus, through His life, death, and resurrection, fulfills God's promises made long ago.

YEAR 4

In Year 4, children will focus on the deeper understanding of the prophecies about Jesus as the fulfillment of God's promises. They will study the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others, who foretold the coming of a Savior who would bring peace, healing, and salvation to the world. Children will reflect on how Jesus' life, especially His suffering and death, is the fulfillment of these prophecies and God's ultimate promise of redemption for humanity. Through Scripture, prayer, and reflection, they will explore how Jesus' life and resurrection confirm God's promise of eternal life and salvation for all who believe. They will also reflect on how they are called to live out God's promises in their own lives by following Jesus' example of love and service to others.

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

YEAR 5

In Year 5, the children will explore what it means to live with hope and trust in God, even during difficult times. They will learn about Advent as a time of waiting and preparation for the coming of Jesus, reflecting on how hope is central to the Christian faith. Through scripture, discussion, prayer, and creative activities, pupils will discover how people in the Bible showed hope in God's promises and how they too can bring hope to others in their everyday lives.

YEAR 6

In Year 6, the children will explore how Advent is a time of joyful expectation as Christians prepare for the coming of Jesus, the promised Messiah. They will reflect on the hopes and expectations people had for the Messiah and how Jesus fulfilled those promises in a way that surprised many. Through studying scripture, prayer, and discussion, pupils will consider what it means to live with a sense of expectation and readiness for God's presence in their own lives today.

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 - PATRON SAINTS

WEEK 5 - ADVENT

WEEK 2 - REMEMBRANCE

WEEK 6 - GIFTS/GIVING

WEEK 3 - BEING THANKFUL

WEEK 7 - CHRISTMAS

WEEK 4 - HOPE

Thank you, as always, to all those who came to our class collective worships.

It is such a special time to share with families. For those not able to attend there will be other opportunities ahead.

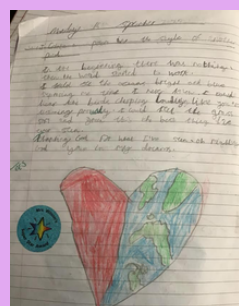
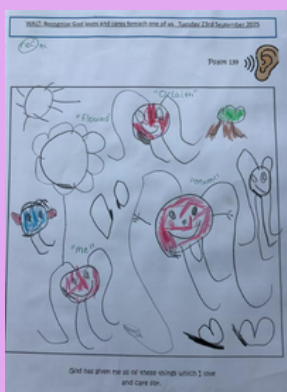
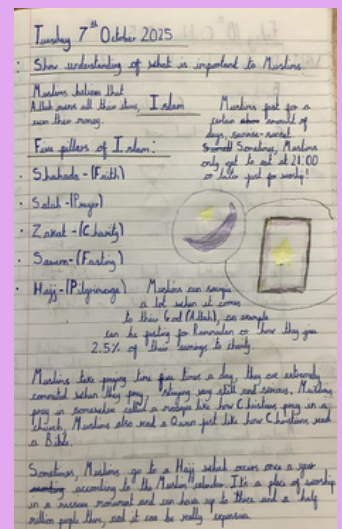
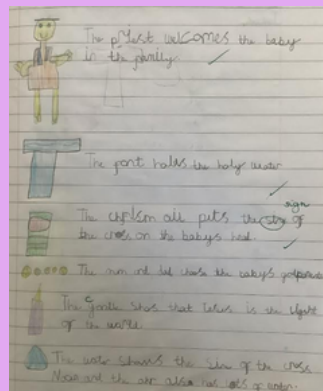


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SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR CHILDREN'S WORK

FROM LAST HALF TERM



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HIGHLIGHTS FROM LAST HALF TERM

WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

A highlight of last half term was our whole school Mass, which was a truly special occasion as we were warmly welcomed by our new parish priest for the first time - Fr Peter.

HARVEST FOOD COLLECTION

Thanks to all our amazing families who donated to our harvest food collection. We are forever grateful for your generosity. All donations will be taken to our local foodbank and will help to support those people who are less fortunate than ourselves. Many thanks to you all!



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

We held our first ever Macmillan coffee afternoon last half term and raised a total of £227.04.

Thanks to all those who attended and those that donated cakes. It was a lovely afternoon. Some of our Mini Vinnies were in charge of setting up the afternoon, selling cakes and looking after our guests. As usual, they did a great job! All the money raised will go to support those affected by cancer.



PRAYER LEADERS

Our Prayer Leaders delivered a whole school Collective Worship on Jesus' most important rule 'loving one another.' They delivered it beautifully and sent the message out to everyone that Jesus told us which is 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 13:34



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Year 3 enjoyed a fascinating trip to the local mosque as part of their Religious Education studies. The visit gave the children a wonderful opportunity to deepen their understanding of Islam and explore how faith is practiced in daily life. They learned about the importance of prayer, the Five Pillars of Islam, and the values of respect, kindness, and community that underpin the religion. The pupils were especially interested in seeing the prayer hall and hearing the call to prayer, which helped bring their classroom learning to life. It was a thoughtful and engaging experience that encouraged curiosity and respect for different beliefs and traditions.



This half term will be the start of Advent. What is Advent? Advent is a very special time in our Church calendar – a season of waiting and joyful preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. It begins four Sundays before Christmas and invites us to slow down, reflect, and ready our hearts to welcome Christ. During Advent, we focus on hope, peace, joy, and love – the four themes symbolised by the candles on the Advent wreath. It's a time for families to pray together, share kindness, and prepare not just our homes, but our hearts, for the coming of our Saviour.

'Advent is a time for waiting for our Lord who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming. Let us wait for him!' Pope Francis



