

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Newsletter April 2026*

## MUCH WOOLTON CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

**'WITH JESUS WE LOVE, LEARN AND GROW'**

Dear Families,

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope you all had a happy, restful and blessed Easter. As we begin this new term, we look forward to continuing our journey of faith together through prayer, worship and Religious Education. Easter reminds us of the joy and hope of Jesus' resurrection, and we encourage the children to carry this message into their words, actions and friendships each day. We are excited for the term ahead and all the opportunities it will bring for the children to learn, reflect and grow in God's love.

**'TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY' OUR NEW RE CURRICULUM - TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH  
AS OUR NEW CURRICULUM IS WELL UNDERWAY SEE WHAT EACH YEAR GROUP WILL BE STUDYING THIS HALF TERM  
RECEPTION**

In Reception, children will hear and talk about the good news of Easter, the Ascension and Pentecost. They will learn that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with his friends and that the Church began to spread Jesus' message of love around the world. Through stories, prayer and class activities, the children will begin to understand that they are part of God's family and are called to share love, kindness and joy with others.

### **YEAR 1**

In Year 1, children will listen to and retell stories from after Easter, including the Road to Emmaus, the Ascension and Pentecost. They will learn that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help his followers and that the Church's job is to continue sharing his message of love. Through stories, discussion, prayer and reflection, the children will begin to understand that they are part of God's family and can live as followers of Jesus by showing love, kindness and faith in their daily lives.

### **YEAR 2**

In Year 2, children will find out what happened after Easter, including the Ascension, Pentecost and the beginning of the Church's mission. They will learn that the Holy Spirit came to help Jesus' followers and that Christians pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance and strength. They will also explore the fruits of the Spirit and think about how they can show these through their own words and actions each day.

### **YEAR 3**

In Year 3, children will hear and talk about what happened after Easter, including the Road to Emmaus, the coming of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of the Church. They will learn that Jesus sent his followers out to share God's love with the world, and that Christians today still try to live out that mission. They will also begin to understand the Holy Trinity and make links between the Emmaus story and the way Catholics celebrate Mass.

### **YEAR 4**

In Year 4, children will find out more about St Peter and St Paul, the beginnings of the Church, and how the Church continues Jesus' work today. They will learn about the Apostles' Creed, the role of the Pope, and what it means to belong to the Church. They will also think about how Christians are called to live with faith, hope and love, and how they can show this by helping others and serving their community.

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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 be learning about Transformation. The children will explore how the Holy Spirit changes people and gives them strength to live as followers of Jesus. They will learn about Pentecost, Saul's conversion, and the Fruits of the Spirit, and will think about how Christians today are called to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit to bring love and goodness to others. They will also start their topic on Freedom and Responsibility and will explore how God gives us the freedom to make choices and the responsibility to choose what is right. They will learn that the Commandments help Christians to live in a loving and responsible way, and they will think about how their own choices can affect other people and their relationship with God.

## YEAR 6

In Year 6 the children will be learning about Witnesses. They will explore what it means to be a witness to Jesus and why this can take courage. They will learn that the Holy Spirit helps Christians to live out their faith and share the Good News with others. Through scripture, discussion and reflection, the children will think about how their own values and choices can show what they believe. They will also start their topic on Healing and will explore how Jesus showed compassion to those who were sick and how Christians are called to do the same. They will learn about the Sacrament of the Sick and think about how care, love and prayer can bring comfort and strength to people who are ill or in need. They will look at Gospel stories of healing and care, including the healing of the blind man and learn that healing is not only about the body, but can also include emotional and spiritual comfort.

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

**OUR CELEBRATION OF THE WORD THEMES FOR THIS HALF TERM ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**WEEK 1 - SPRING/NEW LIFE**

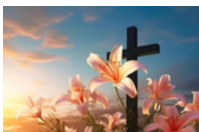
**WEEK 2 - SPECIAL THINGS**

**WEEK 3 - PEACE**

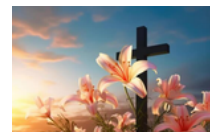
**WEEK 4 - DIFFERENCE**

**WEEK 5 - PATIENCE**

**WEEK 6 - TRUST&PROMISES**



## THE SEASON OF EASTER



At school, we are continuing to live the Easter message by remembering that Jesus' Resurrection brings hope, joy and new life. Throughout this half term, the children will be encouraged to show this message in the way they treat others through kindness, forgiveness, respect and love. In our prayers, worship and RE lessons, we will reflect on how we can be people of hope and share the Good News in our words and actions each day. By caring for one another and making thoughtful choices, we can all help to bring the light of Easter into our school community.



*"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said." – Matthew 28:6*

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*"Easter gives us this hope, as we remember that in the risen Christ a new creation is possible every day." Pope Leo 2026*

## A SIMPLE EASTER PRAYER YOU CAN SHARE AT HOME

**DEAR JESUS,  
THANK YOU FOR THE JOY OF EASTER.  
THANK YOU FOR LOVING US  
AND FOR SHOWING US THAT LIFE AND HOPE ARE STRONGER THAN SADNESS AND FEAR.  
HELP US TO LIVE AS YOUR FOLLOWERS  
BY BEING KIND, LOVING AND FORGIVING EACH DAY.  
FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR PEACE  
AND HELP OUR FAMILY TO SHARE YOUR LIGHT WITH OTHERS.  
STAY WITH US IN OUR HOME,  
IN OUR SCHOOL  
AND IN ALL THAT WE DO.  
AMEN**

During May, we celebrate Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a special way as the Church's Month of Mary. In school, the children will be learning about Mary's love, faith and trust in God, and thinking about how her example can guide us in our own lives. At home, families might like to honour Mary by saying a Hail Mary together, creating a small prayer space with a picture or statue of Mary, placing some flowers nearby, or spending a few quiet moments thanking God for Mary's care and example. This is a lovely opportunity for children to grow in prayer and to reflect on how they can show kindness, love and obedience in their daily lives, just as Mary did.

Look out for our prayer bags which will be set home with the children. There will be books in them so that the children can record their prayers.



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## OTHER NEWS



### THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Recently, some of our children made their First Reconciliation. They approached this special sacrament with such reverence, maturity and calmness, and they were a real credit to themselves and their families. It is lovely that the children have taken this important step in their faith journey with such thoughtfulness and sincerity. Thank you to all of our parents and families for your support in helping the children prepare so well for this special occasion.



### UNIFORM SALE

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April our School Council/Eco Warriors along with Mini Vinnies to support are holding a pre-loved uniform sale. It will be in the main school hall between 2.30 and 3.45. Many of the items are in good condition so if your child has outgrown theirs, come along and save some money. Reselling uniforms can help reduce waste and helps to save our environment.

### EASTER EGG RAFFLES

Our class Easter Egg raffles raised the total amount of £471.17. All the money raised will go to the Good Shepherd Appeal and a charity of the children's choice. The money raised for the Good Shepherd Appeal will be presented by our Year 5 children at the Metropolitan Cathedral in June. Thanks as always for your continued support.



### DONATIONS FOR THE PRAYER GARDEN



**IF ANYONE HAS ANY CUTTINGS OR PLANTS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO OUR PRAYER GARDEN WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL. WE WOULD LIKE TO ADD MORE PLANTS AND SHRUBS TO OUR GARDEN IN THE COMING MONTHS AS THE WEATHER STARTS TO IMPROVE. MINI VINNIES WILL BE CARING FOR THE GARDEN AND MAKING IT LOOK THE BEST IT CAN BE SO THAT PARENTS AND FAMILIES CAN USE IT TO PRAY AND HAVE SOME QUIET TIME. FAMILIES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.**

### POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

Pope Leo has released special prayer intentions each month this year with the hope that everyone will join him. His intention for April is for priests in crisis. He calls on the faithful to pray for those experiencing loneliness, exhaustion, or vocational difficulties, urging communities to provide support and companionship to priests.

"Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer." Pope Leo April 26.

Monthly Prayer Intentions



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## SOME EXAMPLES OF OUR CHILDREN'S WORK FROM LAST HALF TERM

From pictures why the Paschal Candle helps to represent the celebration of our life at Easter.

**Paschal Candle**

**Light**  
The light of Christ that shines in the darkness.

**Fin**  
It represents Christ's resurrection.

**Cross**  
It represents the 5 wounds of Christ.

**Year**  
It reminds us of God's promise here and now.

**"LOVE ONE ANOTHER, AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."**  
JOHN 13:34-35

During Lent I have tried to my old self and gone into the "new life" of Easter. Because of this new chance I will tell people and I will share my life for the better.

Early on Sunday morning when it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and soon found that it had been taken away from the entrance. She went running to Simon Peter and the other disciples, whom Jesus loved, and told them.  
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"  
Then Peter and the other disciple went to the tomb. The two of them were looking but the other

Tuesday 24th March 2026

WALT: Understand Good Friday, Sacrifice and the hope of eternal life.

In my everyday life, I can be like Jesus when I talk to people and when I am at school (also at my house).

Jesus was hung on the cross and beaten until he could no longer move. As he died on the cross the sky suddenly turned black and thunders that was the moment that the people who witnessed this now understood that he really was the Son of God.

The night before Jesus was sacrificed he led his disciples in a passover meal and gave them bread and wine, symbolising his blood and body.

Tuesday 31st February 2025

WALT: understand the two parables making it easier to show what Kingdom of God is like

**The Parable Of The Yeast**

The woman is taking flour and when she adds yeast to the flour the dough begins to rise. Jesus teaches spiritual growth through people's prayer life and to go to heaven.

**The Parable Of The Sower**

The sower sows seeds and the seed depends on Jesus teaching - good and bad in our hearts - we make good choices to be in order the Kingdom of God.

WALT: understand the importance of Good Friday - the crucifixion.

A station that stood out to me was the 6th station. It shows Veronica wiping the blood and sweat of Jesus. This part of the story is important because even though Jesus was about to die and everyone hated him, Veronica still believed in Jesus and had faith. This station of the cross teaches us to help others who are struggling and to show kindness and faith.

✓GR/ML

Thursday 27th March

WALT: retell the Easter Story

The crowd waved the palm trees so Jesus could go through the city.

Jesus had supper in the church and Jesus fed 5000 people.

Jesus died on the cross and his body was buried in the tomb.

Jesus was in the tomb and his body was buried.

Jesus rising on Easter Sunday.

✓PEL

Tuesday 14th April 2026

WALT: describe how we are followers of Jesus

Give money to charity ✓

Love your neighbour just like your self. ✓

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WALT: Understand the story of Palm Sunday, Tuesday 10th March 2026

Blessed are thou.

Zechariah Was a man who was blind.

Zechariah climbed a tree with his wife. Zechariah climbed down the tree.

Jesus made Zechariah a good man.

WALT: Understand the story of Palm Sunday, Tuesday 10th March 2026

"Jesus was going to Jerusalem and everyone was waving palm leaves"

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## MINI VINNIES SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

*Our Mini Vinnies attended a tea party at St Mary's parish last half term. The tea party was for people who are living with dementia and their families. The children sang a variety of songs, chatted, danced and gave out prayers to families.*

*A lovely time was had by all!*



*Turning Concern into  
Action!*