



St. Basil's Catholic Primary School
'Come and See' Religious Education Programme

Newsletter for families
Summer term 2024



Welcome back to our final term of the Academic Year!

As we return to school after our Easter break, the Church is still celebrating this great event (for 50 days!).

The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives.

Early Years and Year 1 : Religious Education Directory (RED)

This term our Reception, Year 1 and 2 pupils will follow themes from the newly developed RED which is being introduced in phases to Catholic schools nationally. The new curriculum is organised in half termly themes, known as branches.

Half term one : 'To the Ends of the Earth' branch (9th April – 24th May)

In this branch, pupils will study the events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church. They will also learn about the Catholic Church today as the apostolic Church and how its liturgy and structures flow from the Early Church.

Half term two : 'Dialogue and Encounter' branch (10th June – 23rd July)

In this branch, pupils will learn how Christians work together with people of different religious convictions and all people of goodwill towards the common good, respecting the dignity of all humanity. They will also encounter other pathways of belief drawing on the teaching of the Church about intercultural dialogue.

Years 3-6 'Come and See' Religious Education Programme

These year groups will continue with the themes outlined in our Religious Education programme 'Come and See'. Each year group will approach the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World), through different topics which are detailed below.

PENTECOST – SERVING THEME (9th April - 10th May)

- Year 3 & 4 **New Life** - To hear and live the Easter message.
Year 5 **Transformation** - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6 **Witnesses** - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

Suggestions for home activities

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.



RECONCILIATION – INTER-RELATING (13th May – 21st June)

- Year 3 & 4 **Building Bridges** – Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other.
Year 5 **Freedom and Responsibility** – Commandments enable Christians to be free and responsible
Year 6 **Healing** – Sacrament of the Sick

Suggestions for home activities

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven. Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day-to-day life of the family.



UNIVERSAL CHURCH – WORLD THEME (24th June – 23rd July)

- Year 3 & 4 God's People – Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5 Stewardship - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6 Common Good - Work of the worldwide Christian family



Suggestions for home activities

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family. Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.

Significant events in the Catholic Liturgical Calendar that we will mark in school with the children are...

- 8th April - The Annunciation
21st April - Good Shepherd Sunday
23rd April - St George's Day

May is the month of Mary

- 1st May - St Joseph the Worker
9th May - The Ascension of the Lord
19th May - Pentecost Sunday
26th May - The Most Holy Trinity
31st May - The Visitation
2nd June - Corpus Christi
27th June - Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
30th June - SS. Peter and Paul
14th July - Sea Farers Sunday

Parents and carers are very welcome to join us for...

Collective Worship in school (9.05am) in the KS2 Hall

- Wednesday 8th May – Year 5
Wednesday 19th June – Y4 Sacramental celebration
Wednesday 26th June – Year 3
Wednesday 3rd July – Reception
Wednesday 10th July – Year 2
Wednesday 17th July – Year 1

In your prayers please do remember some of our children in Year 4 who will be receiving the sacrament of Holy Communion during May.

Many thanks for your support.
Mrs K. Dooley (R.E. Subject leader)