



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Believe, Trust and Be Ready

"That they may have life, and to the full" John 10:10

Religious Education Newsletter - Summer 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This term I would like to reflect on the many wonderful things that happened in school in the Spring term and also share some of the plans we have for the Summer term ahead. You will also find details of your child's RE Curriculum learning for this term in order for you to feel a part of their RE growth and development. If you have any questions about RE, please speak to your child's class teacher.

I am also happy to answer any other questions and welcome any ideas and suggestions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G. Davies - Deputy Head & RE Subject Leader

Masses, liturgies and other Catholic life events this term:

'Mini Vinnies Gather The SVP Family' Parish Mass (Church 11.00am) - 27th April

Year 1 Class Assembly - 16th May

Year 3 Presentation Parish Mass (Church 11.00am) - 8th June

Whole School Mass - 10th June

Reception Class Assembly - 27th June

End of Year Parish Mass (Church 11.00am) - led by Year 1 & Year 5 - Sunday 13th July

Whole School Mass - 15th July

Year 6 Leavers' Mass - 21st July

Year 6 Class Assembly - 22nd July

Please talk to your child about what they are learning in school.

Summer 1 RE Curriculum

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| Reception | Jesus went back to his Father and sent the Holy Spirit to look after us. The story of Pentecost. |
| Year 1 | The narrative cycle of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The mission of the Church begins at Pentecost. |
| Year 2 | Ascension of Jesus. Pentecost. Fruits of the Holy Spirit. God is love. Conversion of Saul. |
| Year 3 | The Trinity. Mass today and Mass celebrated by the first disciples. The importance of Mary. Christians today and sharing the gospel. |
| Year 4 | The resurrection. The story of St. Peter. The work of the Church to continue the ministry of Jesus and build the Kingdom of God. Mary the Mother of the Church and Queen of Heaven. |
| Year 5 | Life in the Risen Jesus |
| Year 6 | The Transforming Spirit |

Lenten Prayer: Thank you to all our families and children who were able to join us for our daily Lenten Prayers at the start of each day. Thanks must also go to our teachers and children who planned and lead these so prayerfully.

The Season of Lent

We started the season of Lent off with a very prayerful and reflective Ash Wednesday service. The children all made their own individual Lent promises on footprints, to reflect the journey we travel on during this season.

Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies continued good work with visits to Sharston House to spread happiness amongst the residents whilst also making some colourful Spring collages. They have been planting some flowers around school to help our local wildlife and also enrich school's environment for us all. To recycle some unwanted books, they arranged a second hand book fair and raised an amazing £67.55 which will be donated to the SVP charity who help anyone experiencing poverty in England and Wales or overseas at any point before, during or after a crisis. Any unsold books were donated to Cancer Research. Thank you for all the support.



Mini Vinnies raising money at the Book Sale.



Please join us in church at 11.00am on 27th April for 'Mini Vinnies Gather The SVP Family' Parish Mass.

The Big Lent Walk

On 24th and 25th March, the whole school, with their buddies, took part in 'The Big Lent Walk Challenge' to show we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. As well as raising money for CAFOD, we also had a focus on the distress that is caused to families who have to leave their homes due to war and disasters. We did this by reading pages of the book; 'The Journey' at key points on our walk and reflecting on its content and meaning. A big thank you to everyone for their sponsorship.

Year 3 - First Holy Communion

Our Year 3 children celebrated their First Forgiveness on 2nd April and are now preparing for their First Holy Communion in June. Please keep them in your prayers.



Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in scripture and formed by the teachings of the Church leaders. Simply put, it is our moral compass guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world. This term we will be focusing on the gospel values: Summer 1 – Participation (Live Simply Award) Summer 2 – Distributive Justice (Fairtrade)



Our Year 3 and Year 4 children have both recently visited St. Nicholas' and have spent time in prayer and reflection with the school chaplain, Mairie. Year 4 also enjoyed trying out some of the different subjects. They all had a fabulous time and their behaviour was exemplary.

Y6 SATs – prayers

This term is a very busy term in school, especially for our Year 6 pupils as they begin the transition to high school. A small part of this time is their KS2 SATs, another opportunity to show us all how amazing we know they are. Please keep them in your prayers.

Holy Week Reflections

For those of you who were able to join us for our Holy Week reflections, in our last week of term, I'm sure you will agree our children were outstanding! They 'walked' us through Holy Week with some wonderful drama and opportunity for prayer. We received some lovely comments from families who were there:

"Lovely way to end Holy week. The children sang beautifully and a good opportunity for us to sit and reflect."

"The re-enactment was so powerful and thought provoking."

"A wonderful way to prepare for Easter."

"Really brought the Last Supper to life."



Prayer Journals

This year we started Prayer Journals. Each half term, all children from Reception up to Year 6 will write their own prayer based around a theme at set times in the year. These will be passed up at the end of each year and when children leave, in Year 6, they will take them with them as a little keepsake of their prayer journey through primary school.

God our loving father, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us to make it alive. Help us to love our neighbours and celebrate our differences. Please help me and others sing hymns in the name of you.

Guide us on our Journey as pilgrims of hope.

Jesus our light, in this Jubilee Year, you remind us to help others so they have an easy life. Help us to have a smile and bring joy to all the world. Please help us to make peace so the hopefully light will come for all the world.

Guide us on our Journey as pilgrims of hope.

Holy spirit our inspiration, in this Jubilee year, you remind us to stop wars so the environment will be helped. Help us to make people who suffer have a good life.

Guide us on our Journey as pilgrims of hope

Amen

Easter



We are now in the Easter season - a time for us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This follows the Triduum: three days before Easter, including Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

The liturgical colours in this wheel are represented on our prayer tables in each class and on our display in the main entrance. Keep a look out for them!

May – the month of Mary

May is devoted to celebrating and honouring Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary is even sometimes known as the 'Queen of May'. During the month of May, we pray the Angelus or the Hail Mary daily.



Stay and Pray

This term we will be inviting parents of children in all classes to join us for 'Stay and Pray' sessions. More information will be sent out nearer the time.