



R.E. Newsletter Autumn Term 2026



This term, our children are learning:

Year Group	Autumn 1 st Branch 1: Creation and Covenant	Autumn 2 nd Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise
Reception	God made our world God Made me Genesis 1	The Christmas Story Luke 1-2
Year 1 Revelation – How do people know about God?	The Creation story God the Creator and Father of us all God our Father loves us Caring for Creation Creation Prayer – talking to God The Creed Genesis 1, 24-26	The Christmas Story God sent his Son because He loves us Jesus is God made visible Mary – Jesus' mother The Bible The Hail Mary Luke 1-2
Year 2 Baptism – becoming part of the Christian community being reborn to a new life in Christ	Story of Noah – God's Covenant Introduction of the idea of Sin (turning away from God, acting badly) Sacrament of Baptism The Bible Old and New Testament Genesis 9 Psalm 139	Birth and annunciation of John the Baptist and Jesus The Visitation Advent Luke 1,2
Year 3 Celebrating the Eucharist	Revisit the Creation story – use of symbolism to explain the relationship between God, humans and the world The 'holy' day The Holy Trinity Genesis 1-2	Why Christians go to Mass What happens at Mass The Nativity Story Isaiah 1 Matthew 1 Luke 1
Year 4 People whose lives have been transformed by faith and hope in God	Story of Abraham God's covenant with Abraham Abraham and Sarah Abraham and Isaac Story of Joseph The historical, cultural and religious context Gen 12, 15, 18. 22	Miracle of the flour and oil Elijah's encounter with God Preaching of John the Baptist The ancestry of Jesus What is meant by 'Prophecy?' 1 Kings 17, 19 Matthew 1& 3 Mark 1 Isaiah 40
Year 5 Significance of the Old Testament in relation to the revelation of Jesus	Story of Moses – the burning bush, Sinai covenant & 10 Commandments Jesus' summary of the Law Covenant – binding agreement between God & people Jesus' teaching – Love God & love your neighbour Exodus 3, 19, 20, Matthew 22	The life and story of David Jesus fulfils the promises made to David. Joyful mysteries of the Rosary 1 Samuel. 16,17, 2 Samuel 5, 7, 1 Kings 2, Psalm 21, 23
Year 6 The Gospel of John	Second account of creation and the Fall Original Sin Baptism – first sacrament of forgiveness John 1 The Nicene Creed Laudato Si Jesus restores our relationship with God Genesis 2, 3, John 1	The importance of women in salvation history (Sarah, Miriam, Esther. Deborah, Hannah) Mary – the fulfilment of the OT promises The Infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke The Magnificat Examples of women today who are responding to God's call Genesis 1, Exodus 1, Jud. 4, 1 Samuel 1, Ester 2- 5, 7, 8, Luke 1

Suggestions for sharing your child's R.E. learning at home:

Prayer Bags – We will begin sharing our Prayer Bags this term. Each child will have the opportunity to take their class Prayer Bag home to share prayer time and stories. We would love to see any photographs of the children sharing these at home.

Everyone is welcome to join us for children's rosary during the month of October in the Key Stage 1 Playground at 8:30 on Fridays.

Branch 1: Creation and Covenant

- Spend time outdoors noticing the beauty of God's creation.
- Read or retell the story of Creation from Genesis.
- Encourage children to thank God for something special each day.
- Care for creation together by recycling, saving water, avoiding waste or looking after plants and animals.
- Talk about how every person is created and loved by God (linked to School Mission Statement)

Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise

- Talk about promises and why it is important to keep them.
- Read stories about the prophets, especially Isaiah, and discuss how they gave people hope.
- During Advent, prepare for Jesus through prayer, kindness and acts of generosity.
- Share the stories of the Annunciation and the birth of Jesus.
- Create an Advent prayer space or wreath at home and pray together.

Our Catholic Social Teaching themes this term:



During Autumn 1, we will continue exploring Catholic Social Teaching across the school. This half term, we will look more deeply at the theme of 'Care for Creation.' Together, we will learn that God has entrusted us with the care of our common home and that we all have a responsibility to protect it. Through discussion and activities, children will explore practical ways to care for creation, including reducing waste, recycling, saving energy and water, and caring for plants and wildlife. Children will develop an understanding of how small actions can make a positive difference to our school, our community and the wider world.



During Autumn 2, we will continue exploring Catholic Social Teaching across the school. This half term, we will look more deeply at the theme of 'Option for the Poor.' Together, we will learn that God calls us to notice and care for people who are poor, vulnerable or in need. Through discussion and activities, children will explore how we can share what we have, speak up for others and show compassion through our words and actions. Children will develop an understanding of how small acts of kindness and generosity can make a positive difference in our school, our community and the wider world.