

ST PAUL'S CATHOLICE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SPRING TERM 2025

RE AT HOME KS1 AND EYFS

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to our Religious Education Newsletter for Spring Term. This gives you an overview of what your child will be learning about. As of September 2024, our EYFS and Key Stage 1 will be adhering to the new RED programme of study. These classes will come away from the Come & See scheme and will use the 6-branch approach, outlined in the new RED. More detailed information can be found on the RE knowledge organisers on your child's class webpage

Our Topics: Nursery – Year 2 (RED: To know You more clearly)

Autumn Term 1	Branch 1: Creation and Covenant
Autumn Term 2	Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise
Spring Term 1	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem
Spring Term 2	Branch 4: Desert to garden
Summer Term 1	Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth
Summer term 2	Branch 6: Dialogue and encounter

The curriculum structures

The model curriculum has six components that will be known as branches which might, in practice, map helpfully onto the six half-terms of the school year. Each one has a core theme and invites pupils to learn about an aspect of Revelation, Scripture, life in Christ, and life in the Church, and to discern what their learning means academically and experientially enabling them to see, judge, and act through a deeper knowledge of the Christian faith.

Spring 1 - Galilee to Jerusalem: 'God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known' (Jn 1:18). In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

Spring 2 - Desert to garden: 'Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day' (1 Cor 15:3). In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the Paschal Triduum at the heart of the Catholic Church's Liturgy and life. The title of this branch points both to the liturgical journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light, barrenness to fruitfulness, death to life.

At Home suggestions:

Autumn 1

Explore the story of the call of the disciples with your child, you might like to do a community giving project on this. Think about how you can support those in need in the community and be a disciple for Jesus.

Autumn 2

In the lead up to Easter, make a Lent promise at home to help prepare your hearts for Jesus'. Visit the church and explore the stations of the cross with your child to look at the events leading up to Easter.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

1 January

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6 January

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8 January

START OF 2024 MASS

15 January 9:15AM

LAUNCH OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE – NON UNIFORM DAY LINKED TO JUBILEE COLOURS (SEE LETTER SENT 7.1.25)

24 January

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

5 March

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19 March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25 March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13 April

MAUNDY THURSDAY

17 April

GOOD FRIDAY

18 April

EASTER SUNDAY

20 April