



At St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools, Religious Education exists to deepen each child's understanding of God's revelation, brought to fullness in the person of Jesus Christ. This revelation is passed on through Scripture and the living tradition of the Church. Through Religious Education, pupils are invited to explore, recognise, and reflect on how this truth shapes their own lives and the life of the Church community.

In our school, Religious Education is regarded as the foundation of the entire curriculum—"the core of the core." It is planned, delivered, assessed, and evaluated with the same level of care and academic challenge as all other core subjects. As the central element of our curriculum, it receives 10% of dedicated teaching time and influences every other aspect of learning within a broad and balanced educational programme.

### **The aims of Religious Education:**

- 1. To support pupils in a structured exploration of the mystery of God, the life and message of Jesus Christ, the teachings of the Church, and the core beliefs held by Catholics, including their foundations and how they connect to daily life.**
- 2. To help pupils consistently grow in their religious and theological understanding and develop the ability to express this clearly and confidently.**
- 3. To offer a true and faithful presentation of the Church's moral and social teachings, giving pupils a reliable framework for living and the skills to thoughtfully engage with modern culture and society.**

4. To provide pupils with insight into the diverse religions and worldviews found in today's world, along with the ability to take part in respectful, meaningful dialogue with those who hold different beliefs.
5. To strengthen pupils' critical thinking skills so they can better understand the link between faith and everyday life, as well as the interaction between faith and culture.
6. To inspire pupils' imagination and encourage a sense of personal purpose as revealed through the truths of the Catholic faith.
7. To enable pupils to connect the knowledge gained from Religious Education with their learning across the wider curriculum.

Ultimately, the aim of Religious Education at St Mary's Priory Schools is to nurture young people who are spiritually aware and actively engaged, equipped with the knowledge, understanding, and age-appropriate skills needed to reflect deeply, and to think with ethical and theological insight. Such pupils recognise what living out religious faith requires in the reality of everyday life.

Below is our RE curriculum overview which complies with the guidance in the new Religious Education Directory - 'To know you more clearly'.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Branch 1: Creation & Covenant	Branch 2: Prophecy & Promise	Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem	Branch 4: Desert to Garden	Branch 5: To the Ends of the Earth	Branch 6: Dialogue & Encounter
EYFS	Overarching theme: God, Jesus and Friends of Jesus					
	God made our world God made me (Gen 1)	The Christmas Story (Luke 1 – 2)	The Wise men Jesus welcomes and blesses the children Feeding the 5000 (Mtt 2, Mk 10, Jn 6)	Lent - a time to care for others The Easter story Love God & love everyone (Lk 10)	Jesus goes back to his Father Pentecost – the Holy Spirit & Jesus's Good News The early Christian community The Parish church (Acts 2)	Friends of Jesus (St. Peter & Paul's feast day)  Pictures of Jesus  Encounter local parishioners to hear about their faith

						Respecting cultural diversity  Introduction to Judaism
Year 1	Overarching theme: Revelation - How do people know about God?					
	<p>The creation story</p> <p>God the Creator &amp; Father of all</p> <p>God our Father loves us</p> <p>Caring for Creation</p> <p>Prayer - talking to God</p> <p>The Creed</p> <p>(Gen. 1, 24 – 26)</p>	<p>The Christmas Story God sent his Son because He loves us Jesus is God made visible Mary – Jesus’s mother The Bible The Hail Mary (Luke 1 – 2)</p>	<p>Presentation in the temple Jesus announces his mission Call of the disciples Little children Zacchaeus (Lk 2, 4, 5, 18, 19)</p>	<p>Season of Lent The Easter narrative – last week of Jesus’s life, death and resurrection (Lk 4, 19 – 24)</p>	<p>Road to Emmaus The Ascension The story of Pentecost The Holy Spirit The Glory Be prayer (Acts 1, 2; Lk 24)</p>	<p>The community of the Church</p> <p>The cross - a symbol of the Church</p> <p>Sign of the cross</p> <p>The local parish community and church</p> <p>Judaism – belief in one God, The Torah as a sacred text Shared values</p>

Year 2	Overarching theme: Baptism					
	<p>Story of Noah – God’s covenant Introduction of idea of Sin (turning away from God, acting badly) The Sacrament of Baptism The Bible – Old &amp; New Testament  (Gen 9, Psalm 139)</p>	<p>Annunciation and birth of John the Baptist &amp; Jesus The Visitation Advent (Lk 1, 2)</p>	<p>The Epiphany  Preaching of John the Baptist  Baptism of Jesus  The miracles &amp; Parables of Jesus  (Lk 3 – 6, 8, 15; Matt 2)</p>	<p>Lent – reconciliation &amp; forgiveness  Holy Week  The Sacrament of Reconciliation  The Penitential Rite  (Lk 19, 22 – 24)</p>	<p>The Ascension Pentecost How people are changed by the Holy Spirit (conversion of Saul) Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Lk 24, Acts 2, 9, Gal 5)</p>	<p>The Good Samaritan  The Christian concept of ‘neighbour’  Service to others Global Christian charities  Jewish religious laws and practices  Shabbat and its importance  Hebrew language in Judaism  Sacredness of Jewish religious words</p>
Year 3	Overarching theme: Celebrating the Eucharist					

	<p>Revisit the Creation story - use of symbolism to explain the relationship between God, humans &amp; the world</p> <p>The 'holy' day</p> <p>The Holy Trinity (Gen 1 -2)</p>	<p>Why Christians go to Mass What happens at Mass</p> <p>The Nativity Story (Is. 1, Matt 1, Lk 1)</p>	<p>Gospel of Matthew</p> <p>Miracles of Jesus</p> <p>Parables of Jesus</p> <p>Epiphany – visit of the Magi (Matt 2, 8, 9, 13)</p>	<p>The miracle of the loaves The Last Supper The Sacrament of the Eucharist Extracts from the Eucharistic prayer (Matt 14, 26)</p>	<p>The road to Emmaus</p> <p>Mission to the world</p> <p>The apostles</p> <p>The early church</p> <p>St Paul's letters to Corinthians</p> <p>The Holy Trinity (Lk 24, Matt 28, Acts 1-2, 1 Cor)</p>	<p>The Exodus story</p> <p>Judaism – The Passover &amp; its link to the Last Supper</p> <p>Belief in one God</p> <p>Importance of prayer (salat) in Islam</p> <p>Islamic art and calligraphy</p> <p>Religious music and Qur''anic recitation</p> <p>(Ex. 12, 13, 15, Lk 22)</p>
Year 4	Overarching theme: People whose lives have been transformed by faith & hope in God					
	<p>Story of Abraham</p> <p>God's covenant with Abraham</p>	<p>Miracle of the flour &amp; oil</p> <p>Elijah's encounter with God</p>	<p>Jesus' question to Peter – Who do you say I am?</p> <p>Jesus' healing The Baptist's question Jesus walks on</p>	<p>Lent - themes of forgiveness &amp; reconciliation</p> <p>Devotion to God leads people to do good works</p>	<p>Story of St. Peter – resurrection from John &amp; declaration of faith &amp; betrayal</p> <p>The empty tomb</p>	<p>Life &amp; work of St. Paul Road to Damascus 1st letter to the Corinthians and the mission of St.</p>

	<p>Abraham, Sarah &amp; Isaac</p> <p>Story of Joseph</p> <p>Historical, cultural &amp; religious context</p> <p>(Gen 12, 15, 18, 22)</p>	<p>Preaching of John the Baptist</p> <p>The ancestry of Jesus</p> <p>What is meant by 'prophecy'</p> <p>1Kings 17, 19, Matt 1 &amp; 3, Mk 1, Is 40,)</p>	<p>water Jesus the Messiah (Matt 8, 9, 11, 14, 16)</p>	<p>Parables – The Prodigal Son, The Sheep &amp; the Goats (Lk 15, Matt 25)</p>	<p>Appearance on shores of Tiberius</p> <p>The Apostle's Creed (John 20, 21)</p>	<p>Paul The liturgy of the Church</p> <p>Islam – 5 pillars</p> <p>Understand some of the ways Muslims in Britain live out their beliefs (Acts 9, 1Cor 13)</p>
Year 5	Overarching theme: Significance of the Old Testament in relation to the revelation of Jesus					
	<p>Story of Moses – the burning bush, Sinai covenant &amp; 10 Commandments</p> <p>Jesus' summary of the Law</p>	<p>The life and story of David</p> <p>Jesus fulfils the promises made to David</p> <p>The Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary (1 Sam.</p>	<p>The Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount</p> <p>Jesus summarises the law – The Great Commandment</p> <p>The Good</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday – selection of readings</p> <p>Temptation in the wilderness</p> <p>The resurrection of the dead</p> <p>Paul Sin</p>	<p>Scriptural echoes of the Sacrament of Confirmation</p> <p>Pentecost Gifts of the Spirit</p> <p>Baptism in the Spirit</p> <p>The Holy Spirit – how</p>	<p>Why the Old Testament is important to Christians</p> <p>The original languages of the Bible</p> <p>Links</p>

	Covenant – binding agreement between God & people Jesus teaching – Love God & love your neighbour (Ex 3, 19, 20, Matt 22)	16,17, 2 Sam 5, 7, 1 Kings 2, Psalm 21, 23)	Samaritan The Transfiguration The Our Father prayer Virtues of faith, hope & love (Matt 5, 6,17, 22, Lk 10)	& conscience What prayer is The Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary (Joel 2, Psalm 50, 2 Cor. 5, Matt 4, 6, 1 Cor. 4)	it helps us understand Jesus The effects of Confirmation Mary as an example of discipleship (Is 11, 61, Lk 4, Matt 3, Acts 2, 8, 1 Cor. 12)	between Judaism and Christianity Shema as the core Jewish belief Hebrew and sacred objects in Jewish life The role of The Torah The Mezuzah and its symbolism in Jewish homes
Year 6	Overarching theme: The Gospel of John					
	Second account of creation and the Fall  Original sin  Baptism – first sacrament of forgiveness  The Nicene Creed  Laudato Si  Jesus restores our	The importance of women in salvation history (Sarah, Miriam, Esther, Deborah, Hannah) Mary – the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises The Infancy narratives in Matthew and Luke The Magnificat Examples of women today who	Jesus the Messiah revealed through 7 signs: 1. The Wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-12) 2. Healing the official's son (Jn 4:46-54) 3. Healing the man at Bethesda (Jn 5:1-47) 4. Feeding the 5000 (Jn 6:1-4)	Lent & Easter – Jesus' earthly life (John's Gospel) The Last supper & Maundy Thursday mass Stations of the Cross (Jn 12, 13, 18, 19)	John's account of the Resurrection The Empty Tomb – Jesus appears to Mary Magdala Jesus appears to the disciples The conclusion - Christians believe in the Resurrection Jesus as the Last Adam The Story of Stephen	Promoting love and unity among all people  Promoting the common good Together  The Church in dialogue with the world around it  Other non religious worldviews

	<p>relationship with God</p> <p>(Gen 2, 3, Jn 1)</p>	<p>are responding to God's call</p> <p>(Gen 1, Ex 1, Jud. 4, 1 Sam. 1, Est 2-5, 7, 8, Lk 1)</p>	<p>5. Walking on water (Jn 6:15-21)</p> <p>6. Healing the Blind Man (Jn 9:1-41)</p> <p>7. Raising of Lazarus (Jn 11:1-57)</p>		<p>Examples of Saints &amp; how they bore witness to Christ in their lives (Jn 19, 20, 1 Cor 15, Acts 6,7)</p>	
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