Autumn 1
Friday 23rd October 2026

St Edmund's and St Patrick's RE News

"Serve one another humbly in love"
Galatians 5:13



Dear parents and carers

Welcome to our first RE Newsletter. We will be sending a specific newsletter once every half-term, focussing on the Catholic Life of our schools, including the teaching of Religion lessons and how we celebrate our faith and live out our Mission.

This first edition shares some of the amazing work that has been done in lessons across both schools, as well as some of the fantastic displays. It also provides you with information for how we gather together in prayer on a weekly basis



RE Curriculum

From the start of September, all classes at both schools have been following the Oxford University Press RE scheme called **LIGHTING THE PATH**. Some classes trialled some of the units of work last year in line with guidance from the Salford Diocese Education Team.

This scheme is linked to the Religious Education Directory which Catholic Schools in England and Wales must follow and it is structured to help children hear, believe, celebrate, and live the Gospel.

Pupil's learning is split into 6 branches (units of work) and they complete one each half term:

BRANCH 1 – Creation and Covenant
BRANCH 2 – Prophecy and Promise
BRANCH 3 – Galilee to Jerusalem
BRANCH 4 – Desert and Garden
BRANCH 5 – To the ends of the Earth
BRANCH 6 - Dialogue and Encounter – this unit gives children the opportunity to study other World Religions

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This half term, all our pupils from EYFS up to Year 6 have studied the topic of CREATION and COVENANT.

This branch introduces pupils to God as the creator who calls his people. Children have examined the Christian belief that God is the source of all creation, studying the Genesis creation stories. They have explored God's call and his promise to his people, beginning with Abraham and Moses and continuing through the Old Testament.

Yesterday was the first meeting for our children who wish to make their First Holy Communion this year. The Presentation Mass is on Sunday 15th November at 9.30am and the date for First Holy Communion is **Sunday 20th June**.

If you would like your child to join the Sacramental Programme and they are not in Year Three, please let school staff or Fr Paul know.







Collective Worship

The opportunity to gather in prayer is an important part of daily life in our schools. We pray in class at key points throughout the day. On a Monday, we have an assembly where we listen to Sunday's Gospel and reflect on what this means for us. On a Tuesday, each class goes to our dedicated prayer space to Celebrate God's word. On a Friday at 9am, we gather to celebrate the successes of the week in our Celebration Assembly.

On a Wednesday, we have either a Celebration of the Word or a hymn singing assembly at 2.50pm. Parents are invited to our celebrations on a Wednesday or Friday





