



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 - Spring 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Spring term is certainly flying by! In this newsletter, you will find information about events at the end of last year and also what has been happening so far this year. 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:

Children's Mental Health Week - 9th February

Year 3 retreat at St. Nicholas' - 10th February

Mass for Lent - 3rd March (All welcome!)

Y4 Penitential Service in school - 11th March

Neurodiversity Week - 16th March

Y6 Penitential Service in school - 19th March

Y5 Penitential Service in school - 26th March

School Mass at St. Vincent's Church - 29th March

Y3 Holy Week Reflection in School - 30th March

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First Forgiveness - 31st March

Y5 Holy Week Reflection in School - 1st April

Y6 Holy Week Reflection in School - 2nd April

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

Spring 2 RE Curriculum

Reception	Easter is a celebration that Jesus is with us still. Lent is a time to care for others.
Year 1	Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. The events of the last week of Jesus' life and the resurrection.
Year 2	Holy Week. Lent is a time of reconciliation and forgiveness for Christians. Sacrament of Reconciliation. Easter Vigil Mass.
Year 3	The Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Last Supper, when Jesus celebrated the first Eucharist. Prayers and responses during Mass.
Year 4	Events of Holy week – gospel of Matthew. Parables – The Lost Son and The judgement of Nations. God's mercy and forgiveness. Lent – a time to live out the works of mercy.
Year 5	Ash Wednesday readings. Temptation of Jesus in the Wilderness. What is sin? What is conscience? Prayer is turning the heart towards God. The Rosary.
Year 6	Holy Week – gospel of John. Jesus as Messiah and how scripture shows His love. Mary – mother of all Christians. Stations of the Cross – prayerful reflection of Christ's journey to the cross.

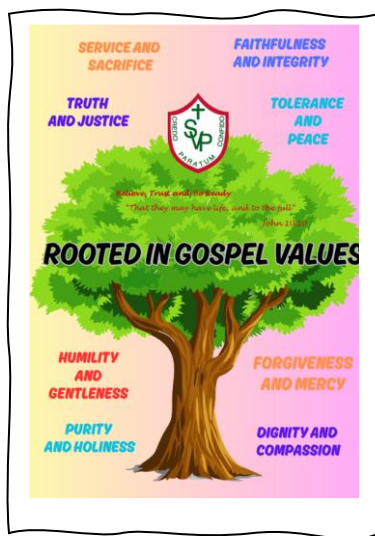
The Vine and The Branches: All classes now follow the same half termly 'branch'. Spring 1 is 'Galilee to Jerusalem' and Spring 2 is 'Desert to Garden'. You can see how 'Spring 2' progresses in the table above.

School Website

We warmly encourage all parents to visit our school website and take some time to explore the Catholic Life section. This area of the website offers a wonderful insight into how our faith is lived each day at school—through prayer, liturgies, classroom learning, catholic social teaching, and the values that guide our community. It's a great way to see how we nurture students spiritually as well as academically, and how families are invited to be part of this shared journey of faith. Link: [St Vincent de Paul Catholic Primary School: Catholic Life](#)

Gospel Values

Our Gospel Values poster is on display in all classrooms and around school. Each fortnight we focus on a different value and children are presented with a Gospel Value award during Friday's assembly for living out that value.



Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies had a very busy Autumn term, especially during Advent. They visited our local care home to bring festive cheer, make Christmas decorations and sing some Christmas Carols. As a way of helping those in need, they also organised a Reverse Advent Calendar and all donations were presented to Hope Central Foodbank.

A small donation was made by the SVP to the Mini Vinnies to help them with any projects they had. With part of the money they chose and bought a colourful wooden crucifix for the main entrance for all children to see. The remainder of the money was used to buy prizes for a raffle. Almost £100 was raised and this was split between the charities MIND and Caritas Good Shepherd Appeal. Well done Mini Vinnies.

They are now in the process of planning activities for Lent.

Year 3 - First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion

Our children have already begun their sacramental journey, the Enrolment Mass took place on Sunday 25th January when all children were presented with a medal to wear at church.

Our Year 3 children will be going on retreat to St. Nicholas Catholic High School as part of their sacramental preparation and will be doing some exciting activities with their chaplain, Mairie.



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: Spring 1 – Promoting Peace Spring 2 – The Common Good.

Christmas Nativities and Carol Service

We celebrated the lead up to Christmas with some wonderful performances from all our children and we finished the year with a beautiful Carol Service to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Thank you for all your kind words, written feedback and donations. £274 was raised and will be donated to Caritas Good Shepherd Appeal and MIND to support them looking after others who are less fortunate. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday

This year, Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 18th February which is during our half term break. If you are able to take your child to church for the Ash Wednesday Service, it would be a wonderful way to start the season of Lent. Times will be on the church newsletter in the next couple of weeks.



Here is a link if you would like to know more: [Ash Wednesday & Lent In Two Minutes - Busted Halo](#)

Masses in School

On the 6th January, Father David joined us in school to celebrate Mass for The Epiphany and to mark the end of the jubilee year. It was lovely to see so many of our family and friends joining us. You are all welcome to join us at our next Mass which will be during Lent on 3rd March in the school hall at 9.15am. This is the second week back after half term.

Prayer Leaders



As a school, we have been donated sets of rosary beads and medals for all the children, these will be distributed by our Prayer Leaders.

After half term to help us prepare for Easter, there will be Lenten Prayer before school (8.45am). All families are welcome to join us. Prayer Leaders will also be helping to lead classes through an outdoor Stations of Cross during Holy Week.

Mission Together - Reception Class Fundraiser

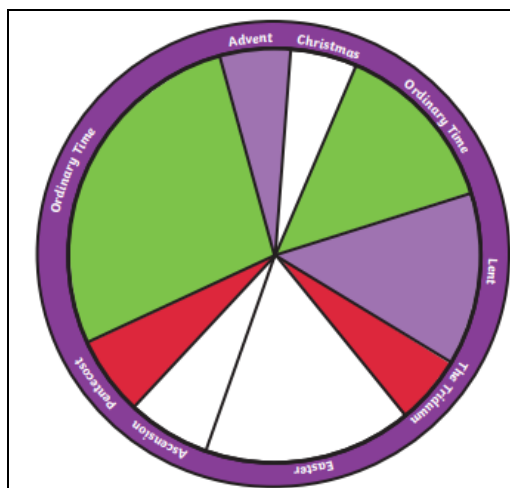


Reception will be doing their own little fundraiser as part of their R.E and Catholic Social Teaching. Mission Together's aim is twofold: to support essential children's projects in places of poverty and turmoil, and to support the mission of Catholic education. Keep a look out for these little boxes coming home:



CAFOD Big Lent Walk 2026

The whole school will be taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk in the week beginning 16th March. Look out for details nearer the time.



The Liturgical Colours

Ordinary Time	Green
Lent and Advent	Purple
Easter and Ascension	White
Pentecost and The Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday)	Red
Christmas and Epiphany	White

We are currently in Ordinary Time.

Have a wonderful Spring term everyone!

