

St Stephen's Catholic Primary School

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This term we will be continuing to follow the Religious Education Directory (RED) in all year groups. Two Branches will be taught throughout the term. Branch 5 'To the Ends of the Earth' will be covered in Summer 1 and Branch 6 'Dialogue and Encounter' will be covered in Summer 2.

BRANCH 5 TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

In this Branch, the children will learn about the events that followed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit, as well as the work of the apostles and early Church.

They will also learn about the Catholic Church today as the apostolic Church and its liturgy and how these structures flow from the early Church.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Ask your child to tell you about the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

BRANCH 6 DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER

In this Branch, the children will learn how Christians work together with people of different religious conviction and all people of goodwill towards the common good, respecting the dignity of all humanity. They will also encounter other pathways of belief drawing on the teachings of the Church about intercultural dialogue.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country. Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.



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IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
14th MAY

PENTECOST SUNDAY
24TH MAY

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
31ST MAY

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
4TH JUNE

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
12TH JUNE

SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
29TH JUNE

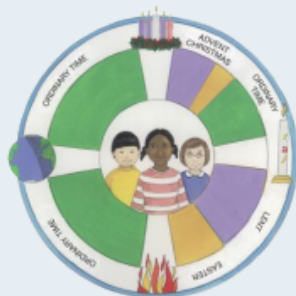
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The children in our Year 4 class have been preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist over the last 7 months.

The children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist during their First Holy Communion Mass on Saturday 2nd May at 11am, at St Stephen's Church.

We ask that you keep all the children and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

We would like to thank Father John and the Catechists, for all of their time and efforts in helping our children to prepare for this special occasion.



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CATHOLIC LIFE IN SCHOOL

Throughout this term, our school community will take part in many events that help to celebrate and support our Catholic life. These include opportunities for prayer, worship, charity and reflection, that helps our children grow in faith and live out our Gospel Values each day.

These events play an important role in our school life and strengthen our sense of community.

Please see below for more information about recent and upcoming events linked to the Catholic Life in our school.

YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY - BRANCH 4

17th April at 9:15am in School - parents/carers welcome

YEAR 4 HOLY COMMUNION MASS

2nd May at 11am at St Stephen's Church - all families welcome to attend

MASS FOR ASCENSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

14th May at 11am at St Stephen's Church - all families welcome to attend

YEAR 2 CLASS ASSEMBLY - BRANCH 5

12th June at 9.15am in School - parents/carers welcome

YEAR 5 RETREAT DAY WITH CARDINAL NEWMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

15th June - all day - for pupils only

JUDAISM WORKSHOPS FOR ALL CLASSES

17TH June - all day - for pupils only

PRAYER STATIONS

29th June - all morning - for pupils only

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' MASS

8th July at 11am at St Stephen's Church - all families welcome to attend

