



# St James' R C Primary School

## RE Newsletter

### Summer Term 2024



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer edition of the St James' RE Newsletter.

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (19<sup>th</sup> May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. It is designed to keep you up to date with information and the topics that your child will be learning about in their RE lessons this summer term.

#### **Recent News**

##### **Taize Music & The Season of Lent**

We are grateful to Father David for leading a Taize service for each class during the season of Lent. The children had an opportunity to listen to Taize music and reflect on scripture. KS2 focused on Matthew 4:1-11. The Temptation of Jesus. KS1 focused on John 15:12-13. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. The children reflected on what these passages meant to them as they quietly prayed and listened to two Taize chants. We thank Father David for his continued support.

During Lent, the children had an opportunity to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Their knowledge and understanding of the Easter story was enriched by watching the Year 5 inspirational performance of the Passion Play. Well done Year 5 you were amazing! Their Easter Gardens were once again very creative and really highlighted the key events of the Easter story too.

Thank you to everyone who returned the Catholic Children's Society Boxes. We are pleased to say that we raised an incredible £1050.69 for this charity. Well done to Logan in Y3, Francesca in Y5 and Lea in Y6 who independently organised and raised funds to support this charity.

##### **The Oscar Romero Award**

It was a great pleasure to escort some of our RE Ambassadors to St George's Cathedral in March to celebrate the Oscar Romero Mass with Archbishop John Wilson. The children enjoyed meeting the Archbishop and seeing the wonderful Oscar Romero Cross situated in the cathedral. It was a truly special event as we were also awarded the Oscar Romero Participator certificate. The award shows how we focus on putting our Catholic Social Teaching Principles into action in our school and throughout our local and wider community.

##### **Catholic Social Teaching Principles**

The Catholic Social Teaching Principles are based around the Church's belief that we can all make a difference in our world and make it a better place for all. These teachings are rooted in Scripture and especially in the teachings of Jesus found in the Gospels. Christ shows us how to walk in his footsteps, bringing love and care to those both near and far. We hope to make present in our unjust world, the justice, love and peace of God through our words and actions. At St James' we promote the Catholic Social Teaching Principles (CST) by each class focusing on one principle in each year group. The seven principles of social teaching that we will explore at St James' are:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Catholic Social Teaching Principle</b>
Reception	Stewardship. Caring for our world
Year 1	Peace
Year 2	Solidarity
Year 3	Option for the Poor
Year 4	Human Dignity
Year 5	Distributive Justice
Year 6	Subsidiarity

We explore these principles in our classes but also together through our curriculum, prayer and liturgy experiences and through our everyday actions. It is through this work that we achieved the Participator Level of the Oscar Romero Award.

### **The Lunchtime Holy Club**

The KS2 Lunchtime Holy Club has now moved to Tuesday lunchtime. The RE Ambassadors lead this group. There are opportunities for the children to read and listen to the Word of the Lord, reflect on its meaning, listen to music and enter into spontaneous prayer. Well done my RE Ambassadors for organising this club.

### **Catholic Virtues**

Last term, pupils nominated and celebrated examples of the Catholic virtues; patience and honesty in action throughout the school. Well done to all those who received nominations. In the summer term, we will focus on determination and self-discipline. Examples of nominations are displayed on the Catholic virtues display board in the hall. The tea party will also celebrate examples of these virtues in action. Teachers nominate pupils in their class for this award.

### **May the Month of Mary.**

Rosary Week will be held at St James' in the week beginning Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. A Rosary Club will be organised before the beginning of the school day. We are also looking to have our May procession after Mass on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. More details of both events to follow shortly.

### **Relationship and Health Education**

We are continuing to enhance the National Curriculum's objectives for Relationship and Health Education with Catholic Ten Ten "Life to the Full" scheme. This scheme runs from Reception to Year 6 and supports our whole school vision for Personal Social and Health Education. On the Ten Ten Website there is a parent's portal where you can support your child's learning. The log in details are:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

**Username:** st-james-br5  
**Password:** fern-15

Teachers will be contacting you shortly with information on the focused themes to be taught in the summer term.

### **Upcoming Events of the Summer Term**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April St George's Day (Uniform Groups)  
 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May Rosary Week. Week  
 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day. Holy Day of Obligation. Whole School Mass (Year 5)  
 Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Whole School Mass May Procession (Year 3)  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June Mini Vinnies Mass, St George's Cathedral  
 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> June & 22<sup>nd</sup> June Holy Communion at St James' Church  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July Y3 Class Mass at St James' School  
 Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July Whole School Mass Leavers (Year 6)

## RE Curriculum Grid

Please find below the religious themes that the children will be studying in their RE Curriculum for the summer term. St James' use the RE scheme "The Way, The Truth, The Life" to support the children's RE learning. The focus for Other Faiths will be: **Festivals, Belongings and Values.**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Summer</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Other Faith</b>
<b>Reception</b>	New Life	A Church	Special Days in Different Religions
<b>Year 1</b>	Resurrection	Miracles	Festivals and Places of Worship
<b>Year 2</b>	Eastertide	The Church is Born	Judaism
<b>Year 3</b>	Celebrating Easter and Pentecost	Being a Christian	Buddism
<b>Year 4</b>	The Early Christians	The Church	Hinduism
<b>Year 5</b>	Life in the Risen Jesus	Other Faiths	Islam
<b>Year 6</b>	The Transforming Spirit	Called to Serve	Sikhism

Please visit "The Way, The Truth, The Life" websites below to help support your child in their RE learning.

[www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS1link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS1link.htm)

[www.tere.org/interactive\\_site/KS2link.htm](http://www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link.htm)

### Dates from the Church's Calendar:

<u>First Half of Summer Term</u>		<u>Second Half of Summer Term</u>	
25 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Mark, Evangelist	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sacred Heart of Jesus
26 <sup>th</sup> April	St. George, Patron of England	8 <sup>th</sup> June	Immaculate Heart of Mary
29 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe	8 <sup>th</sup> June	St William of York
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles	11 <sup>th</sup> June	St Barnabas, Apostle
4 <sup>th</sup> May	English Martyrs	13 <sup>th</sup> June	St Anthony of Padua
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> June	Blessed Peter Snow
14 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Matthias, Apostle	20 <sup>th</sup> June	St Alban, Martyr
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Ss John Fisher and Thomas More
25 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Bede, Doctor of the Church	24 <sup>th</sup> June	Nativity of St John the Baptist
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Trinity Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> June	Our Lady of Unfailing Help, Patron of the Diocese
27 <sup>th</sup> May	St Augustine of Canterbury	29 <sup>th</sup> June	Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Yorkshire Martyrs	11 <sup>th</sup> July	St Benedict, Patron of Europe
31 <sup>st</sup> May	The Visitation of Mary	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe

Have a wonderful summer term.

Many Thanks

Mrs Wilson.