



St Patrick's RC Primary Parents' Religious Education Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year. Below you will find information about what your children will be learning in their Religious Education this half term.

From this September Religious Education (RE) in EYFS and KS1 will be taught using a new Catholic RE programme called 'Lighting the Path' published by Oxford University Press and approved by the Diocese of Leeds. The implementation of the new programme will be phased in over the next two academic years. Children in Early Years and Year One and Year Two will be taught RE using Lighting the Path from this September, followed by all Key Stage Two classes from September 2026. Lighting the Path follows a spiral curriculum which means that each year group follows the same broad theme, but the content differs depending on the age of pupils.

These are dates from the Catholic Church's calendar that mark or celebrate significant days or feast days during this half term:

3rd September St. Gregory the Great

4th September St. Cuthbert

8th September Our Lady's birthday

14th September Education Sunday

15th September Our Lady of Sorrows

24th September Our Lady of Walsingham

27th September St. Vincent de Paul

29th September Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

30th September St. Jerome

1st October St. Therese of Lisieux

2nd October Guardian Angels

3rd October Harvest Fast Day

4th October St. Francis of Assisi

7th October Our Lady of the Rosary

9th October St. John Henry Newman

10th October St. Paulinus of York

13th October St. Edward the Confessor

15th October St. Teresa of Avila

17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch

18th October St. Luke, Evangelist

22nd October St. John Paul II, Pope

Reception

This half term children in Early Years will be learning about God's beautiful world. Throughout this unit of work, the children will begin to appreciate the beauty and wonder of the world and know that God made it. They will learn that God loves each one of us and reflect on this. They will hear about and respond to the things God created for us.

At home you could help your children by:

- looking at pictures of animals and plants and talking about how special creation is
- encourage them to notice different parts of God's wonderful creation and think of ways to care for the world.

Year One

The children will hear and retell the story of Creation from the first chapter of the Book of Genesis and talk about its meaning. They will learn that in the story of Creation God gave human beings the responsibility for taking care of the world and everything in it and in doing this they show their love for each other and for God. Children will study how belief in Creation is expressed in diverse creative and artistic ways and talk about their responses.

At home you could help your children by:

- talking about how we can look after the world, e.g. recycling, not dropping litter, conserving energy and how we can care for plants and animals
- look at the trees during the autumn season and talk about the different colours. You could collect leaves to make a collage or painting.

Year Two

The children will learn about the story of Noah, focusing on God's promise that is symbolised by the rainbow. They will learn that hope is a key virtue, because after the destruction of the flood, the path back to living a good life was restored by the hope of Noah and his family. Through Noah, humanity was again given the responsibility of taking care of the world. The children will then focus on the sacrament of baptism because of its link with Noah: humanity was given a new start from the waters in the story of Noah and through the water of baptism a person is given new life in the Christian family.

At home you could emphasise:

- care of the environment by encouraging them to take simple steps to care for insects, birds and other creatures.
- if applicable, talk about their baptism and look at and talk about objects or photographs from the celebration.