



*St James' R C Primary School*  
**RE Newsletter**  
*Summer Term 2023*



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the summer edition of the St James' RE Newsletter which is designed to keep you up to date with information and with the topics that your child will be learning about in their RE lessons this summer term.

**Recent News**

**Lent**

During the season of Lent, KS1 and Year 3 attended Mass at St James' on separate occasions. The children thoroughly enjoyed these Masses and appreciated celebrating the word of God with the parishioners. They enjoyed receiving their individual blessings from Father David too. For part of the Lenten preparations, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They understood the importance of this Sacrament by commenting:

**"The Sacrament makes us become closer to God."  
"We have to be honest and that helps our relationship with God."**

During Lent, the children also 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! The Easter Gardens were once again very creative and really highlighted the key events of the Easter Story.

**The Lunchtime Holy Club**

The KS2 Lunchtime Holy Club is now well established at St James'. 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. We are now hoping to introduce the club to KS1 pupils.

**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.

**Mission Statement**

Last term, all stakeholders of St James' School were involved in the relaunch of our mission statement. We have looked in detail at our values of:

**FAITH IN ACTION,  
WORKING TOGETHER  
WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST.**

We focused on how we can put these values into action. This term, we will continue to focus on our vision which is to:

**Share our love of God every day in all that we learn, do and say.**

We will continue talking to the children about how we strive to:

- Live out our Catholic values, placing them at the heart of our whole school community.
- Inspire all to be excited and empowered by learning.
- Celebrate diversity and promote inclusive relationships through mutual respect, kindness and compassion.
- Work together for the common good for a fairer and a more just society in which we can all serve.

We will ensure all pupils at St James' will have opportunities to understand and embrace our distinctive Catholic identity, charism, and mission of our school.

### **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 2nd -Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Rosary Week

Tuesday 2nd May Y5 visiting The Mosque, Keston

Thursday 18th May Ascension Day Whole School Mass (Year 4)

Monday 22nd May CAFOD Workshops promoting Catholic Social Teachings.

Thursday 25th May Whole School Mass May Procession (Year 3)

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Y1 Class assembly

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June Y3 to Aylesford (One Bread, One Body Retreat)

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June Whole School Prayer Day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June Y4 to Hindu Temple, Maldon

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June Whole School Mass St Peter and St Paul (Year 3)

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June Reception Class Assembly

Thursday 20th July Whole School Mass Leavers (Year 6)

## RE Curriculum Grid

Please find below the religious themes 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:

| <b><u>First Half of Summer Term</u></b> |  | <b><u>Second Half of Summer Term</u></b> |   |
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| 25 <sup>th</sup> April                  | St. Mark, Evangelist                     | 6 <sup>th</sup> June                     | Our Lady, Mother of the Church                    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> April                  | St. George, Patron of England            | 8 <sup>th</sup> June                     | St William of York                                |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> April                  | St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe | 8 <sup>th</sup> June                     | Corpus Christi                                    |
| 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                               |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> May                    | St. Matthias, Apostle                    | 15 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Blessed Peter Snow                                |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> May                    | St. Bede, Doctor of the Church           | 16 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Sacred Heart of Jesus                             |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Ascension Thursday                       | 17 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Immaculate Heart of Mary                          |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> May                    | St Augustine of Canterbury               | 20 <sup>th</sup> June                    | St Alban, Martyr                                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Pentecost Sunday                         | 22 <sup>nd</sup> June                    | Ss John Fisher and Thomas More                    |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> May                    | Yorkshire Martyrs                        | 24 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Nativity of St John the Baptist                   |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> May                    | The Visitation of Mary                   | 27 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Our Lady of Unfailing Help, Patron of the Diocese |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Trinity Sunday                           | 29 <sup>th</sup> June                    | Ss Peter and Paul, Apostles                       |
|   |  | 11 <sup>th</sup> July                    | St Benedict, Patron of Europe                     |
|   |  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                    | St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe            |

Have a wonderful summer term. Many thanks, Mrs Wilson.