

— Advent 2025 —

# RE Curriculum Newsletter

*Grow in Faith; have Faith in Growing*

*For more information, please visit the [RE pages](#) on our school website*

Charitable Giving Focus  
for the term:

Jeans for Genes  
Harvest  
Children in Need  
Class/Year group specific  
- see our [website](#) for  
more details

## **KEY DATES:**

Beginning of Year Mass -  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 9am

All Saints Mass - Monday  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 9am

Advent Liturgy - Monday  
1<sup>st</sup> December 9am

Carol Concert at St  
George's Church -  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
6pm

Christmas Mass - Friday  
19<sup>th</sup> December 9am

Carols around the Tree -  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2pm

For all Class Celebrations  
of the Word, please see  
the fortnightly [newsletter](#).

## **Welcome back!**

***We hope you had a wonderful summer.***

As we journey through this academic year, we continue to nurture the spiritual and moral development of our students through a rich and inspiring Religious Education curriculum. Rooted in the teachings of the Catholic Church, our curriculum invites pupils to deepen their understanding of Scripture, explore the life and message of Jesus Christ, and reflect on their own faith in the light of Gospel values. Following a successful trial period, we are delighted to announce that we will now be moving full steam ahead with the full delivery of the RED curriculum in its entirety—well ahead of it becoming statutory in September 2026. This early implementation ensures a consistent, meaningful, and faith-filled learning experience for all our students.

Scroll down to find the knowledge organisers for your child's year group, outlining the key vocabulary and knowledge they'll be covering across the term.

For further information about the topics covered during our whole school Celebrations of the Word, please see the [TenTen family newsletter](#).

# Words of the Week

Sept-Nov: Year C (Ordinary Time)

Dec: Year A (Advent)

Encounter – (Year C, Week 23 in Ordinary Time)

Patience – (Year C, Week 24 in Ordinary Time)

Work – (Year C, Week 25 in Ordinary Time)

Prudence – (Year C, Week 26 in Ordinary Time)

Rosary – (Year C, Week 27 in Ordinary Time)

Inclusion – (Year C, Week 28 in Ordinary Time)

Piety – (Year C, Week 29 in Ordinary Time)

Counsel – (Year C, Week 31 in Ordinary Time)

Remembrance – (Year C, Week 32 in Ordinary Time)

Youth – (Year C, Week 33 in Ordinary Time)

Kingdom – (Year C, Week 34 in Ordinary Time)

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Hope – (Year A, 1st Week of Advent)

Peace – (Year A, 2nd Week of Advent)

Joy – (Year A, 3rd Week of Advent)

## Chaplaincy Team Updates

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW APPOINTMENTS ON OUR CHAPLAINCY TEAM FOR 2025-2026!



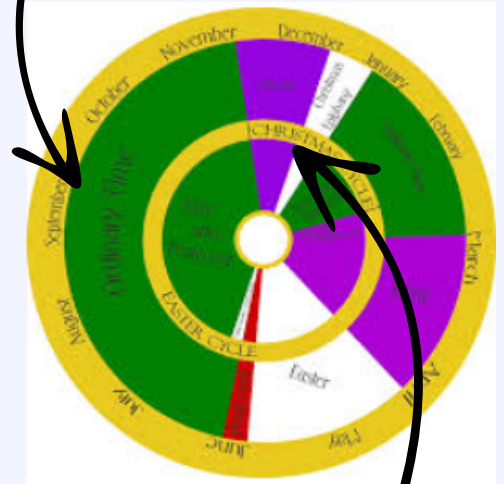
PRESIDENT: **Simaiah**

VICE PRESIDENT: **Tanimola**

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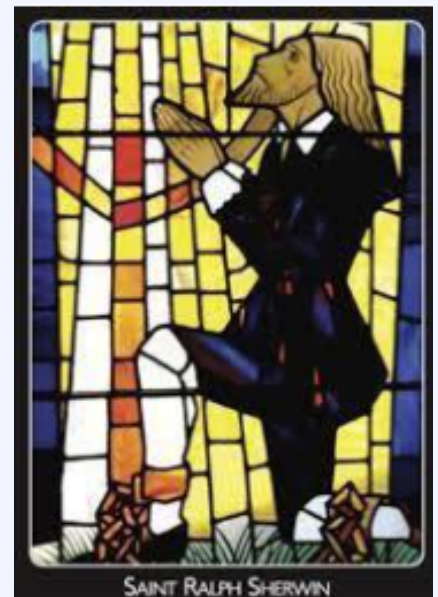
THIS YEAR, WE ALSO WELCOME  
'APPRENTICES' TO THE CHAPLAINCY TEAM,  
FROM YEARS 3 AND 4.

**THIS TERM,  
WE WILL  
BEGIN HERE**



**AND END  
HERE**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**  
**Feast of St Ralph Sherwin**



## RE Family Survey.

As always, we welcome your feedback.  
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offer your views...  
RE Family Survey.

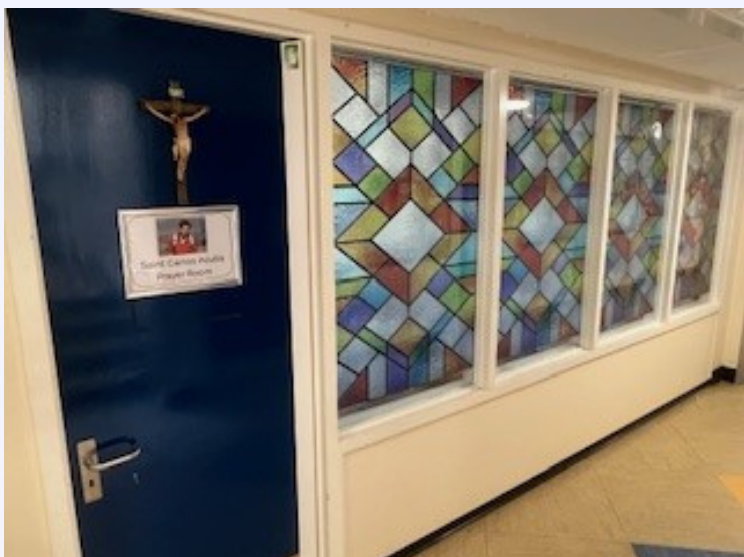


This summer, we were delighted to welcome talented graffiti artist Graham to our school. He's brought our Key Stage 2 playground wall to life with a stunning mural showcasing the 7 Catholic Social Teaching Principles – a vibrant reminder of our shared values for the whole school community to enjoy.



Our RE Team – Mrs Holmes, Mrs Bennett, Miss Sadler, Miss Jukka and Miss Johnson – have transformed our old library into the new **St Carlo Acutis Prayer Room.**

Named after the millennial saint recently canonised, this special space invites reflection and prayer. To learn more about St Carlos' life, search "Carlo Acutis Animation - CYMFED" on YouTube.



# Knowledge Organisers

## EYFS R.E. Advent 1

### Subject Specific Vocabulary

God	The Father of us all. God the Father is one of the three persons in the Holy Trinity. He is everywhere. God is the one that all good in the world comes from. God is love.
creation	The universe and everything in it. God making our world for us all.
world	The earth, together with all of its countries and peoples. God made the world.
stewardship	The job of taking care and looking after something. The job to take care and look after our world.
Baptism	A Sacrament where we are welcomed in to God's family.
Sign of the Cross	A prayer we say whenever we talk to God.

## Creation and Covenant

### Core Knowledge



The sign of the cross is a prayer we say whenever we talk to God.



Know that God created the world and all people in it.

Know that we are blessed and welcomed into God's family through Baptism.

God made us all special and unique. He loves us all.



God asked us to look after his world.



## EYFS R.E. Advent 2

### Subject Specific Vocabulary

Mary	A special lady chosen by God to be Jesus' mother.
Jesus	God's son who was born in Bethlehem.
Bethlehem	A place chosen by God for Jesus to be born in. it is a small town and not an especially important place; God chose it to show Jesus is for everyone.
stable	A building where livestock, mainly horses, are kept.
saviour	A person who saves someone or something from danger or difficulty. Jesus saves us from our sins.
Advent	The first season of the Church year, leading up to Christmas and including the four preceding Sundays

## Prophecy and Promise

### Sticky Knowledge



Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby.

Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable. Shepherds came to visit.

Mary said yes to God's plan, even though it was scary! Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem.



Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for Jesus and Christmas.



Jesus came to the world for everyone!



## YEAR 1 RE Advent 1

### Subject Specific Vocabulary

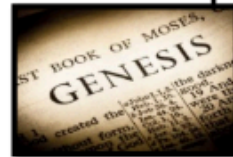
Word	Definition
<b>God the Father</b>	The Father of us all. God the Father is one of the three persons in the Holy Trinity.
<b>Creation</b>	The universe and everything in it. God making our world for us all.
<b>Creed</b>	A prayer where Catholics profess their faith. They say what they be-
<b>Our Father</b>	A very special prayer given to us by Jesus to teach us how to pray and
<b>Stewardship</b>	The job of taking care and looking after something. The job to take care and look after our world.
<b>Community</b>	A group of people living in the same area. A group of people who
<b>Pope Francis</b>	The leader of the Catholic Church.
<b>Laudato Si'</b>	A letter given to us by Pope Francis telling us about the damage hu- mans have caused on our world and how we are to take care of it.

God gave human beings the responsibility for taking care of the World and its people. This is stewardship.



Prayer is a way of drawing us closer to God, we know the sign of the cross and the Our Father are special prayers.

We know that the story of Creation in Genesis 1, as a prayerful and poetic reflection on God's world.



Laudato Si' is a letter written by Pope Francis calling us all to protect and take care of God's creation on Earth.



## Creation and Covenant

### Sticky Knowledge

We know that all that is comes from God, Our Father who made heaven and earth.

## YEAR 1 RE Advent 2

### Subject Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
<b>Jesus</b>	The Son of God.
<b>Bible</b>	The Scriptures teaching us about God and Jesus.
<b>Gospel Writers</b>	The people who proclaim the Good News.
<b>Annunciation</b>	The angel announcing news of Jesus to Mary.
<b>Angels</b>	The messengers of God.
<b>Visitation</b>	When Mary went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth to share her good news.
<b>Hail Mary</b>	The prayer we say to Our Lady.
<b>Gloria</b>	A prayer to glorify God in Mass, the message shared by the angels.
<b>Nativity</b>	The birth of Jesus.
<b>Bethlehem</b>	The town where Jesus was born.

There are many pieces of art and music that show the stories



The Christmas story reveals God's love for us, as he sent His Son,



The Hail Mary and the Gloria share the words of the Angels.



### Sticky Knowledge

The Bible is a special book where we encounter God and the Good News of Jesus in the Gospels.



We know that in the Annunciation, the Angel asked Mary to be the Mother of Jesus and she said yes. She is very special to us.



We know that Angels are God's messengers and



## Prophecy and Promise

## YEAR 2 R.E. Advent 1

### Subject Specific Vocabulary

Word(s)	Definition
God	He is everywhere, above and below, today and tomorrow, without beginning or end. God was here when not even a grain of dust existed. And He will still be here when the world no longer exists. God is the one that all good in the world comes from. God is love.
creation	The act of bringing something into existence; or the universe and everything in it (which Catholics believe God created).
stewardship	The duty to care for something. Catholics believe that God gave them the duty to care for the earth and everything in it.
sin	Sin is something bad you do even though you know you shouldn't do it. Sin is also if you do not do something good although you know that you should do it.
Bible	The Bible is a collection of books. Christians believe it is the most important book in the world. Through the Sacred Scripture, God speaks directly to us.
Old Testament	This is the first part of the Bible. It teaches us about God and His love. It was all written before Jesus was on earth.
New Testament	This is the second part of the Bible. It contains stories about Jesus spreading God's good news.
Psalms	Psalms are prayers to praise God. The psalms are 150 very old songs. The people of Israel used them to pray to God.
Sacraments	The sacraments are living signs of Jesus' love for all people. The first sacrament is baptism.
Covenant	A promise between people and God.

## Creation and Covenant

### Sticky Knowledge

In the story of Noah, God made a promise (covenant) with Noah and all living creatures that He would never send such a big flood again. His promise was symbolised by a rainbow.



In Noah's time, people were sinning. Noah was a good steward of the earth so God decided to give people another chance by creating a path to salvation.



God's promise means that we must turn back to God and take responsibility for the gift of Creation we have received by being a good steward (keeper) of the Earth and all living things.

In the story of Noah, a few were saved by water. In the Sacrament of Baptism, a person is reborn from the waters; reborn into a new life in the Christian family.



There are many symbols in the Sacrament of Baptism.

light

white garment

anointing with the oil of Chrim

water



## YEAR 2 RE Advent 2

### Subject Specific Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Prophet	A person who delivered a message they received from God to the people.
John the Baptist	He was the last prophet of the Old Covenant who devoted his life to preparing the way for Jesus.
Isaiah	An Old Testament prophet who predicted of the coming of the Messiah.
Messiah	A saviour of a group of people. The 'anointed' one.
Annunciation	Meaning 'announcement'. The Bible story when Angel Gabriel told Mary she would have a baby.
Magnificat	The song of Mary. Hymn of praise after Mary was visited by the Angel Gabriel.
Advent	The first season of the Church's year and a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
Advent wreath	Put up during Advent and symbolises God's everlasting love. The four candles on the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of Advent.



A prophet communicates God's message, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Like Isaiah and John the Baptist.



## Prophecy and Promise

### Sticky Knowledge

The Bible is split into two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament.



Mary is the mother of God who prays for us and with us. The Magnificat teaches us about how we can make the world fairer.

The meaning of the candles are hope, peace, joy and love. The final white candle in the middle represents Jesus.



# Lower Juniors - Year 3 and Year 4

## Creation and Covenant

### Abraham: Father of Faith

1.		<b>Abraham</b> is one of the most important figures in religious history because <b>Jews, Christians, and Muslims</b> trace their belief in one God back to him.
2.		God's <b>covenant</b> with Abraham is the foundation of the faith of the people of the <b>Old and New Testaments: Judaism and Christianity</b> .
3.		The <b>virtues</b> of <b>faith, hope</b> and <b>love</b> help us to be a good neighbour. These virtues can transform our lives.
4.		God blessed Abraham during his life. His blessings included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new land in which he and his family could live.</li> <li>A promise from God that he will watch over Abraham and his family.</li> <li>His first-born child Isaac.</li> </ul>

### Scripture

1.	<b>Call of Abraham</b> Genesis 12: 1-5	
2.	<b>God's Covenant with Abraham</b> Genesis 15: 1-6	
3.	<b>Abraham and Sarah</b> Genesis 18: 1-15	
4.	<b>Abraham and Isaac</b> Genesis 22: 1-18	
<b>Scripture prior knowledge</b>		
5.	<b>The Ten Commandments</b> Exodus 20:2-17	
6.	Abraham is recognised as the father of faith as he made the first covenant between God and man.	

## Advent 1

### Key religious vocabulary

1.	<b>Abraham</b>	A man of great faith who had a special relationship between God and the Jewish people.
2.	<b>Historical context</b>	Events in History that influenced what was written and who it was written for.
3.	<b>Covenant</b>	A contract and a promise made between a person and God.
4.	<b>Genesis</b>	The first book in the Bible that contains the creation story and the story of Abraham.
5.	<b>Sarah</b>	The wife of Abraham.
6.	<b>Encounter</b>	Recognising God's presence in our own lives and moments when we have a personal encounter with God.
7.	<b>Virtue</b>	A virtue is a good habit that helps us to act according to God's love for us
8.	<b>Blessings</b>	An act of good will whereby the person implores God's aid for the person.
9.	<b>Sacrifice</b>	An act of giving up something that we treasure. Making an offering or slaughtering an animal or person as an offering to God.
<b>Big question</b>		
How can you be a good neighbour in your life using the virtues of <b>love, hope</b> and <b>faith</b> ?		



## Prophecy and Promise

### Key Vocabulary

1.	<b>Sunday</b>	The Holy day of rest for Christians.
2.	<b>Mass</b>	The most important ceremony in the Catholic church where the Eucharist is celebrated.
3.	<b>Liturgy of the word</b>	The words of holy scripture
4.	<b>Eucharist</b>	Holy Communion – The body and blood of Christ
5.	<b>Psalms</b>	a sacred song or poem in the Bible that is meant to be sung, but can also be read as a prayer.
6.	<b>Hymns</b>	a religious song of praise to God
7.	<b>Holy Spirit</b>	personal being who is God
8.	<b>Nativity</b>	The birth of Jesus
9.	<b>The Annunciation</b>	When the angel Gabriel came to visit Mary to give her a very special message from God.
10.	<b>Prophet</b>	A prophet is someone chosen by God to share His messages with people.
11.	<b>Advent</b>	Advent is the time of year when we prepare for Christmas and the celebration of Jesus' birth.
12.	<b>Messiah</b>	The Messiah is a special person chosen by God to save and help people. In Christianity, we believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

### Key people and scripture

1.	<b>Joseph</b>	Joseph was Mary's husband and Jesus' earthly father. He was a kind and faithful man who listened to God. When the angel came to him in a dream and told him that Mary would have a special baby from God, Joseph trusted God and took care of Mary and Jesus.
2.	<b>Mary</b>	Mary was a young woman chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. She was kind, humble, and had a strong faith.
3.	<b>Prophet Isaiah</b>	Isaiah was a prophet, or a messenger of God, who lived a long time before Jesus. God chose Isaiah to give people important messages about His love and His plans.



Saint Joseph was just a man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

- St Pope John Paul II

## Advent 2

### Order of Mass

1.	Christians go to a Mass on a Sunday because it is a Holy Day and they want to worship in God.
2.	There are four parts to a celebration of the word; Gather, listen, give thanks and SEND (go forth)
3.	People gather in a Church. Everyone is welcome. We begin with the sign of the cross.
4.	We listen. During Mass, we listen to God's word. The reading ends with, 'The Word of the Lord.' We respond with, 'Thanks be to God.'
5.	A psalm is usually sung.
6.	We then stand to listen to the Gospel reading. The Priest or Deacon reads the reading with, 'The Gospel of the Lord.' The people respond with, 'Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.'
7.	In the Eucharist Prayer, the priest does what Jesus did at the last supper. Catholics remember Jesus' sacrifice during the Eucharist.
8.	The people are sent out at the end to try to live out the messages they have heard and be more like Jesus.

# Upper Juniors - Year 5 and Year 6

## Creation and Covenant

### Religious Vocabulary

1.	Creation	The making of the world by God.
2.	The Fall	When Adam and Eve are forced to leave the garden of Eden because they have sinned against God and disobeyed Him and brought evil into the world.
3.	Eden	The garden where Adam and Eve first lived in the Creation story.
4.	Stewardship	Caring for God's beautiful world.
5.	Sin	Making a wrong choice that is against God's law.
6.	Original sin	The result of Adam and Eve disobeying God when they gave in to temptation and ate the forbidden fruit in the garden of Eden. It affects individuals by separating them from God. Catholics believe that they are redeemed through Jesus' sacrifice and His dying on the cross.
7.	Baptism	The first Sacrament of initiation in to a Christian life. Through baptism, Christians are freed from sin and welcomed into the Church.
8.	Salvation	This begins with Baptism and is the process of being freed from sin. It is made possible through Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

### Creation story – The Fall

(Genesis 2 and 3)

1.	Creation of Man (Adam)	The Lord God took some soil and formed a man. He breathed life into him.
2.	Eden	Then the Lord planted a garden in Eden. God put the man he had formed in it.
3.	Growth	God planted all kinds of trees that produced fruit. In the middle of the garden stood the tree that gives knowledge of what is good and bad.
4.	Warning	God told the man not to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge.
5.	Woman (Eve)	God took one of the man's ribs when he was sleeping and created a companion called woman.
6.	Temptation	The snake tempted Eve to eat the fruit from the tree of knowledge. She ate it and gave some to Adam, who also ate it.
7.	The Fall	When God found out they had eaten the fruit from the tree of knowledge, God ordered them to leave the garden.
8.	Genesis	The Genesis account of Creation and the Fall is not a literal scientific description, but expresses beliefs about God, the world and human beings. In Jesus, God restored humanity's relationship with Him.

## Advent 1

### Science and Faith

1.	Catholic Scientists	Many scientists are Christians and they do not see any conflict between their faith and science.
2.	Scientific discoveries	The discoveries of science can lead to a deeper appreciation of the greatness of God and God's love for all creation.
3.	Georges Lemaître	He was a Catholic priest and a scientist. Georges Lemaître independently found solutions to Einstein's gravitational field equations that described a universe in which space itself is expanding.  He predicted that there should be observable radiation left over from the Big Bang explosion, which is correct, though he incorrectly identified it with Cosmic Rays.  So, not only did Lemaître propose the central idea of modern cosmology, the Big Bang theory, but his further speculations also brilliantly anticipated several ideas that have become major parts of contemporary thinking in cosmology.

### Georges Lemaître

A Belgian priest, theoretical physicist and mathematician who proposed the Big Bang theory.



## Prophecy and Promise

### Key Vocabulary

1.	Covenant	a contract and promise made between a person and God.
2.	Community	a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.
3.	Participation	taking part in something.
4.	Leadership	to lead a group of people toward achieving a common goal.
5.	Anointing	In Israel, priests, kings and prophets were anointed with oil to set them apart as leaders and they were dedicated to God.
6.	Ancestry	a line of descendants.
7.	Psalm	psalms can be read as prayers. They are meant to be sung as a sacred song or hymn.
8.	Rosary	A prayer of the Catholic Church in honour of Our Lady.
9.	Antiphons	a short sentence sung or said before or after a psalm. It is amusical setting.
10.	O Antiphons	These are said between the 17-23 December. The word 'come' is used in every O antiphon. The O antiphon is read or sung before the Magnificat during evening prayer or before the gospel at Mass.
11.	Vespers	a service of Evening Prayer.
12.	A leader as a shepherd	a style of leadership that focuses on the growth and well-being of people and communities.
14.	A good shepherd	someone who protects, guides, cares and is ready to help others.

### Key people and scripture

1.	Samuel	He was a faithful servant of God. He anointed the first two kings of Israel – Saul and David.
2.	Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)	God's covenant with Abraham was to give him land for his descendants.
3.	David	He was a shepherd who became king of Israel and Judah.

### King David

"Be confident and determined and do what the Lord God orders you to do. Obey all his laws and commands, as written in the laws of Moses, so that wherever you go you may prosper in all you do." (Kings 2:2-4)



## Advent 2

### O Antiphons

The "O Antiphons" are special prayers that Christians say during the last days of Advent, which is the time when we prepare for Christmas. Each prayer starts with the word "O" and calls Jesus by a different name, showing how people have waited for Him for a long time.

The seven O Antiphons in a simple way to understand them:

1	O Wisdom	We ask Jesus, who is full of wisdom, to come and teach us how to live wisely and make good choices.
2	O Lord	We remember how Jesus is our Lord, and we ask Him to come and save us like He saved the people of Israel long ago.
3	O Root of Jesse	We call Jesus the Root of Jesse because He came from Jesse's family, like a tree grows from its roots. We ask Him to come and rescue us.
4	O Key of David	Jesus is like a key that opens doors no one else can. We ask Him to come and free us from anything that holds us back.
5	O Dayspring	Jesus is like the light of the sunrise, bringing hope. We ask Him to come and bring light to the world and to our hearts.
6	O King of the Nations	Jesus is the King of all people. We ask Him to come and bring peace and unity to everyone.
7	O Emmanuel	Emmanuel means "God with us." We ask Jesus to come and be with us as our Savior and guide.