

— Advent 2026 —

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 11th September 9am

All Saints Mass - Monday
2nd November 9am

Advent Liturgy - Tuesday
1st December 9am

Carol Concert at St
George's Church -
Thursday 17th December
6pm

Christmas Mass - Friday
18th December 9am

Carols around the Tree -
Friday 18th 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 highly successful Catholic Schools Inspection, we continue to push forward with the successful implementation of the RED curriculum in its entirety, which is now statutory. This ensures a consistent, meaningful, and faith-filled learning experience for all our students.

Read our wonderful CSI report [here](#).

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 A (Ordinary Time)

Dec: Year B (Advent)

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

Outreach – (Year A, Week 24 in Ordinary Time)

Dialogue – (Year A, Week 25 in Ordinary Time)

Listen – (Year A, Week 26 in Ordinary Time)

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

Respect – (Year A, Week 28 in Ordinary Time)

Justice – (Year A, Week 29 in Ordinary Time)

Change – (Year A, Week 31 in Ordinary Time)

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

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

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

Hope – (Year B, 1st Week of Advent)

Peace – (Year B, 2nd Week of Advent)

Joy – (Year B, 3rd Week of Advent)

Chaplaincy Team Updates

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW APPOINTMENTS ON OUR CHAPLAINCY TEAM FOR 2026-2027!



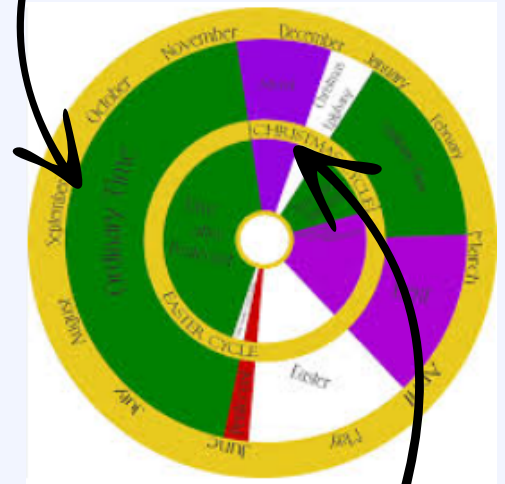
PRESIDENT: *Rayaan and Oliver*

VICE PRESIDENT: *Rayaan and Bea*

SECRETARY: *Felicity and Max*

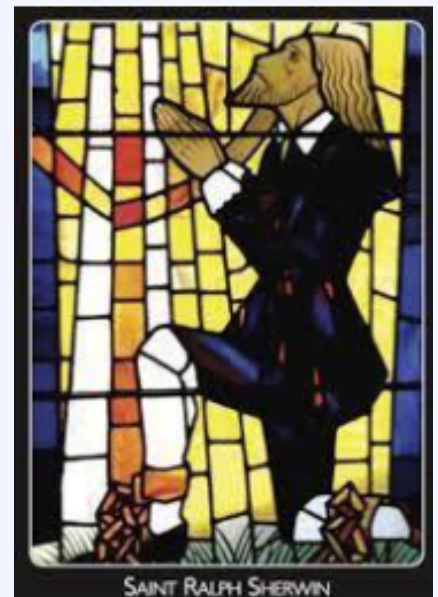
THIS YEAR, WE CONTINUE TO WELCOME 'APPRENTICES' TO THE CHAPLAINCY TEAM, FROM YEARS 3 AND 4.

**THIS TERM,
WE WILL
BEGIN HERE**



**AND END
HERE**

Tuesday 1st December 2026
Feast of St Ralph Sherwin



RE Family Survey.

As always, we welcome your feedback.
Please follow this link or QR code to
offer your views...
RE Family Survey.



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

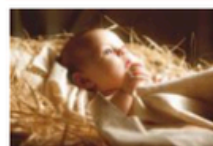


Angel Gabriel visited Mary and told her she was going to have a baby.

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



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



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

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



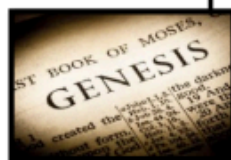
Creation and Covenant

Sticky Knowledge

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



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.



YEAR 1 RE Advent 2

Subject Specific Vocabulary

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

Religious Vocabulary

1.	Creation	The making of the world by God.
2.	Genesis	The first book in the Old testament and the Bible. The book of Genesis contains the creation story.
3.	Creator	God who created the world.
4.	Stewardship CST	Caring for God's beautiful world.
5.	Image and likeness	We are created to be like God.
6.	Catholic Social Teaching (CST)	Ways in which we should live our lives is rooted in Scripture, formed by the wisdom of Church leaders, and influenced by grassroots movements. It is our moral compass, guiding us on how to live out our faith in the world.
7.	Human Dignity CST	Everyone is special, unique and created in God's image. We all have the right to be treated respectfully.
8.	Equality	When everyone is treated the same way and given the same opportunities, regardless of their differences, needs, or circumstances

Creation story – Genesis Chapter 1

1	Light and dark
2	Earth and sky
3	Water and plants on the earth
4	Sun and moon
5	Fish in the sea, birds in the sky
6	Animals on the earth and mankind
7	God rested.

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
Genesis 1:27

Advent 1

Encyclicals/Letters from the Pope



This was written in 2020. Pope Francis has written a letter to everyone, asking us to reach out to our sisters and brothers in need, whoever they are, wherever they may come from. It is about love and friendship and challenges us to think of others.



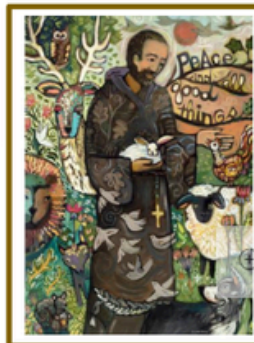
'Laudato Si' discusses the damage being made on the Earth by humans and calls on 'every person living on this planet' to make urgent changes to our lifestyles to save our planet. In his letter Pope Francis asks us to work together to create a better world for future generations and asks us to make the necessary changes in our lives in order to take care of, respect and value our 'common home'.

St Francis of Assisi

Patron Saint of Ecology

He wrote the Canticle of Creation.

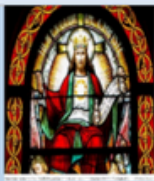
In it he praises God for all the wonderful things he created.



How does caring for the world help us change the world for the better ?

Prophecy and Promise

Christ the King

1.	Christ the King	Jesus Christ is not an earthly king, but the divine king of the universe who unites all of creation with God the Father.
2.	Liturgical year	Shows the Church's seasons throughout the year.
3.	The feast of Christ the King	This marks the end of the Church's year and describes what is celebrated.
		
		
4.	Religious art work is used to celebrate the feast of Christ the King.	

The Jesse Tree

1.	Jesse tree	A way of preparing during Advent by journeying through the bible stories from Jesus' family tree.
2.	Ancestry	The genealogy (family tree) of Jesus.
3.	Advent	The first season of the Church's year and a time of waiting for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.
4.	Incarnation	God became man in the body of Jesus Christ. Jesus was both fully human and fully God at the same time.
5.	The Jesse tree represents the ancestry of Jesus using artistic symbols starting with creation and ending with the incarnation.	
6.	The Jesse tree tradition is rooted in Isaiah 11:1 "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots."	
7.	Jesse was the father of David, Israel's greatest king.	
8.	The meaning and representation of the Jesse tree connects to God's plan for salvation.	

Advent 2

Elijah and John the Baptist - Prophets

1.	Elijah was a prophet who called the people of Israel to return to God.
2.	The story of Elijah can be found in the book of Kings in the Old Testament . (1Kings 17-19)
3.	Prophet A person who delivered a message they received from God to the people.
4.	Historical context Events in History that influenced what was written and who it was written for.
5.	Elijah A prophet from the Old Testament.
6.	Miracle An extra ordinary event taken as a sign of the power of God.
7.	Prophecy Reflects communication messages between God and humans through the prophets.
8.	Encounter Recognising God's presence in our own lives and moments when we have a personal encounter with God.
9.	Messiah A saviour of a group of people. The 'anointed' one.
10.	John the Baptist He was the last prophet of the Old Covenant who devoted his life to preparing the way for Jesus.
11.	Covenant A promise or an agreement.
12.	Preaching Teaching and spreading the Good News of Jesus.
13.	Elijah's story shows the importance of faith and hope in God even in desperate times.

Upper Juniors - Year 5 and Year 6

Creation and Covenant

Key Vocabulary

1.	Covenant	a contract and promise made between a person and God.
2.	Genesis	The first book in the Bible and tells the creation story.
3.	Exodus	a book in the Bible that tells the story of how Moses set the Israelites free from Egypt.
4.	Mount Sinai	the place where Moses received the Ten Commandments from God.
5.	The Ten Commandments	the ten rules given to Moses by God to dictate how humans should treat and live with each other.
6.	Rules	tell you what you are allowed and not allowed to do to and they are designed to keep you safe.
7.	Sin	deliberately spoiling our friendship with God and each other.
8.	Conscience	the part of you that judges how moral your own actions are and it makes you feel guilty for any bad things you have done.
9.	Morals	what a person believes to be right and wrong.
10.	Virtue	a good habit of behaviour, showing a high moral standard.
11.	Cardinal virtues	four moral virtues of mind and character: prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance.
12.	Theological virtues	faith, hope and charity (love).
13.	Justice	all people are treated fairly.

Key people and scripture

1.	Noah (Genesis 9:1-17)	God's covenant with Noah was to never flood the earth again.
2.	Abraham (Genesis 15:1-6)	God's covenant with Abraham was to give him land for his descendants.
3.	Moses (Exodus 6:2-13)	God promised Moses to save his people from slavery and suffering.

Mother Teresa

"In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."
-Mother Teresa



Advent 1

The Ten Commandments

	The Commandment	What it means:
1	You shall have no other gods before me.	Having another 'god' isn't as simple as worshipping a different God. Anything you put above God, even if it's just money or people is wrong.
2	You shall make no graven images	Don't worship Idols; you should only worship God. Like the First Commandment, God should be the most important thing in your life.
3	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	God's name is special. Don't misuse it.
4	Keep the Sabbath day holy.	The Hebrew word shabbath means 'rest.' Remember to take time to rest and focus on God.
5	Honor your father and your mother.	Respect your parents.
6	You shall not murder.	Don't kill anyone on purpose of unlawfully.
7	You shall not commit adultery.	Respect husbands and wives. If you get married, keep your promises to each other.
8	You shall not steal.	Don't take something that doesn't belong to you.
9	You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour.	Tell the truth and don't make up lies about people.
10	Do not desire another man's house, wife, cattle or anything that he owns.	Be content with what you already have. Don't crave what doesn't belong to you.

Prophecy and Promise

Women of the Old Testament

1.	Protagonists	Advocate or champion of a particular cause or idea.
2.	Salvation	Preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss.
3.	Old Testament	The first part of the Bible, which is the holy book of Christianity. It narrates the history, wisdom, and prophecies of the Jewish people, and their relationship with God.
4.	Miriam Exodus 2:1-10	She participates with Moses and Aaron to lead the Israelite community during the exodus and the wanderings. Her role in saving her baby brother and in celebrating the crossing of the sea highlights her concern for her people.
5.	Deborah Judges 4:4-11; 5:7-15	A prophet, judge and heroine in the Old Testament, who inspired the Israelites to a mighty victory over their Canaanite oppressors.
6.	Esther Esther 8:3-12	She becomes queen and risks her life to save the Jewish people from destruction when the court official Haman persuades the king to authorise the destruction against all the Jews of the empire.

Mary the fulfilment of the Old

1.	Feast of Christ the King	Feast of Christ the King, also called Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, festival celebrated in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. It serves as a reminder to be thankful for Christ's unselfish act in securing mankind's survival.
2.	Magnificat	Mary's song of joy draws heavily from the Old Testament to show how her son will fulfil many of God's promises.
3.	Vespers	A liturgy of evening prayer. The word for this prayer time comes from the vesper, meaning "evening".
4.	Mary fulfilled the Old Testament as it is expressly predicted in Isaiah 7:14: "Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel" According to Matthew 1:22-23, this prophecy was fulfilled in Mary.	
5.	There are still women today who continue to fulfil God's work: Benedictines, Bridgettines, Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary	



Advent 2

Lucan and Matthean Infancy Narrative

1.	Infancy	The earliest stage of a child's life.
2.	Narrative	A piece of writing that focuses on telling a story.
3.	Luke 1:26-56	Gabriel tells Mary that the Holy Spirit is going to cause her to be pregnant. He goes on to tell her that God had performed a miracle with Elizabeth as well.
4.	Matthew 1:18-25	Joseph decided to break his engagement to Mary quietly. However, an angel appeared to him in a dream, telling him to marry Mary. The angel said that Mary would have a son, whom they were to name Jesus.
5.	The Dream of Saint Joseph- Anton Raphael	The Annunciation- Tanner 
6.	Artwork that depicts and celebrates what is described in Matthew 1:18-25	Artwork that depicts and celebrates what is described in Luke 1:26-56