



# RE NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM

Learning and Growing Together in the Light of God's Love

## Spring Term

We would like to welcome back all of our children and families, after the Christmas break. We hope that you were able to spend some time with your families over the festive season. In this term's newsletter, you will find important information about what your child will be learning in RE, significant Holy Days, Catholic Social Teaching and updates linked to our RSE.

## Our School Prayer

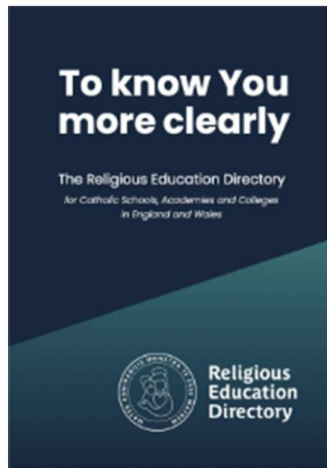
Joseph our Patron,  
Be with us in our school as we work and play.  
Encourage us to be loving, kind and gentle.  
Watch over the family of our school,  
and help us to grow into a community of love.

Amen



## To Know You More Clearly

Our new programme of study for RE, 'To Know You More Clearly', continues to be phased in throughout our school. Year R, 1, 2, 5 and 6 are now fully using this Framework. Year 3 and 4 continue to use, 'Come and See' for a final year. In 2025-2026, the new RE scheme will be fully implemented in all year groups.



Branch 1  
Autumn  
Creation and Covenant

Branch 2  
Autumn  
Prophecy and Promise

Branch 3  
Spring  
Prophecy and Promise

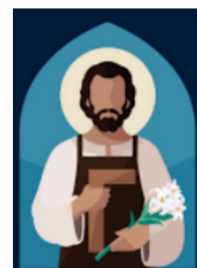
Branch 4  
Spring  
From Desert to Garden

Branch 5  
Summer  
To the Ends of the Earth

Branch 6  
Summer  
Dialogue and Encounter

### At the end of each branch and knowledge lenses the children will:

- **Understand** - The aim is to help pupils understand deeply the meaning of sacred texts, religious beliefs, sacred rites, and the lives of individuals and communities who are shaped by these texts, beliefs and rites.
- **Discern** - The aim is to help pupils to be able to judge wisely in response to different interpretations of the meaning, significance and implications of texts, beliefs, rites, and ways of life so that they can arrive at justified conclusions about what is true, what is good and what is beautiful.
- **Respond** - The aim is to help pupils reflect personally and with integrity on what they have learnt and consider the implications for action these may have their own lives and the world in which they live.



## To Know You More Clearly: Year R,1,2,5,6

### Galilee to Jerusalem - Spring 1

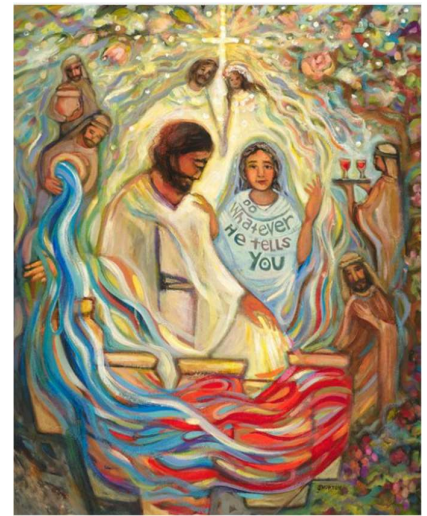
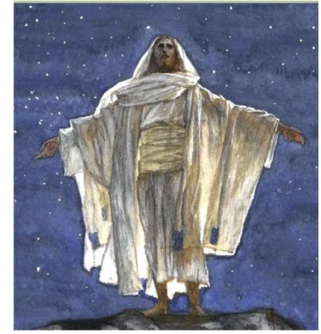
**Year R:** Children will be exploring that Jesus is God's son and he came for everyone, Jesus came to show God's love and welcome everyone and that we show our love for God through out words and actions towards others.

**Year 1:** Children will explore the beginning of Jesus' ministry on Earth. They will be developing an understanding of Jesus being the, 'Light to all Nations'.

**Year 2:** There will be a focus on Luke's Gospel, carefully considering what the accounts are saying.

**Year 5:** There will be an exploration of the 'new law' given by Jesus. Children will explore how Jesus shows us to love our neighbours through our actions.

**Year 6:** The Gospels of John presents Jesus as the Messiah and reveal truths about Jesus' divine nature. The sacraments are meeting points with God; their purpose is to help people grow more like Jesus and, through him become children of God.



### Desert to Garden - Spring 2

**Year R:** Children will learn that Lent is a time to care for others. They will explore that we try to help others by what we do in Lent and that Jesus died on a cross and it was a sad time, but he was given new life by God his Father.

**Year 1:** There will be a focus on the story of the last week of Jesus' life, his death and his resurrection. Children will learn that Lent is a special time for praying, fasting and helping others as Jesus taught us to do.

**Year 2:** They will explore the season of Lent, as a time to prepare for Easter. Children will learn about the events of the last week of Jesus' life and Holy Week.

**Year 5:** In this branch, children will explore the Ash Wednesday reading, The Temptation in the Wilderness and The Resurrection of the Dead.

**Year 6:** The Gospels of John show the significance of what Jesus did in light of his resurrection. Jesus taught about true discipleship and love of neighbours can transform the lives of individuals and the communities that they are part of. Lent is a time to begin this transformation.



# Come and See: Year 3 and 4

## Spring 1

### EUCHARIST - RELATING

#### Year 3 LISTENING and SHARING

Jesus gives himself to us

#### Year 4 GIVING and RECEIVING

Living in communion

### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Look through the family photograph album to help the children remember important events and special people in their lives. Discuss how we come together for special celebrations.



## Spring 2

### LENT/EASTER - GIVING

#### Year 3 GIVING ALL

Lent: remembering Jesus' total giving

#### Year 4 SELF DISCIPLINE

Celebrating growth to new life

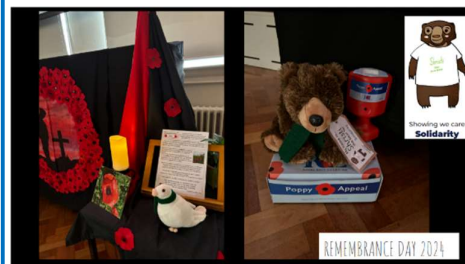
### SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

As a family talk about how you are going to practice self-control and self-giving for the rest of the season of Lent. You may decide to give up biscuits or cakes and donate the money to a charity. If you have an older child provide him/her with an opportunity to take part in The Stations of the Cross. Ask your child/ren how the school is focusing on Lent and self-giving.

## Catholic Social Teaching Update



At St Joseph's, Catholic Social Teaching is incorporated into our curriculum. Children are asked to put their faith into action and reflect on how their learning enables them to do so. Catholic Social Teaching underpins the essence of our daily school life. This term, we continue to use the CAFOD Catholic Social Teaching resources and the animal mascots to support the children's understanding of principles. We have named these mascots our, 'Faithful Friends'. To the right are some examples of how we have incorporated our 'Faithful Friends' into our school life. Miss Devlin and Miss Scrutton were invited to speak to School Leaders at a conference about how CST has been implemented and embedded into St Joseph's.



## RSE Ten Ten Update

**Below is the information which appeared in last term's RE newsletter. It states the changes to our RSE curriculum which has been led by our Diocese. We have now begun teaching the RSE Ten Ten programme in all classes.**

**You are still able to log onto the parent portal to view some materials and you may wish to take the Parent Consultation course provided.**

**The login details are below along with the information which was sent to you in our Autumn newsletter.**

Access the Parent Portal here: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

You will need the following login credentials for our school:

**Username:** SJDorking

**Password:** TenTen

In 2020, Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory for all primary schools in England. As a Catholic school, our mission is to support the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all of our pupils, rooted in the wisdom and teaching of the Church.

This year, we will be changing the scheme we use for RSE and PHSE to 'Life to the Full' by Ten Ten Resources. Ten Ten Resources is an award-winning Catholic educational organisation that is well-respected and very experienced in this field of work. 'Life to the Full' has been approved as the scheme of preference by the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton.

Furthermore, Ten Ten Resources have entered into a partnership with the Catholic Education Service and the Department for Education to provide training for teachers in Catholic schools on the subject of the RSE statutory curriculum. We are confident that this programme is a very good fit for our school.

Ten Ten Resources understand the foundational role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters. Within the programme, they have built in resources which will not only keep you informed about what is being taught in school, but will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

**Once again, if you have any feedback for question, then please contact the office.**

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**Ten:Ten  
Resources**



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# Significant Holy Days: Spring Term



## Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis has decreed that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, a holy year which happens every 25 years in the Catholic Church.

Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It's an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are.

He has asked us to be signs of hope for others, by putting Catholic Social Teaching into action through caring for our common home, and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger or poverty.

6 January	Epiphany of the Lord
4 March	Shrove Tuesday
5 March	Ash Wednesday
17 March	St Patrick's Day
19 March	St Joseph's Day
13 April	Palm Sunday
17 April	Holy Thursday
18 April	Good Friday
19 April	Holy Saturday
20 April	Easter Sunday

**A prayer of hope**

God, our loving Father,  
in this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love creation.  
Help us to work together  
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,  
In this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love  
our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.  
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;  
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,  
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our  
call to grow in faith and love.  
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see  
Jesus in others,  
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.**

**Amen**

Written in  
collaboration with Missia.