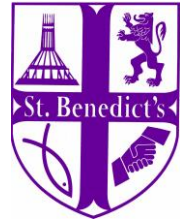


St Benedict's RE News



Wednesday 3rd May 2023

"With Jesus we learn, love and laugh".

"We will strive to be a centre of educational excellence which meets the needs of every individual. We will love one another as Jesus loves us, recognising and strengthening true partnerships in the spirit of God."

Come and See!

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives and we will be studying three new topics. These topics focus on the themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). Children will also study the other faith of Islam for one week.

Topic: PENTECOST – SERVING

Children begin the term with a topic concentrating on the feast of Pentecost and children in different year groups study various aspects of this feast.

Nursery and Reception: GOOD NEWS – Passing on the Good News of Jesus.

Year 1: HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS – Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit

Year 2: SPREAD THE WORD – Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News

Year 3: ENERGY – Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Year 4: NEW LIFE – To hear and live the Easter message

Year 5: TRANSFORMATION – Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

Year 6: WITNESSES – The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses.



How can you be involved?

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.
Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Topic: RECONCILIATION – INTER-RELATING

The next topic for our children is concerning Reconciliation. The topic covers being sorry and making the right choices and children first explore how the topic relates to their own lives and then they move onto learning about Church teaching.

Nursery and Reception:	FRIENDS – Friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY – God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES – Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES – Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES – Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY – Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING – Sacrament of the Sick



How can you be involved?

Talk together about times when you have forgiven others and when you have been forgiven.
Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

Topic: UNIVERSAL CHURCH – WORLD

The final topic of this Summer term looks at the universal church over the whole world and again, children see how this topic relates to their everyday lives and then learn about the Church teaching.

Nursery and Reception:	OUR WORLD – God's wonderful world.
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS – Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES – God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES – Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE – Different saints show people what God is like.
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP – The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD – Work of the worldwide Christian family



How can you be involved?

Together, look through a family photo album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.
Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.
Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.



Other faith

Children will study various aspects of **Islam** for a week after the first Come and See topic. Ask them what they have learnt!



With You Always

Our children are nearly at the end of their Sacramental preparation and will make their First Holy Communion this term. Please keep them in your prayers.

Celebrations.

We started the term with a wonderful service in Church celebrating Easter and new life through scripture, drama, prayer and music. Our Year 4 children made their First Reconciliation last term. The First Holy Communion celebrations for Year 4 will take place in St Benet's Church on Saturday 13th May and Saturday 20th May at 10.30am. Please pray for them as they prepare for this special day. Our Year 6 children have been working hard on the Faith in Action award by serving others and living out their faith. They will attend a retreat day this term in St Helens and will hopefully be credited with the award which is a great achievement. We are very proud of them.

Charity

Children enjoyed taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Thank you for your generous sponsorship donations. We have raised over £1000 which is incredible! We also raised over £400 for Comic Relief last term. Your money will make a big difference to many people's lives.