



Religious Education

The Education Reform Act says that the school curriculum should promote the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of pupils and society. School should play its part in preparing pupils for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

Religious Education is a vital part of our children's education and the formation of each child in their knowledge of themselves, their gifts and their relationship with God. We want our children to know that they are made in the likeness of God and to understand that God gave all of us different talents which we can share with others.

We hope to set extremely high expectations across the whole curriculum, and we aim for our children to be happy, hard-working and aspirational. Reconciliation plays a central role in our school and, whilst the children understand they may do wrong, they know that their teachers love them and will forgive and support them just as Jesus does.

The progress of every child is immensely important to us all, and we hope that our work as a school family will enable our children to develop to their fullest potential. We aim to establish a learning environment where pupils feel safe, secure and confident. We strive to build excellent relationships with parents and work in partnership with them throughout the academic year. |



Collective Worship

We continuously do our utmost to empower children, to model good practice and give them the opportunity to take ownership of their learning and develop their own relationship with God. Children take an active role in planning, leading and evaluating Collective Worship. We believe worship celebrates God's work as well as His presence among us, and provides children and staff with the opportunity to be joined with Him.

Collective Worship is central to Catholic Education as a whole and forms an essential part of our ethos. It provides an opportunity for the school community to reflect on God's word and to celebrate the beliefs and attitudes which characterise Christian life.

In our school, Collective Worship takes many forms, including prayer, song, assemblies, meditation and liturgies. Children are encouraged to reflect deeply on the Gospel Values and to carefully consider how these will impact on their lives and the lives of those around them.

Sacramental Programme

In Year 3 the children are invited to participate in the Sacramental Programme for First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion. At the start of the academic year, parents are invited to a meeting during which they are given advice on how to support their child's preparation towards receiving these sacraments.

All children are reminded of the importance of attending Mass and they are also invited to Children's Liturgy sessions to listen to and explore Gospel stories, developing their faith and knowledge in a fun and engaging way.

Prayer sponsors play a vital role in the Sacramental Programme and parishioners volunteer to pray for children receiving the Sacraments. They are invited to join our children when they attend a parish Mass, they like to take part in the Crowning of Our Lady and the celebration breakfast when we thank them for their prayers and support.



Faith Council

Faith Council meet each week in Chapel. We talk about how we can become better Catholics and how we can make our school more prayerful. This year (2015-16) we have helped to write our school's new mission statement, we have written prayers for school Mass and encouraged more children to attend Mass.

If you have ideas of what else we can do in our school please let your Faith Council class representative know and they can bring your ideas to our next meeting.



*"Journeying together with Jesus Christ
We learn to love and love to learn"*