

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School

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Summer Term



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RE NEWSLETTER

"We ask this so that you will live the kind of lives that prove you belong to the Lord. Then you will want to please him in every way as you grow in producing every kind of good work by this knowledge about God."

Colossians 1:10

At Our Lady Immaculate, we enable each child to develop a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith, promote respect for religious and moral values and tolerance of other races and religions; foster the growth of each child's potential through the development of respect for self and others.

Religious Education is the foundation of the entire education process and permeates all areas of our curriculum and school life. Children will develop an awareness of God's presence in their lives and the lives of others, developing the spiritual life of each child through prayer and reflection. RE will play a central role in the school's work on spiritual, moral, vocational, social and cultural education.

EYFS and KS1 – Branch 5: Top the ends of Earth.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 continue to follow the new Religious Education Directory (RED) curriculum –
To know you more clearly

PENTECOST—SERVING

- 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

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING

- 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

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

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

Collective Worship & Assemblies

Our pupils are invited to participate in a daily act of prayer and liturgy which is clearly linked to our Mission Statement and allows our pupils to reflect, think and pray. Children are aware of the four strands, Gather, Listen, Respond and Go Forth. This is within daily prayer sessions or through weekly Key Stage assemblies and prayers throughout the day.

Our school has a small chapel/Oratory. All members of our community are very welcome to come and use the Oratory for prayer and reflection.

THE MONTH OF MAY IS DEDICATED TO OUR LADY

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(9 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(19 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(26 May)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

SS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.



Faith in Action & Chaplaincy Group

Our Faith in Action and Chaplaincy groups have been busy this year, working on a range of projects. They supported our Liturgical celebrations for Advent and Lent. They have also planned Collective Worships and delivered to classes in KS1 and KS2. The Faith in Action group have collaborated to create a *Church Year* display wheel and took on a leading role in our fundraising efforts for those in need both locally and globally.

Fundraising for communities in need and charities is essential in supporting the Church's mission of serving the community, promoting spirituality, and providing charitable assistance. Your support enables the Catholic Church to fund initiatives such as education, healthcare, social services and humanitarian aid.

This year we have supported: CAFOD – The Big Lent Walk, Cash for Kids – 1 Million Steps, Food Hamper Collection, Local Foodbanks and NEST – African Orphanage in Kenya with School Uniform

With You Always

We follow the "With You Always" Parish Programme, which prepares our pupils for receiving The Holy Eucharist and First Holy Communion.

Pupils in Year 4 participate in this programme during May, in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist – 1st Holy Communion. These sessions will be led by Mr. Cotton and Mrs. Brown.

The Sacramental Programme will be delivered on Thursday 2nd May and Thursday 9th May.



First Holy Communion ceremonies will take place on Friday 24th May 2024 at St. Anthony's Church. Families have been given times from Mrs. Shepherd. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

Our End of Day Prayer

God our father I come to say, Thank you for your love today. Thank you for my family, and all the friends you give to me. Guard me in the dark of night, And in the morning send your light. Amen.

Before bed you may want to share this prayer with your child as a special link between home and school.