

Summer 2026

Saint Mary's RC Primary School

Religious Life Newsletter



Our mission statement

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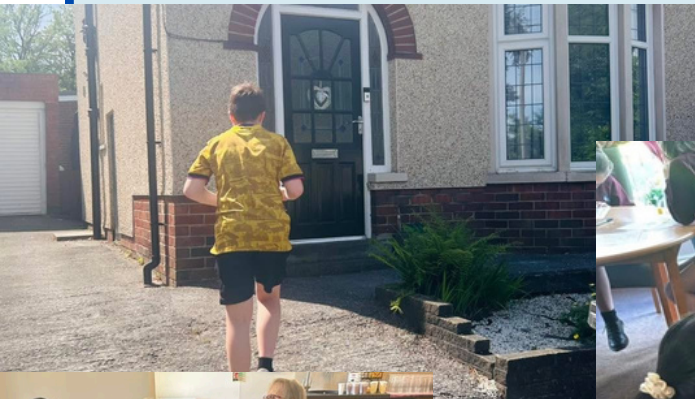
We live learn and grow together with
Jesus through:

- Showing **love** to all
- Encouraging **friendship** to include everybody
- Acting with **honesty** through prayer
 - Being **thankful** for all God's gifts
 - Remaining **respectful** through our actions
- Forgiving** someone when they are sorry
- Displaying **patience** by being calm and caring
 - Demonstrating **compassion** to everyone in God's family
- Leading in **service** by supporting our school community

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Catholic Life and Mission

- We continue to visit our friends at Springhill care Home. Pupils in Quacker's Class regularly visit the residents up there and take part in a range of activities together. The pupils know the residents by name and it's lovely to see the relationships built and the care shown
- To celebrate the feast of Pentecost our pupil prayer leaders wrote Pentecost prayers to spread God's word just like Jesus asked the disciples to do. The GIFT Team then posted these prayers to our school neighbours



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Religious Education

- All classes in school are now teaching from the new RE scheme **Lighting the Path**. The scheme is heavily based on Bible stories and will build on pupils' knowledge of these as they move through the years
- We are adding elements of Holy small world- small peg dolls to represent the stories for pupils and bring them to life. This also makes the stories more accessible for all pupils
- In May we all looked at Our Lady and how we pray to Mary and ask for her help
- Moving into next year we will be looking at how we assess our RE curriculum and how we can incorporate even more other faith work



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Collective Worship

- We continue to attend Mass when arranged with Father O'Brien. The children really enjoy going to Mass and it really helps bring to life the learning in their RE curriculum
- Celebration of the Word takes place three times per week. On Monday the whole school gather first thing to hear Mrs Wolstenholme introduce the Gospel from Sunday. On Tuesday, class teachers lead a Celebration of the Word in class, again, on the theme of the Gospel. Later that week, pupils have the chance to lead their own Celebration of the Word on a topic of their choice allowing for spontaneous prayer
- The GIFT Team continue to read at Masses and in Monday Celebration of the Word. They also plan and deliver a Family Worship almost every month looking at the liturgical year
- At the end of May we had a special liturgy in school where we crowned Our Lady. The plants and flowers brought into school have now been planted on our school grounds
- Classes attended Mass for the feast of the Ascension. Pupils all understood the importance of this feast day
- The Leaver's Mass for our Year 6 pupils has been planned and is ready to go on Wednesday 15th July at 2pm in Church. Father O'Brien came into school and worked with the pupils to ensure the Mass was personal to them and appropriate
- Keep your eyes peeled in the new academic year for our new 'Stay and Pray' sessions!

