



RE Newsletter

Spring 1 - Galilee to Jerusalem



Jubilee Year of Hope 24/12/24 - 6/1/25



As we journey with Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem in our RE lessons, we also recognise that we have recently concluded the Year of Jubilee in the Catholic Church. This Jubilee, a holy year of grace called by Pope Francis, invited us all to reflect on the themes of hope, reconciliation, and God's merciful love. May the fruits of this special year: a spirit of compassion, forgiveness, and joyful faith, continue to grow within our school and home communities.

Galilee to Jerusalem

This half-term, across all year groups, our Religious Education journey takes us deeper into the heart of the Gospel as we follow Jesus from Galilee to Jerusalem. The overarching theme is revelation – discovering who Jesus truly is. Our children will explore how Jesus revealed Himself as the Son of God through His actions, teachings, and miraculous signs.

Pupils will encounter this revelation through key aspects of Jesus's life and ministry:
His Compassionate Power: Learning how His miracles of healing and nature were signs of God's Kingdom and love for all, especially those on the margins.

His Transformative Teaching: Understanding His parables and the Beatitudes as invitations to a new way of thinking and living.

His Divine Identity: Reflecting on moments, from His Baptism to the Transfiguration, where His glory was made known.

This unit connects God's promises in the Old Testament to their fulfilment in Jesus, helping children appreciate the continuity of God's plan. We hope it will inspire thoughtful discussion at home about faith, compassion, and the person of Jesus Christ.



A Heartfelt Thank You from our Faith Ambassadors and our Little Liturgy Leaders



In the busy lead-up to Christmas, our incredible pupil-led groups were a shining example of our school's faith in action.

Our Faith Ambassadors did an amazing job sorting and organising the mountain of kind donations from our school community for the Love in a Box appeal.



Our Little Liturgy Leaders then sprang into action, helping to pack all the boxes into Mrs. Burke's car so they could be delivered. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our whole school family, these wonderful parcels brought joy to Abbey Chase, St Augustine's nursing home, Chertsey Food bank, Shooting Star Hospice, and Princess Alice Hospice.

A massive well done to our fantastic pupil leaders, and a huge thank you to everyone who donated. You have made a real difference to our local and wider community.



At Home

- 1. Share a Story:** Read a Gospel story from their Knowledge organiser (e.g., a miracle or parable). Ask: "What surprised you?" or "What does this tell us about Jesus?"
- 2. Spot the Signs:** Talk about everyday actions that are 'signs' of God's love—like kindness or forgiveness—linking to Jesus's miracles as signs of the Kingdom.
- 3. Pray Together:** Say the Our Father as a family. Discuss one line, like "Thy Kingdom come." Light your Baptism candles to remember Jesus's baptism.
- 4. Get Creative:** Draw a picture of a parable or miracle they've learned about. For older children, look at classic religious art online and discuss it.
- 5. Connect to Mass:** Listen for words like "parable," "miracle," or "Kingdom of God" in the Sunday readings.



**SAVE!
THE DATE!**

Key Dates

- ✿ Epiphany of the Lord 6/1/26
- ✿ St John Bosco Mass - Whole School 30/1/26
- ✿ Year 2 - St John Bosco Class attend Mass - St Anne's Church - Parent / Guardians are invited to attend. 2/2/26
- ✿ The Presentation of the Lord 2/2/26