



Religious Education Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2026



In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, "Let there be light" – and light appeared. God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness, and he named the light "Day" and the darkness "Night". Evening passed and morning came – that was the first day. Genesis 1:1-6

Welcome back after the Summer holidays! We hope that you had a happy and restful time. We welcome all of the new children and their families to our school family and also extend a warm welcome once again to our current families and children. This is a long but busy term in school and is very much a new beginning for many.

As a school, we will be learning about and remembering God's creation from the book of Genesis to remind us of the importance of creation

Religious Education:



Classes following the Come and See Programme this half term:

Year Six- 'Loving'

Year 6 will be moving to the new RE Directory after the October half term.

Classes following Branch 1 of the RE Directory this half term:

This branch is called 'Creation and Covenant'. In this branch, children will learn, at an age-appropriate level about the creation story from the book of Genesis and how we can care for our world.

Nursery

Reception

Year One

Year Two

Year Three

Year Four

Year Five

Year Five have now moved away from the Come and See Programme for Religious Education and have moved to the new RE Directory in September 2026. This is part of and in-line with the roll-out of the new RED (RE Directory) by the Archdiocese of Liverpool. When the current Year 5 class were the Year Four cohort, they used the new RED and will continue as they move into Year 5.



Catholic Life:

The Gospel value for this half term is:

Respect

"So, in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you."

Matthew 7:12



This term, we will be aiming to achieve our 'Live Simply' award from CAFOD. This is an award that requires us to work towards set goals in order to impact our global family, our local community and our school community to reflect the teachings of Jesus, Catholic Social Teaching and Laudato Si'.



save the Date!

We have a provisional date of a welcome mass with Fr Martin on 14th September at 9.15am. This date will be confirmed this week and you will receive an invitation via Reach More Parents. All are welcome!

A warm welcome!

Welcome to the new school year. At the weekend, Catholic churches globally celebrated Education Sunday and we join with our parishes to reflect on our calling as a community at St John Vianney Catholic Primary School to grow together in knowledge, faith and love. Our school patron, St John Vianney, was a humble parish priest in France who faced great difficulties with his own schooling.

Despite his struggles with learning, his deep faith and determination led him to become a wonderful teacher of God's love. He is a fantastic role model for our children, showing us that with perseverance and God's grace, we can all achieve great things. Something to aspire to for everyone as the new year begins.

Let us take these lessons into our classrooms and homes, striving to be instruments of God's peace and mercy.

God Bless,

Andy Houghton

Chair of Governors



Prayer and Liturgy:

The following themes will be used for this terms prayer and liturgy:

- Respect
- Family
- New Beginnings
- Rules
- Our Lady/Rosary
- Harvest
- Hopes and Dreams
- Values

Prayer and Liturgy take place daily and is delivered in a variety of ways. This can happen in class, in a Key Stage group or as a whole school and at different times throughout the day.

Prayer Focus:

This prayer is a new prayer for the children to say at the end of the day. We are working together to learn it.



Parish Information:

Mass Times:

Weekdays Wed & Fri 9.15am

Sat 9.30am and 6.30pm

Sun 9.30am



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