



AUTUMN TERM

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
School Mission	Creation				Catholic Social Teaching			Multi Faith Topic	Advent		

SPRING TERM

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Christmas		Revelation				Multi Faith Topic	Lent				Holy Week

SUMMER TERM

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12
Easter				Pentecost and Mission			Multi Faith Topic		Sacraments		

MULTI-FAITH TOPICS

Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Signs and Symbols across faiths	Places Of Worship across faiths	Festivals and Celebrations across faiths	Hinduism	Islam	Sikhism	Judaism



St. Joseph's Catholic School - Whole School Curriculum Overview

Vision for Religious Education at St Joseph's School

St Joseph's is a Catholic school where we place Jesus at the centre of all we do – in our hearts, in our thinking, and in the work of our hands. Our mission is to help pupils grow in their understanding of the life and mission of Jesus within a nurturing, loving environment that reflects the Gospel values. Religious Education is not confined to lessons alone but underpins every aspect of our curriculum and daily life, ensuring that God remains at the heart of all we teach and learn. Through dedicated RE lessons, children deepen their knowledge of the life and teachings of Jesus, the traditions of the Church, the sacraments, and the meaning of the Mass. They also learn about other world faiths, recognising the dignity of all people and showing respect for different beliefs and traditions.

Taught as a core, academic subject, its delivery covers 10% of the class teaching timetable following the *God Matters* scheme of work set by the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. RE at St Joseph provides the foundation for the Christian values which shape our community. We believe that children should not only learn about Gospel values but also live them. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) is woven into all areas of school life. We make strong cross-curricular links so that pupils see how faith informs every subject – from exploring stewardship in science, to justice in history, to compassion in literature. CST challenges our school community to reflect on issues of justice, peace, and dignity, encouraging children to act with fairness and kindness in their daily lives.

Prayer and worship are central to our routine. Children gather daily for prayer, class worship, and liturgical celebrations. We mark important seasons of the Church's year with special devotions such as the Stations of the Cross during Lent, the Rosary in May and October, and themed liturgical prayer during Advent. Throughout the year, children participate in Parish Mass and hymn practice, celebrating together as a community of faith.

We recognise that pupils join St Joseph's at different points in their faith journey. Some may already be active in their parish, while others may be encountering the Gospel message for the first time. Our role is to guide all children in:

- developing knowledge and understanding of Catholic faith and life
- exploring faith's response to the ultimate questions of human existence, purpose, and meaning
- acquiring the skills to reflect upon and respond to religious belief and practice

Children are introduced to scripture from both the Old and New Testaments. As they progress, they are encouraged to reflect on how these teachings apply to their lives today, understanding that Jesus is living and present, and that His message is as relevant now as ever. The Christian principles of love, forgiveness, and respect permeate all that we do. Our pupils are taught that everyone is created in the image of God and that all are equal. This is lived out through acts of charity and service, supporting local, national, and global causes including CAFOD, Trussell's Food Trust, and other charities that work for justice and equality.

Children at St Joseph's enjoy RE lessons that are both knowledge-rich and reflective, equipping them with a deep understanding of faith that goes beyond the classroom. Parents and families are regularly invited to share in Celebrations of the Word and Masses, strengthening the link between home, school, and parish. By the time they leave St Joseph's, our children are confident in their faith, respectful of other beliefs, and committed to living out Gospel values in thought, word, and action. They understand that to follow Christ is to act with love, courage, and justice in the world.