

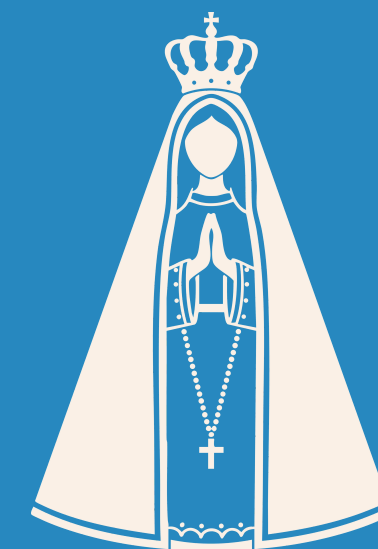
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Mission Statement

- At St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Christ is at the heart of everything we do. Inspired by the example of Mary and guided by our mission, we strive to nurture children who live out our values of Faith, Love, Respect, Integrity, Service, Community and Excellence.
 - We believe every child is uniquely created and loved by God. Through Religious Education, Prayer and Liturgy, and the daily life of our school, we help children to grow spiritually, academically and personally so that they may flourish and use their God-given gifts in service of others.
- As a Catholic community, we seek to develop children who know and love God, recognise Christ in others, and are equipped to make a positive contribution to the world.





Religious Education Curriculum Intent

At St Mary's, Religious Education is the core of the curriculum and the foundation upon which all learning is built.

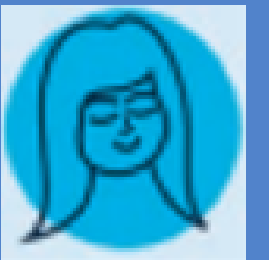
Following the Religious Education Directory To Know You More Clearly, we aim to provide every child with a rich and rigorous Religious Education that enables them to:

- Know and understand the Catholic faith.
- Develop a personal relationship with God.
- Appreciate the richness of Scripture and Tradition.
- Understand their vocation as disciples of Christ.
- Engage respectfully with people of different faiths and beliefs.
- Live out Catholic Social Teaching through action and service.

Our curriculum is carefully designed to ensure that children develop knowledge, understanding and skills through the RED's three ways of knowing:

Understand

Children acquire secure theological knowledge and understanding of Scripture, Church teaching and Catholic tradition.



Discern

Children reflect deeply on faith, morality and spirituality, making meaningful connections between their learning and their own lives.





Religious Education Curriculum Intent

Respond

Children are encouraged to put their faith into action through prayer, service, leadership and care for others. Through our Religious Education curriculum, pupils develop religious literacy, enabling them to think critically, communicate confidently and engage thoughtfully with questions of meaning and purpose. As a school serving a diverse community, we celebrate the dignity of every person and help children to recognise the image of God in themselves and others.





Curriculum Implementation

- Religious Education is taught in accordance with the Religious Education Directory and receives at least 10% curriculum time.
- Our curriculum is implemented through:

High Quality Teaching

Teachers receive regular professional development and support to ensure Religious Education is taught with confidence, accuracy and enthusiasm.

Knowledge-Rich Curriculum

Children build their understanding progressively through the six curriculum branches:

Creation and Covenant

Prophecy and Promise

Galilee to Jerusalem

Desert to Garden

To the Ends of the Earth

Dialogue and Encounter

Learning is carefully sequenced to enable children to revisit and deepen understanding over time.





Curriculum Implementation

Religious Literacy

- ✦ Pupils are taught and encouraged to use precise religious vocabulary. They develop the ability to discuss, explain and evaluate religious concepts with increasing confidence and maturity.

Prayer and Reflection

Prayer is integrated throughout the school day. Children experience a variety of prayer styles including:

- Traditional prayer
- Silent prayer
- Spontaneous prayer
- Scripture reflection
- Meditation
- Liturgical prayer
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Catholic Social Teaching

Children are encouraged to put faith into action through:

- CAFOD projects
- Charitable fundraising
- Community service
- Chaplaincy leadership
- Environmental stewardship

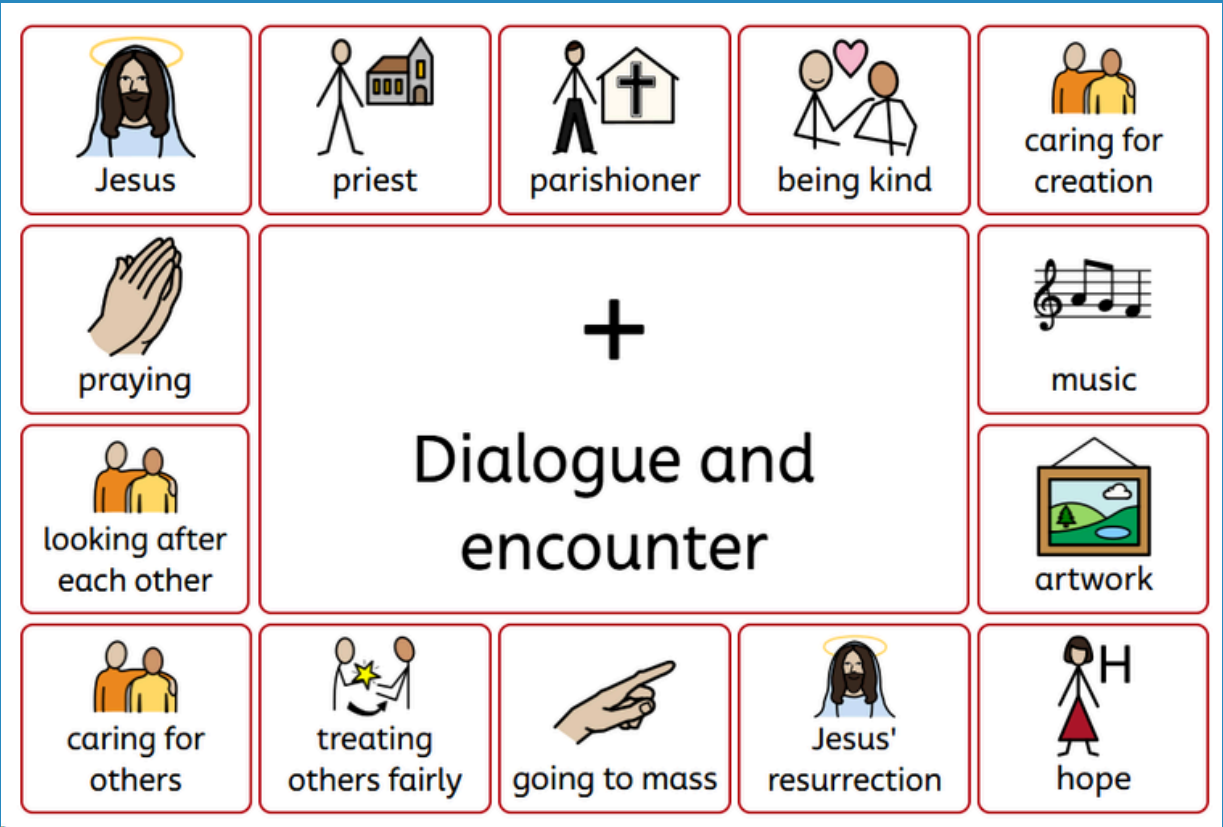




Curriculum Implementation

- **Inclusion**

- ✦ All pupils are supported to access Religious Education successfully through adaptive teaching, carefully planned scaffolds and meaningful opportunities for participation.





Curriculum Impact



The impact of Religious Education at St Mary's can be seen in the knowledge, understanding and witness of our pupils. Children leave St Mary's with:

Secure Religious Knowledge

Pupils demonstrate strong understanding of Scripture, Catholic beliefs and traditions, and can articulate their learning using age-appropriate religious language.

Spiritual Growth

Children grow in their relationship with God and develop confidence in prayer, reflection and worship.

Religious Literacy

Pupils are able to discuss faith confidently, ask thoughtful questions and engage respectfully with differing viewpoints.

Living the Gospel

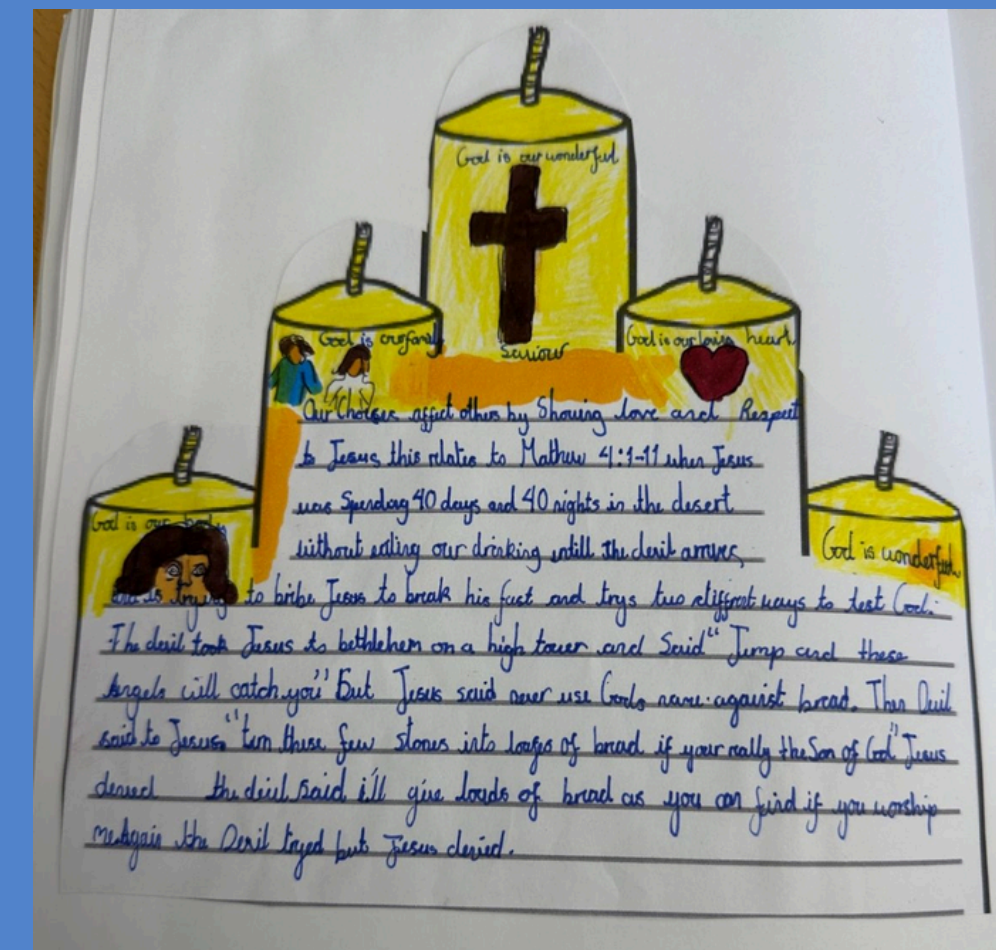
Children actively demonstrate our school values through service, compassion, forgiveness and respect for others.

Active Citizenship

Pupils understand their responsibility to work for the common good and are inspired to make a positive difference within their community and the wider world.

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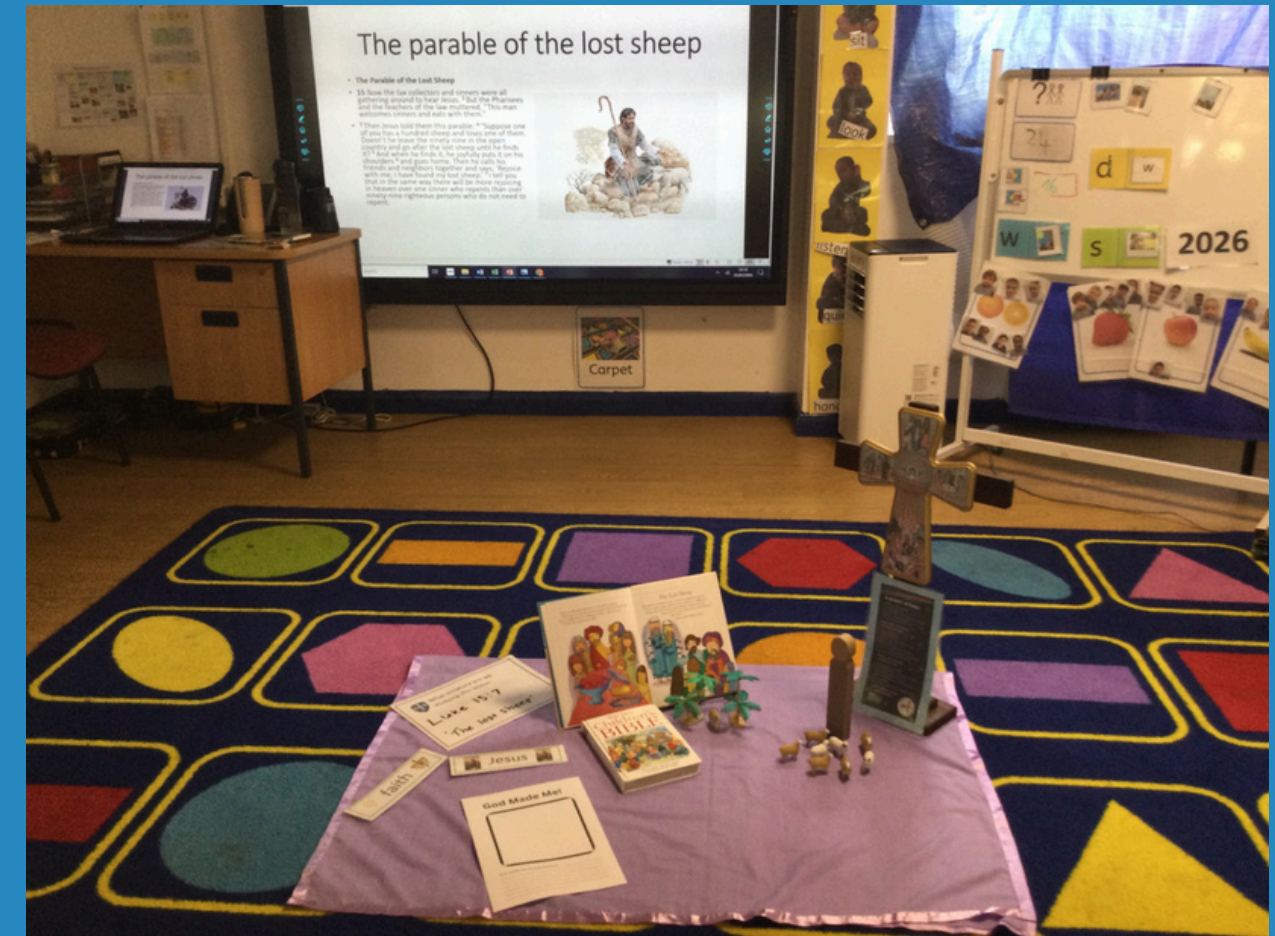
- Pupil voice
- Learning walks
- Book scrutiny
- Moderation
- Assessment outcomes
- Prayer and liturgy observations
- Governor monitoring
- CSI self-evaluation



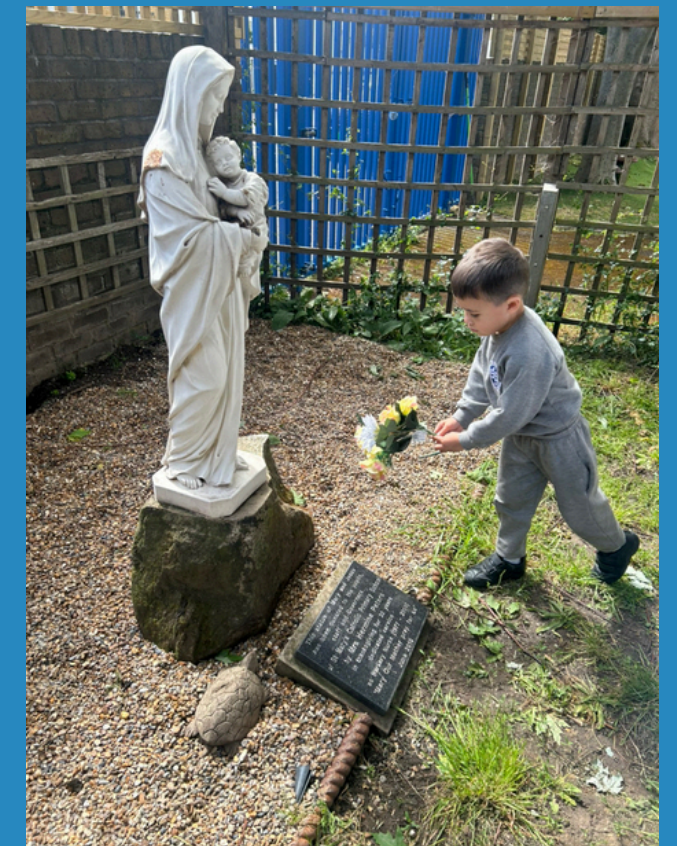


Religious Education in Action at St Mary's

- Religious Education extends beyond the classroom and is brought to life through:
 - Weekly class and whole-school prayer and liturgy
 - Parish Masses and feast day celebrations
 - Eucharistic Adoration
 - Rosary prayer
 - Chaplaincy Team leadership
 - CAFOD fundraising and campaigns
 - Retreat opportunities
 - Catholic Social Teaching projects
 - Links with Holy Trinity Parish
 - Learning about other world faiths and cultures



Through these experiences, children encounter Christ, deepen their faith and learn how to become active disciples in today's world.





School Values

At St Mary's, our seven school values are at the heart of everything we do. They guide how we learn, grow, and care for one another each day, helping every child to flourish academically, spiritually, and personally.

- Love – Showing kindness, compassion, and care for ourselves, others, and God's creation.
- Respect – Valuing every person, treating others with dignity, and appreciating our differences.
- Excellence – Always striving to do our best, embrace challenges, and achieve our full potential.
- Faith – Living out our Catholic beliefs through prayer, hope, trust, and following the example of Jesus.
- Integrity – Being honest, responsible, and doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.
- Community – Working together, supporting one another, and creating a welcoming environment where everyone belongs.
- Service – Helping others with generosity and using our gifts to make a positive difference in our school and the wider world.

By working together with families, we nurture these values in every child, helping them become confident, compassionate, and responsible members of our community.

