

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## **We aim to provide children with:**

- Religious Education lessons which are engaging with the deepest questions of life and finding reasons for the hope which is within them (1 Peter 3:15).
- A Christian vision of the human person.
- A core subject which is central to the life of the Catholic school.
- A systematic study of the mystery of God (as discovered through the Bible and particularly through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ), the teachings of the Church, the lives of saints and the relationship between life and faith.
- Opportunities for analysis and reflection and critical appreciation of sources.
- Marked progression through the different stages of education.
- 10% of the length of the taught week for each Key Stage of education.
- The encouragement of investigation and reflection.
- Development of appropriate skills and attitudes which allows for free, informed response to God's call in everyday life.
- The use of skills in other areas of the curriculum.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Themes & Topics	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Domestic Church</b> <b>Family</b>	<b>Myself</b> God knows and loves each one.	<b>Families</b> God's love and care for every family.	<b>Beginnings</b> God is at every beginning.	<b>Homes</b> God's dream for every family.	<b>People</b> the family of God in Scripture.	<b>Ourselves</b> Created in the image & likeness of God.	<b>Loving</b> God who never stops loving.
<b>Baptism/Confirmation</b> <b>Belonging</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Baptism; a welcome to God's family.	<b>Belonging</b> Baptism is an invitation to belong to God's family.	<b>Signs and Symbols</b> Signs and symbols in Baptism	<b>Promises</b> Promises made at Baptism.	<b>Called</b> Confirmation: a call to witness.	<b>Life choices</b> Marriage commitment and service.	<b>Vocation &amp; Commitment</b> The vocation of priesthood in religious life.
<b>Advent/Christmas</b> <b>Loving</b>	<b>Birthday</b> Looking forward to Jesus' birthday.	<b>Waiting</b> Advent is a time to look forward to Christmas.	<b>Preparations</b> Advent: preparing to celebrate Christmas	<b>Visitors</b> Advent: waiting for the coming of Jesus.	<b>Gift</b> God's gift of love & friendship in Jesus.	<b>Hope</b> <b>Advent:</b> Waiting in joyful hope for Jesus; the promised one.	<b>Expectations</b> Jesus was born to show God to the world.
<b>Local Church</b> <b>Community</b>	<b>Celebrating</b> People celebrate in Church.	<b>Special People</b> People in the parish family.	<b>Books</b> The books used in Church.	<b>Journeys</b> Christian family's journey with Jesus.	<b>Community</b> Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish.	<b>Mission</b> Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese.	<b>Sources</b> The Bible, the special book for the Church.
<b>Eucharist</b> <b>Relating</b>	<b>Gathering</b> The parish family gathers to celebrate Eucharist.	<b>Meals</b> Mass: Jesus' special meal.	<b>Thanksgiving</b> Mass: a special time for saying thank you to God for everything.	<b>Listening &amp; Sharing</b> Jesus gives himself to us in a special way.	<b>Giving &amp; receiving</b> Living in communion.	<b>Memorial sacrifice</b> The Eucharist	<b>Unity</b> Eucharist enables people to live in communion.
<b>Lent/Easter</b> <b>Giving</b>	<b>Growing</b> Looking forward to Easter.	<b>Change</b> Lent is a time for change.	<b>Opportunities</b> Lent: an opportunity to start anew in order to celebrate Jesus' new life.	<b>Giving all</b> Lent: a time to remember Jesus' total giving.	<b>Self discipline</b> Celebrating growth to new life.	<b>Sacrifice</b> Lent: a time of aligning with the sacrifice already made by Jesus.	<b>Death &amp; new life</b> Celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection.
<b>Pentecost</b> <b>Servng</b>	<b>Good News</b> Passing on the Good news of Jesus.	<b>Holidays and holydays</b> Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit.	<b>Spread the word</b> Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News.	<b>Energy</b> Gifts of the Holy Spirit.	<b>New life.</b> To hear and live the Easter message.	<b>Transformation</b> Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power.	<b>Witnesses</b> The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses.
<b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Inter-relating</b>	<b>Friends</b> Friends of Jesus.	<b>Being Sorry</b> God helps us to choose well/ Sacrament of Reconciliation.	<b>Rules</b> Reasons for rules in the Christian family/ Sacrament of Reconciliation.	<b>Choices</b> The importance of examination of conscience/ Sacrament of Reconciliation.	<b>Building bridges</b> Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other / Sacrament of Reconciliation.	<b>Freedom &amp; Responsibility</b> Commandments enable Christians to be free and responsible.	<b>Healing</b> Sacrament of the Sick.
<b>Universal Church</b> <b>World</b>	<b>Our World</b> God's wonderful world.	<b>Neighbours</b> Neighbours share God's world.	<b>Treasures</b> God's treasure; the world.	<b>Special places</b> Holy places for Jesus and Christians.	<b>God's people</b> Different saints show people what God is like.	<b>Stewardship</b> The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation.	<b>Common good</b> Work of the worldwide Christian family.

## PROGRESSION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SKILLS ALL SAINTS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### AT 1: Learning about Religion: Knowledge and Understanding of:

Objectives	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<b>AT1 (i) Beliefs, teachings and sources.</b>	Recognise some religious stories	Retell some special stories about religious events and people.	Make links between religious stories and beliefs.	Describe and show understanding of religious sources, beliefs, ideas, feelings and experiences; making links between them	Identify sources of religious belief and explain how distinctive religious beliefs arise.
Objectives	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<b>AT 1 (ii) Celebration and ritual.</b>	Recognise some religious signs and symbols and use some religious words and phrases.	Use religious words and phrases to describe some religious actions and symbols.	Use a developing religious vocabulary to give reasons for religious actions and symbols.	Use religious terms to show understanding of different liturgies.	Describe and explain the meaning and purpose of a variety of forms of worship.
Objectives	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<b>AT 1 (iii) Social and moral practices and way of life.</b>	Recognise that people, because of their religion, act in a particular way.	Describe some ways in which religion is lived out by believers.	Give reasons for certain actions by believers.	Show understanding of how religious belief shapes life.	Identify similarities and differences between people's responses to social and moral issues because of their beliefs.

## **AT 2: Learning from Religion: Reflection on Meaning.**

Objectives	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<b>AT2 (i) Engagement with own and others' beliefs and values.</b>	Talk about their own experiences and feelings.	Ask and respond to questions about their own and others' experiences and feelings.	Make links to show how feelings and beliefs affect their behaviour and that of others.	Show how own and others' decisions are informed by beliefs and values.	Explain what beliefs and values inspire and influence them and others.
Objectives	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
<b>AT 2 (ii) Engagement with questions of meaning and purpose.</b>	Say what they wonder about.	Ask questions about what they and others wonder about and realise that some of these questions are difficult to answer.	Compare their own and other people's ideas about questions that are difficult to answer.	Engage with and respond to questions of life in the light of religious teaching.	Demonstrate how religious beliefs and teaching give some explanation of the purpose and meaning of human life.