

# RE NEWSLETTER –Spring 1 2026

## RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM:

### Galilee to Jerusalem

#### Year C – Luke

*“God’s only Son, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known” (John 1:18)*

This half term in Religious Education, pupils across the school will be learning about the life and teachings of Jesus before his entry into Jerusalem, through **Luke’s Gospel**. As Jesus journeys from **Galilee towards Jerusalem**, children will hear how he reveals God the Father through his teaching, his care for others, and his call to follow him.

Through parables, miracles and encounters, pupils will explore how Jesus teaches about the **Kingdom of God** and what it means to live as his disciples today. These stories help children to reflect on love, forgiveness, compassion and making good choices in their own lives, in light of Jesus’ example.

**EYFS** pupils will begin by learning about **Jesus as a special friend sent by God**. Through simple stories from Jesus’ life around Lake Galilee, children will learn that Jesus cared for everyone and showed people how to love one another. They will respond through talk, play, art and simple prayer.

**Year 1 and Year 2** will focus on the **Parable of the Good Samaritan**. Pupils will learn why Jesus used parables and explore how this story teaches Christians to love and care for others, especially those in need. They will be encouraged to think about how they can show kindness, fairness and compassion in their everyday lives.

**Year 3 and Year 4** will explore the **Parable of the Prodigal Son**, learning about forgiveness, reconciliation and God’s unconditional love. Pupils will reflect on what this story reveals about God and discuss how Jesus’ teaching can guide their relationships and choices.

**Year 5 and Year 6** will study the story of **Zacchaeus**, considering how an encounter with Jesus led to change and transformation. Pupils will explore the story at a deeper level, recognising that Gospel narratives have both **literal and spiritual meanings**, and will reflect on how Jesus calls people to live justly, generously and responsibly.

Alongside their study of scripture, pupils will also learn about the **Rosary**. They will recognise the prayers and mysteries associated with the Rosary and understand how it is used by Catholics as a way of reflecting on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, helping believers to grow closer to Christ.

Throughout the half term, children will be encouraged to:

- **Hear** the Word of God through scripture

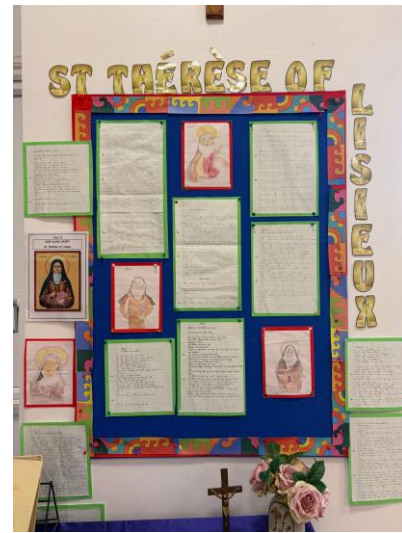




## OUR CLASS SAINTS

Reception – St George  
Year 1 – St John Paul II  
Year 2- St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)  
Year 3 – St Josephine Bakhita  
Year 4 – St Oscar Romero  
Year 5 – St Thérèse of Lisieux  
Year 6 – St Martin de Porres

## CARITAS IN ACTION



This year we will continue to use the “Rooted in Love” programme created by Caritas Westminster. This is a project to support schools with their journey in Catholic Social Teaching.

Half Term	CST Theme
Autumn A	Care of Creation
Autumn B	Preferential Option for the Poor
Spring A	Solidarity and Peace
Spring B	Community and Participation
Summer A	Dignity of Workers
Summer B	Human Dignity

Our next topic is **Solidarity and Peace**

‘The paths of peace are paths of solidarity, for no one can be saved alone. We live in a world so interconnected that, in the end, the actions of each person affect everyone.’ Pope Francis

Solidarity is fundamental to the way in which we treat one another. If we truly believe that we are all sisters and brothers of one another, made in God’s image and likeness then seeking the good of one another cannot be ignored. Solidarity is not just feeling sorry for those who suffer. It is a commitment to action. Wherever we are. Whatever our age. Whatever our circumstances. We are all responsible for one another, those close by, and those far away. All of our actions have consequences locally and globally

**SOLIDARITY AND  
PEACE**



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How many wars take place in our communities, even among Christians?  
Pope Francis

**LOVE IN  
ACTION**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called  
children of God.

Matthew 5:9

**REFLECTION**

As we look around us, where is there conflict and division?  
Where in our hearts?  
Where in our local community?  
Where in our world?

**ACTION**

In our relationships with others, where do we need to make amends?  
Where do we need to bring peace to those around us?

**PRAYER**

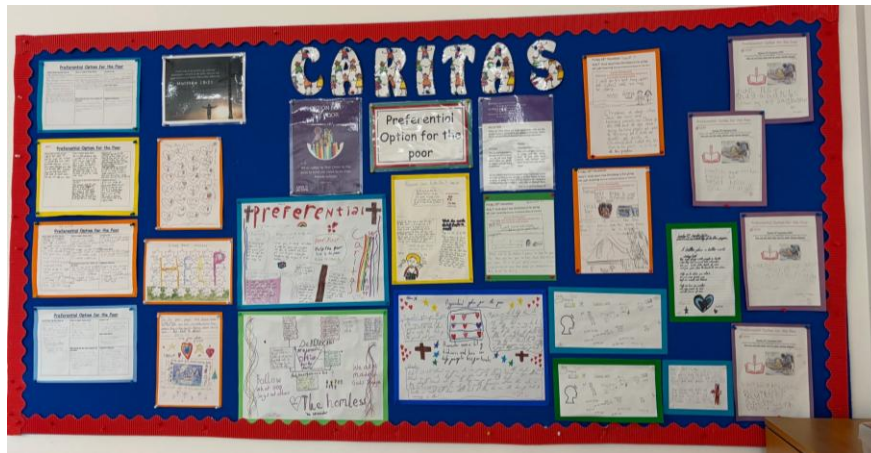
Heavenly Father

Help us to see with your eyes, to judge with the loving heart of your Son, Jesus Christ, and through your Spirit to put love into action.

Amen

*[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. It is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good – the good of all and each individual because we are all really responsible for all.*

St John Paul II



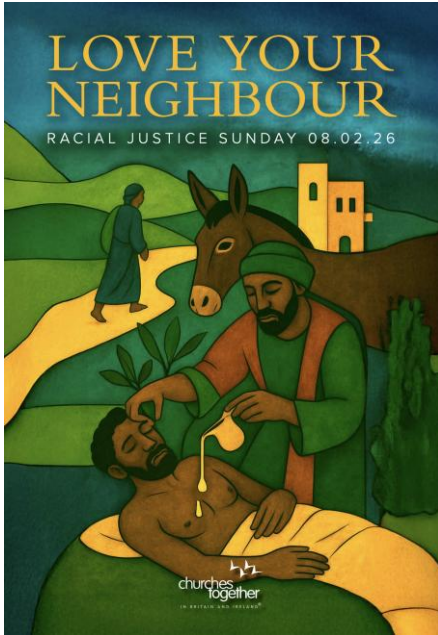
**PRAYER CYCLE**

The season of Christmas has ended and it is now Ordinary Time again. During this season we listen to readings about the teachings and parables of Jesus and reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ. In this ordinary time, we concentrate on the saints and try to imitate their holiness as Christ's followers. As it is Racial Justice Sunday this month, we remember especially the saints from different races and cultures, and learn more about them. We also pray for the intentions above in green at any time but especially on their special days. During this time of war in our world, we do not forget those who are suffering, especially the children, and we keep them in prayer.

During Ordinary Time (Winter), i.e. up to Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

## RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY



Racial Justice Sunday is an annual day observed by Christian communities in Britain and Ireland on the **second Sunday in February** — this year on **Sunday 8 February 2026**. It is a day set aside for all Christians to reflect on the importance of **racial justice**, to give thanks for the **beauty of human diversity**, and to commit to welcoming, respecting and valuing every person, regardless of race, culture or background.

The **theme for 2026 is “Love Your Neighbour”** — inviting us to think about how we can live out Jesus’ call to love and care for each other in our families, schools, parishes and wider communities. Resources and prayers from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland support schools, churches and parish groups in celebrating this day and encouraging understanding, unity and justice throughout the year.

Loving God,  
You created every person in your image and likeness.  
Help us to see one another as brothers and sisters,  
to reject prejudice and injustice,  
and to grow in love, respect and understanding.  
Guide us to live as people of peace and compassion.  
Amen.

## END OF TERM CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

We held a special assembly to mark the end of the Jubilee Year and had a special visitor, Luce- the Jubilee Doll- who has travelled around all the schools in the trust this term. The children enjoyed bringing her on many trips and to many special events.



Watching a special Pantomime Performance



## Helping to lead a Prayer Session

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Attending the Advent Carol Concert at Westminster Cathedral.



Attending Mass at English Martyrs and Meeting Fr Albert

## Visiting the British Museum





Attending Discos and meeting Santa!



## Watching Christmas Concerts



# Fun at the Christmas Fayre



## Attending a Liturgy Assembly



Meeting the bishop and some four-legged friends!

