

RE NEWSLETTER –Summer 1 2026

RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM:



To the Ends of the Earth

This Branch is called ‘**To the Ends of the Earth**’. Children will learn about key events from the Bible, including the Resurrection, the Ascension, and Pentecost. They will explore how the Holy Spirit gave the disciples courage to share Jesus’ message. Pupils will also learn about the Apostles and the early Christian communities, and how the Catholic Church today continues their work through its worship and mission.

Nursery

Children will learn about the Ascension, when Jesus returned to his Father, and how the Holy Spirit was sent by God as a special friend to look after us. They will understand that the Holy Spirit is still with us today and explore how the church is a special place where we meet, pray, and sing together, especially on Sundays.

At home you could:

Build a church with blocks and talk about what happens there.
Visit your local church and take pictures of special features.

Reception

Children will learn about Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came to help the disciples, and why it is called the birthday of the Church. They will explore the early Christian community (Acts 2:42–47) and understand why Sunday is a special day when we go to Mass.

At home you could:

Make Pentecost headbands.
Have a “Birthday of the Church” celebration at home.

Year One

Children will learn about the Ascension and Pentecost, and how the Holy Spirit helps us. They will explore how the Church celebrates these events and learn simple prayers and hymns.

At home you could:

Create a Trinity symbol and label Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Listen to or sing a hymn about the Holy Spirit.

Year Two

Children will revisit Pentecost and learn about the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and the Conversion of Saul. They will explore how God’s love is shown through actions.

At home you could:

Make a tree and label each fruit with a Fruit of the Spirit.
Read about a saint and draw how they showed kindness or peace.

Year Three

Children will learn about the Last Supper and the Eucharist, understanding how Catholics meet Jesus at Mass. They will explore Holy Communion and how it is celebrated.

At home you could:

Create a picture using symbols of the Eucharist.
Design a First Holy Communion celebration card.

Year Four

Children will learn about the Resurrection, the Apostles' Creed, and the role of the Church. They will explore Mary as Mother of the Church and learn key prayers.

At home you could:

Draw the story of Jesus appearing on the shore.
Create a picture or prayer space for Mary at home.

Year Five

Children will learn about Pentecost and Confirmation, exploring the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they help Christians live as disciples.

At home you could:

Make symbols of Confirmation.
Create a mini Rosary using beads or pasta.

Year Six

Children will learn about the Resurrection and how Christians live out their faith. They will explore the lives of saints and the work of the Church today.

At home you could:

Create a comic showing key Resurrection events.
Make a poster about a Christian charity.

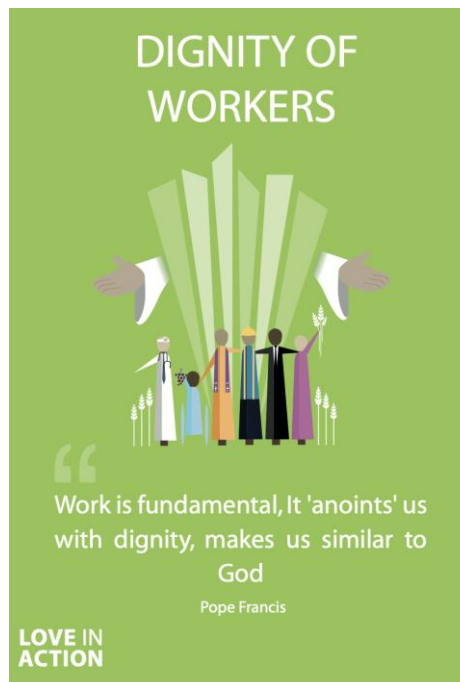
IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

Sunday 26th April – World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Thursday 23rd April – St George
Saturday 25th April – St Mark
Friday 1st May – St Joseph the Worker
Monday 4th May – English Martyrs
Tuesday 12th May – St Pancras (Martyr)
Wednesday 13th May – Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday 14th May – Ascension of the Lord
Sunday 24th May – Pentecost
Monday 25th May – Mary, Mother of the Church
Thursday 28th May – Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

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 **Dignity of Workers**

Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for labourers deserve their food.

Matthew 10:9-10

REFLECTION

Are people around us enabled to work with dignity?
How do we treat people who work for us? Or the people who make the clothes we wear or coffee we drink?

ACTION

How do we help people to work with dignity?

What decisions and actions can we take to ensure people can work with dignity?

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

There is no worse material poverty... than the poverty which prevents people from earning their bread and deprives them of the dignity of work.

Pope Francis

The dignity of work has been a key principle of Catholic social teaching from the very beginning. In 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued *Rerum Novarum* (On Capital and Labour). He shone a light on the injustice and exploitation of workers by the rich during the Industrial Revolution. He advocated for workers to join forces and fight against inhuman conditions.

Since then, Church teaching has upheld the dignity of work and participation. The human person should always come before the pursuit of profit. Workers have the right to join trade unions, to a just wage, to spend time with their families and to rest. Work is an essential part of our human dignity and everyone has the right to participate

Live Simply Award

As part of our LiveSimply Award work during Lent, classes took part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, a sponsored event to raise funds for communities experiencing poverty. The children showed great enthusiasm and commitment in supporting this important cause.

We would be very grateful for any donations, no matter how small, to support this important cause. The QR link is below or please visit - <https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-margaret-clitherows-fundraising-page2026/donation-amount>



We also focused on Fairtrade and how it supports farmers and producers through fair pay and working conditions. Children were invited to bring in a Fairtrade product, and we were very grateful for the thoughtful contributions received.

A final thank you for the donations for our end of term foodbank collection also!

As part of our LiveSimply Award work this term, pupils will be taking part in litter picking within the local community. This will provide a valuable opportunity for children to care for God's creation, take responsibility for their environment, and make a positive contribution to the local area. Through this activity, we hope to encourage a sense of stewardship, community pride, and respect for the world around us.

PRAYER CYCLE

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

Gospel Themes

Week 33: Luke 24:13–35 – *“Were not our hearts burning within us?”*
20–24 April 2026 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Week 34: John 10:1–10 – *“I came that they may have life to the full.”*
27 April – 1 May 2026 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Week 35: John 14:1–7 – *“I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.”*
4–8 May 2026 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Week 36: Acts 1:1–11 – *Jesus' Ascension*
11–15 May 2026 (6th Sunday of Easter – **Ascension of the Lord**, Holy Day of Obligation)

Week 37: Acts 1:12–14 – *Devote yourselves to prayer*
18–22 May 2026 (7th Sunday of Easter – Communications Sunday)



