

# RE NEWSLETTER –Spring 2 2026

## RE CURRICULUM TOPIC THIS HALF TERM:

## Desert to Garden



This half term in Religious Education, all pupils will be studying **Desert to Garden**, exploring the meaning of Lent and Easter. Children will learn that Lent is a time of prayer, reflection, sacrifice, and caring for others, and that Easter is the joyful celebration of new life and hope through the Resurrection of Jesus. Learning is carefully adapted for each year group as follows:

### **Nursery**

Children will explore Lent and Easter through simple stories about Jesus. They will learn that Jesus loves everyone and that Easter is a happy celebration for Christians. They will notice key symbols such as the cross, light, growing plants, and Easter gardens. The focus will be on kindness, sharing, helping others, and learning simple prayers.

**At home:** Encourage kind actions and talk about new life in springtime.

### **Reception**

Children will hear key Gospel stories about Holy Week and Easter Sunday. They will learn simple Lent and Easter symbols such as purple, ashes, light, and new life. They will begin to understand that Lent is a time to think about others and that Easter is a joyful celebration. They will practise quiet reflection and simple prayer.

**At home:** Talk about saying sorry, being kind, and noticing signs of new life.

### **Year 1**

Pupils will learn that Lent is a special time when Christians prepare for Easter. They will hear stories including Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. They will explore symbols such as palms, the cross, and the Paschal candle, and understand why the Last Supper is important. They will learn that Easter is the most important Christian celebration.

**At home:** Talk about Holy Week stories and ways to show kindness to others.

### **Year 2**

Pupils will study the main Gospel events of Holy Week and the Resurrection. They will explore forgiveness, love, and trust in God, and learn about the importance of saying sorry and forgiving others. They will also learn about symbols of new life, light, and water, and how these are used in Easter celebrations.

**At home:** Discuss forgiveness and positive choices.

### **Year 3**

Pupils will learn that Lent is a time to turn back to God through prayer, self-discipline, and caring for others. They will study Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week, and begin learning about the Eucharist and why it is important for Christians. They will explore how Lent and Easter are celebrated through prayer and liturgy.

**At home:** Encourage a short daily moment of quiet prayer or reflection.

### **Year 4**

Pupils will focus on Lent as a time of mercy, forgiveness, and compassion. They will study Gospel texts such as the Prodigal Son and learn about the Works of Mercy and how Christians are called to care for others. They will explore the events of Holy Week and how the Church remembers them through prayer and symbols.

**At home:** Talk about showing mercy and helping people in need.

### **Year 5**

Pupils will explore Lent as a time of reflection and repentance. They will study Jesus' temptation in the desert and understand how Christians try to make better choices during Lent. They will learn about Ash Wednesday, conscience, and how prayer, fasting, and generosity help people grow in faith. They will connect Easter with victory, hope, and new life.

**At home:** Encourage thoughtful choices and acts of generosity.

### **Year 6**

Pupils will study Holy Week in depth, including key events such as the anointing at Bethany, the washing of the disciples' feet, Jesus before Pilate, and the Crucifixion and Resurrection. They will explore how Christians remember these events through prayer, liturgy, and the Stations of the Cross. They will reflect on themes of sacrifice, service, compassion, and hope.

**At home:** Discuss how serving and helping others reflects Jesus' example.

## **IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM**

18th February– Ash Wednesday  
22nd February – 1st Sunday of Lent  
1st March – St David  
7th March – World Day of Prayer  
17th March – St Patrick  
19th March – St Joseph  
25th March – The Annunciation of the Lord.  
26th March – St Margaret Clitherow  
5th April– Easter Sunday

## **School Dates**

Wednesday 18th February 2026 - Ash Wednesday (During Half Term)

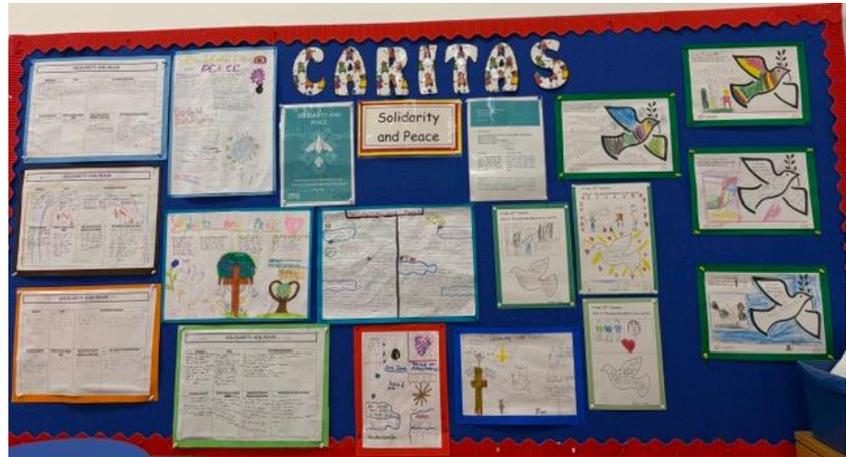
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – Lenten Liturgy



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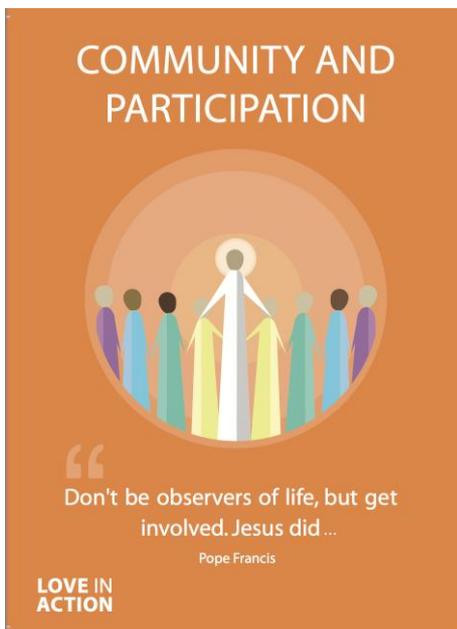
This year we will continue to use the “Rooted in Love” programme created by Caritas Westminster. This is a project to support schools with their journey in Catholic Social Teaching.

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 **Community and Participation**

Community and participation are key principles in Catholic social teaching. Community highlights the idea that humans are interconnected and should live in solidarity, valuing the dignity of each person. It calls for inclusive communities that support everyone’s well-being. Participation stresses that every person has the right and duty to engage in social, economic, and political life, contributing to the common good. Catholic social teaching encourages active involvement in shaping a just and compassionate society, where justice and equality are prioritised for all



‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison and help you?’  
 ‘Truly I tell you, when you did this to one of the least of these members of my family, you did it to me.’  
 Matthew 25

**REFLECTION**

What springs to mind when you think of community?  
 Who a to mind?  
 How are you involved in your community?

**ACTION**

What would you like to see change in your local community? How could you do it?  
 How might other people be enabled to be active members of your community?

**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

*If indeed “the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics”, the Church “cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice”. All Christians, their pastors included, are called to show concern for the building of a better world.*  
 Pope Francis

