

St Bernard's Catholic Primary School

RE Newsletter: Summer 2

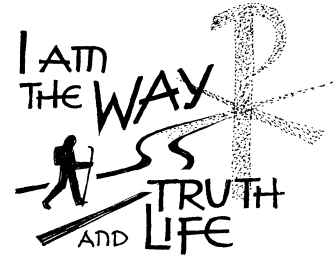
Dear Parents,

We come back to school the day after celebrating Pentecost - the birthday of the Church. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit God invites each of us to walk in the Spirit and bear much fruit, fruit that will last - 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control'. Let us be fruitful!

Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.

Dates from the Church's calendar:

4 th June	Pentecost Sunday
11 th June	The Most Holy Trinity
13 th June	St. Anthony
18 th June	Corpus Christi
23 rd June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
27 th June	Our Lady of Unfailing Help
29 th June	Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles
3 rd July	St. Thomas, Apostle
11 th July	St. Benedict, Patron of Europe
25 th July	St. James, Apostle

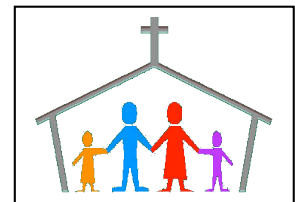


Reception— The Church

This half term, the children in Reception classes will be learning about the Church. The children will begin to understand that we call the Church the family of God. They will learn that a church building is a holy place where we can all pray and are welcome. The children will learn that Jesus is present in a special way in the Blessed Sacrament and he invites us to be with him. They will learn to be thankful that lots of people help to look after the church and know why Sunday is a special day.

At home you could help your children by:

- visiting church, either for Mass or another time, to talk about the church reminding them what a special place a Church is and reasons why
- talking to your child about their Baptism, explaining how this was the day that they became part of God's family.



Year 1—Miracles

The children will hear some stories from the gospels which tell of Jesus using his God-given power to show his love and compassion. They will hear the story of the Calming of the Storm and know that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid. They will learn that Jesus showed his love for sick people when he cured a man who was paralysed and know that Jesus has great love for people who are sick today. They will learn that Jesus responded to the faith of the blind man with compassion and think of ways that we can trust Jesus in situations of need.

At home

You could help your children by:

- reading the story of the Calming of the Storm or other miracle stories from the New Testament
- talking to them about how we can ask Jesus, through our prayers, to help us



Year 2—The Birth of the Church

The children in Year 2 will learn that when the apostles received the Holy Spirit they spread the Good News. They will reflect on how they can spread the Good News. They will learn about the early Christian community and understand that the Christian community continues today to live by Baptism, the Eucharist and its mission to love God by loving our neighbour.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about the symbols of the Holy Spirit and how the Spirit helps us

Year 3—Being a Christian

Year 3 will develop their understanding of what being a Christian involves. They will reflect on the joy and challenges involved in following Jesus and learn about these through the lives of Ss. Peter and Paul. The children will reflect on their gifts and talents and the gifts the Church calls Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. They will reflect on how to use the gifts God has given to us to be a Christian .

At Home

You could help your children by:

- encouraging them to recognise and praise their gifts and talents
- talk about their experience of receiving Holy Communion and help them to make the link between receiving the gift of Jesus and becoming more like Jesus.

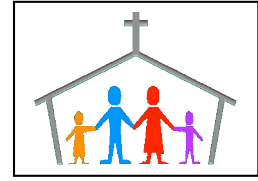
Year 4 – Belonging to the Church / The Church

Year 4 will learn that we all belong to a community. They will learn about different types of community and know what it means to belong to a community. They will develop their understanding of what it means to belong to community of the Church and know that people become a member of the Church through Baptism. The children will be introduced to the Creed – a statement of the Catholic faith and learn about the structure of the Church’s liturgical year.

At Home:

You could help your children by:

- helping them with their parish project
- visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link



Year 5 – People of Other Faiths

Year 5 will learn that we live in a country where people have different beliefs and different cultures. They will learn that Christianity comes from Judaism and learn something about Islam, Hinduism and Sikhism. The children will learn what Christianity shares in common with other faiths and learn some of the differences between the faiths.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- finding out about different places of worship

Year 6 – Called to Serve

The children will learn about Jesus’ teaching and example of service of others. They will develop their ability to recognise that God has given us all gifts and talents to use in the service of him and his people. They will learn about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and understand that we receive these gifts in a special way through the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will have an opportunity to reflect on a life of service through the role of the priest, religious and married life.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- visiting www.tere.org/interactive_site/KS2link
- discuss the importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- discuss the many ways in which we can be called to serve God and our neighbour
- chat about their gifts and talents, both obvious ones and hidden ones

Holy Communion

Some of our children are making their Holy Communion on Saturday 24th June at St Bernard’s Church. We hope these children have a wonderful day. Please keep them in your prayers during this important time of preparation.

Other Faiths

We are spending some time this half term learning about other faiths. We have organised for the children in KS2 to take part in a faith carousel, where they will be able to speak to members of other faiths in the local community. Our focus will be thinking about different places of worship.

Mission Week

The children have worked so hard during Mission Week. Thank you for your support. We made a big difference to our community by spreading the love. We collected litter, collected food for the local food bank, made kindness angels, raised money for Save the Children, produced care bags for the homeless and a visit to Astbury Lodge Care home.

Class Lead Worship Assembly

Our class lead worship assemblies this half term:

Team 5: Wednesday 21st June

Team 2: Wednesday 5th July

Team Reception: Wednesday 19th July.

Celebrations

We will be celebrating the feast of St Peter and St Paul on Thursday 29th June with a whole school Mass. Our Leavers Mass for Year 6 pupils is on Monday 24th July.