

Religious Education WHOLE SCHOOL OVERVIEW



Love, Care, Share...
Love learning as friends;
Care for our community as
neighbours;
Share our faith in Jesus as disciples.



St. Ethelbert's RCP

Whole School Overview for Religious Education

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STATEMENT OF INTENT

At St. Ethelbert's, Religious Education is central to the life of our school. Through it, pupils encounter the love of God, deepen their knowledge of the Catholic faith, and are formed to live as disciples of Christ.

Our curriculum is carefully structured to ensure progression and depth: In EYFS to Year 2, pupils follow the *Lighting the Path* scheme of work, whilst in Key Stage 2, pupils follow the Salford Diocese curriculum materials. (from September 2025)

Our intent is that all pupils will become religiously literate so that they are able to think spiritually, ethically, and theologically, and to articulate their understanding with confidence. Through their learning, pupils will:

- Develop a secure understanding of Sacred Scripture, recognising God's covenant with humanity and His promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
- Explore the life and teaching of Jesus, reflecting on discipleship and what it means in their own lives.
- Learn about the sacramental life of the Church, especially Baptism and the Eucharist, as signs of God's love and presence in the world.
- Understand the importance of mission, recognising the Holy Spirit's role in guiding the Church and inspiring Christians today.
- Engage in dialogue with people of other faiths, learning to respect diversity and contribute to peace and understanding.
- Grow as responsible stewards of creation, acting with justice, hope, and compassion.

Our curriculum is shaped by the six branches of the Religious Education Directory: *Creation & Covenant, Prophecy & Promise, Galilee to Jerusalem, Desert to Garden, To the Ends of the Earth, Dialogue & Encounter*. These themes are revisited and deepened from EYFS to Year 6, ensuring pupils build secure knowledge, critical understanding, and opportunities for reflection.

EYFS

Autumn Term 1

Spring Term 1

Summer Term 1

UNIT: Creation & Covenant	UNIT: Galilee to Jerusalem	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils learn that God made the world and everything in it, giving creation as a gift. They hear the story of Noah's Ark and recognise the rainbow as a sign of God's promise of love. Pupils reflect on how Noah cared for the animals and how God asks us to care for the world. They are introduced to Baptism, where water is used as a sign of belonging to God's family, and begin to see themselves as children of God.	Pupils listen to simple stories about Jesus' life and ministry. They hear how Jesus called friends, the disciples, to follow him and how he helped people through miracles. Pupils learn that Jesus showed God's love and care for everyone. They are encouraged to follow Jesus by showing kindness, sharing, and listening. Pupils begin to understand that Jesus wants us to be his friends too and that being close to him helps us to know God's love in our lives.	Pupils hear the story of Pentecost and learn about the Holy Spirit coming to Jesus' friends. They discover that the Holy Spirit gave them courage to share the Good News. Pupils explore the signs of wind and fire as symbols of the Spirit's power. They begin to understand that Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. Pupils reflect on how they can share God's love with others today through kind words, caring actions, and friendship.
KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE
• God made the world and everything in it. • Noah cared for the animals on the ark. • The rainbow is God's sign of love. • Baptism uses water as a special sign. • We are children of God who care for creation.	• Jesus called friends called disciples. • Jesus helped people through miracles. • Jesus showed God's love to everyone. • We can follow Jesus by being kind and sharing. • Jesus wants us to be his friends.	• The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost. • Wind and fire are symbols of the Spirit. • Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. • The Spirit gave Jesus' friends courage. • We can share God's love with others.
Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 2
UNIT: Prophecy & Promise	UNIT: Desert to Garden	UNIT: Dialogue and Encounter
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils hear how God made promises to people in the Bible, such as Abraham. They learn that God is always faithful and that His promises are signs of love. Pupils are introduced to the idea that God chooses special people to share His message. They begin to understand that God's people listened to Him and trusted Him. Pupils reflect on the meaning of promises in their own lives and how keeping promises shows love, kindness, and friendship.	Pupils are introduced to Lent as a time when Christians prepare for Easter. They learn that Easter is the most important Christian celebration because Jesus rose from the dead. Pupils hear about simple symbols of Easter, such as the cross and new life, and how they show hope and joy. They are encouraged to prepare for Easter by being kind and saying sorry. Pupils begin to understand that Jesus' new life brings happiness to all God's children.	Pupils learn that God made everyone different and special. They begin to notice that people have different families, homes, and ways of praying. Pupils are introduced to the idea that people belong to different religions but share values like kindness and respect. They reflect on how God loves all people equally. Pupils are encouraged to treat others with care and friendship, no matter their differences, and to celebrate that everyone is part of God's wonderful world.
KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE

- God made promises to Abraham.
- God always keeps His promises.
- God chooses people to share His message.
- Promises show love and kindness.
- We can trust God to care for us.

- Lent is a time to get ready for Easter.
- Easter is when Jesus rose from the dead.
- The cross is a special Easter symbol.
- Easter shows new life and joy.
- We can prepare for Easter by being kind.

- God made everyone different and special.
- People have different families and ways of praying.
- Different religions have special traditions.
- God loves all people equally.
- We show respect and kindness to everyone.

Year 1

Autumn Term 1	Spring Term 1	Summer Term 1
UNIT: Creation & Covenant	UNIT: Galilee to Jerusalem	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils learn about God's promise to Noah after the flood, symbolised by the rainbow. They reflect on how God asks people to care for creation as part of His covenant. Pupils hear about Abraham, who trusted God's promise, and begin to recognise that promises show love and trust. They explore Baptism as a special sign of belonging to God's family. Pupils understand that God always keeps His promises and that we are invited to respond with love and care.	Pupils learn about Jesus calling his disciples to follow him. They hear simple parables such as the Lost Sheep, showing how Jesus cares for everyone. Pupils reflect on how Jesus healed people and showed God's love. They begin to see that following Jesus means being kind, helpful, and forgiving. Pupils understand that disciples are friends of Jesus who learn from his teaching. They are encouraged to be followers of Jesus by making loving choices in daily life.	Pupils hear the story of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' friends. They learn that the Spirit gave them courage to tell others the Good News. Pupils explore how the apostles began to share God's message with many people. They reflect on how the Church continues this mission today. Pupils begin to understand that they too can share God's love through their words and actions, helping others to feel part of God's family.
KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE
• Noah's rainbow is a sign of God's promise. • God asks us to care for creation. • Abraham trusted God's promise. • Baptism is a sign of belonging to God's family. • God always keeps His promises.	• Jesus called disciples to follow him. • The Lost Sheep shows Jesus cares for everyone. • Jesus healed people to show God's love. • Following Jesus means being kind and forgiving. • Disciples are friends who learn from Jesus.	• Pentecost is when the Spirit came to Jesus' friends. • The Spirit gave courage to share Good News. • The apostles told many people about Jesus. • The Church continues to share God's message. • We can share God's love through our actions.
Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 2
UNIT: Prophecy & Promise	UNIT: Desert to Garden	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth

KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils are introduced to prophets as people who listened to God and shared His message. They learn that prophets reminded people of God's love and promises. Pupils hear simple stories of prophets such as Samuel listening to God's voice. They reflect on the importance of listening carefully to others. Pupils begin to see that God chooses people to share hope and kindness. They explore how Christians today listen to God through prayer, worship, and the Bible as God's word.	Pupils hear about the story of Palm Sunday and how people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. They learn that Holy Week remembers Jesus' special last days. Pupils hear that Jesus died on the cross because of his love for us and that Easter celebrates his resurrection. They reflect on how Easter is a time of joy and new life. Pupils are encouraged to join in celebrations of Holy Week and Easter, learning about special symbols, prayers, and traditions.	Pupils learn that God loves everyone, including people who are different from us. They notice that families, homes, and traditions may not be the same. Pupils are introduced to the idea that people of other faiths also love and care for God. They reflect on the importance of kindness and respect in friendship. Pupils begin to see that we can learn from others while staying close to God. They are encouraged to treat all people with love and care.
KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE
- Prophets listened to God and shared His message. - Prophets reminded people of God's promises. - Samuel listened to God's voice. - Christians listen to God in prayer and worship. - God chooses people to share hope and kindness.	- Palm Sunday is when Jesus entered Jerusalem. - Holy Week remembers Jesus' last days. - Jesus died on the cross because of love. - Easter celebrates Jesus' resurrection. - Easter is a time of joy and new life.	- God loves everyone, even if they are different. - Families and traditions can be different. - People of other faiths also love God. - Kindness and respect are important in friendship. - We can learn from others while loving God.

Year 2

Autumn Term 1	Spring Term 1	Summer Term 1
UNIT: Creation & Covenant	UNIT: Galilee to Jerusalem	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils explore the story of Noah in greater depth, learning that God's promise is a covenant with all living creatures. They understand that the rainbow is a sign of hope and God's saving love. Pupils reflect on what it means to turn away from God and how Baptism gives new life in Christ. They begin to recognise that Baptism is a covenant between God and His people, where the Holy		

Spirit strengthens them to live as followers of Jesus.		
KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE
- God's promise to Noah was with all creation. - The rainbow is a sign of God's covenant. - Turning away from God damages relationships. - Baptism gives us new life in Christ. - The Holy Spirit helps us follow Jesus.		
Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 2
UNIT: Prophecy & Promise	UNIT: Desert to Garden	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils learn about prophets in more detail, focusing on Isaiah's promise of a Messiah who will bring peace and justice. They reflect on the qualities of a good leader and how Jesus fulfils these promises. Pupils explore the Advent season as a time of waiting and preparation. They learn that Christians prepare for Jesus by showing love, prayer, and kindness. Pupils understand that God's promises are reliable and that Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophets' messages of hope.		
KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE	KEY STICKY KNOWLEDGE
- Isaiah promised a Messiah bringing peace. - Prophets gave God's messages of hope. - Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promises. - Advent is a time of waiting for Jesus. - We prepare by showing love and kindness.	•	•
Year 3		
Autumn Term 1	Spring Term 1	Summer Term 1

UNIT: Creation & Covenant	UNIT: Galilee to Jerusalem	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils study how God created the world and gave humans responsibility as stewards of creation. They revisit covenants with Noah and Abraham, learning how these shape the story of God's people. Pupils understand that God's promises require faithfulness and responsibility. They reflect on how Baptism calls Christians to live as children of God. Pupils explore the Ten Commandments as God's covenant with Moses, seeing them as guides to live in love, respect, and justice in daily life.		
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Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 2
UNIT: Prophecy & Promise	UNIT: Desert to Garden	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
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Year 4		
Autumn Term 1	Spring Term 1	Summer Term 1
UNIT: Creation & Covenant	UNIT: Galilee to Jerusalem	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils study God's covenant with His people more deeply, focusing on Moses and the giving of the Ten Commandments. They learn how these commandments guide Christians to live in love		

and justice. Pupils reflect on how God calls His people to be faithful and how Baptism renews this covenant. They explore stories of God's saving actions in history, recognising God's constant love. Pupils begin to understand how being part of God's covenant means making choices that honour Him daily.

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UNIT: Prophecy & Promise

UNIT: Desert to Garden

UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth

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Year 5

Autumn Term 1

Spring Term 1

Summer Term 1

UNIT: Creation & Covenant

UNIT: Galilee to Jerusalem

UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth

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Pupils study the story of creation in Genesis alongside modern understandings of stewardship and responsibility for the earth. They explore the covenant with Abraham and how it shaped Israel's identity. Pupils reflect on how God's promises require faith and obedience. They consider how Baptism renews the covenant and calls Christians to live faithfully as God's children. Pupils are encouraged to make links between scripture, creation, and their own choices in caring for the world as God's stewards today.

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Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 2
UNIT: Prophecy & Promise	UNIT: Desert to Garden	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
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Year 6

Autumn Term 1	Spring Term 1	Summer Term 1
UNIT: Creation & Covenant	UNIT: Galilee to Jerusalem	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth
KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:	KEY KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS:
Pupils explore the meaning of covenant through key figures like Abraham, Moses, and David, seeing how God's promises shaped Israel's history. They study prophets who called people back to faithfulness and recognise that Jesus is the fulfilment of these covenants. Pupils reflect on the meaning of Baptism and Confirmation as renewal of God's promise. They consider what it means to live faithfully today as part of God's covenant family, making responsible choices and serving as stewards of God's creation.		
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Autumn Term 2	Spring Term 2	Summer Term 2
UNIT: Prophecy & Promise	UNIT: Desert to Garden	UNIT: To the Ends of the Earth

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