Sacred Heart RC Primary School

Religious Education Long Term Plan 2026-2027

Beginning in September 2025, a new curriculum for Religious Education was rolled out across all year groups. The new curriculum, outlined in 'To know you more clearly' The Religious Education Directory,' is structured to help children hear, believe, celebrate, and live the Gospel. In September 2026, the curriculum was finalised and is being released to schools at the beginning of each half-term. For this reason, this document will be updated each half-term until the end of the academic year 2026-2027, when it will be complete.

The Curriculum Structure

The curriculum model is organized into six components, referred to as **"branches,"** which align with the six half-terms of the academic year. Each branch focuses on a central theme, inviting students to explore aspects of Revelation, Scripture, Christian life, and the Church. This approach enables pupils to discern the academic and experiential meaning of their learning, empowering them to see, judge, and act with a more profound knowledge of the Christian faith.
The branches follow the liturgical cycle, enabling links with wider aspects of Catholic life. Each year builds layers of knowledge through scripture, art, and music, ensuring progression and reflection.

Creation and Covenant



This branch introduces pupils to God as the creator who calls a people. Students will examine the Christian belief that God is the source of all creation, studying the Genesis creation stories alongside scientific perspectives. They will also explore God's call and his covenant relationship with his people, beginning with Abraham and Moses and continuing through the Old Testament narrative.

Prophesy and Promise



In this area of study, pupils will learn that the prophets reveal God reaching out to his people and calling them back into a relationship with him. Students will explore how Christians understand the prophets' teachings as pointing toward the fulfilment of God's promise in the Messiah, Jesus Christ. The curriculum will cover the expectant waiting for the Messiah during Advent and its relevance for Christians today. Pupils will also learn about the nativity story and the mystery of the incarnation.

Galilee to Jerusalem

Through this branch, students will investigate the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about Jesus's life and his teachings on the Kingdom of God as revealed through parables, encounters, and miracles. The curriculum also explores the call of the disciples and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

Desert to Garden

This branch is dedicated to the study of Lent and its peak during the events of Holy Week. Pupils will learn about the Paschal Triduum, which is central to the life and Liturgy of the Catholic Church. The title of this branch signifies the journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of the Resurrection, as well as the Paschal progression from darkness to light and from death to life.

To the ends of the Earth

In this unit, students will study the events following the Resurrection and Ascension, including the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and the early Church. They will also learn about the modern Catholic Church as the apostolic Church, understanding how its liturgy and structures originate from the early Church.

Dialogue and Encounter

This branch teaches pupils how Christians collaborate with people of different religious beliefs and all people of goodwill to work for the common good, always upholding the dignity of every person. Students will also be introduced to other belief systems, guided by the Church's teachings on intercultural dialogue.

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	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Creation and Covenant	**Prophecy and Promise**	**Galilee to Jerusalem**	**Desert to Garden**	**To the Ends of the Earth**	**Dialogue and Encounter**
EYFS	God made our beautiful world and everything in it. God made me.	Human dignity. Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. Advent.	Jesus as an infant. Jesus as an adult.	Lent. The coming of Spring. Jesus' resurrection.	Ascension and Pentecost. The Early Church.	**Dialogue** Friends of Jesus. The life of St Peter and St Paul. **Encounter** Judaism and Islam
Year 1/2 Cycle A	God as Creator of all. We are stewards of Creation.	The birth of Jesus. The importance of Mary to Christians.	Jesus through the Gospel of Luke. Jesus as the Son of God. The importance of the character of Jesus in showing us how to follow Him.	Lent and the last week of Jesus' life. Resurrection.	The apostles coming together to carry on Jesus' work.	**Dialogue** Church and our local community (Our Parish) **Encounter** Judaism and Islam
Year 1/2 Cycle B	Story of Noah. Sacrament of Baptism.	Infancy of Jesus. Advent.	Parables and miracles. Baptism of Jesus.	Lent a time of reconciliation and forgiveness. The sacrament of Reconciliation.	Ascension and Pentecost. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit.	**Dialogue** The Parable of the Good Samaritan. Pope Francis' encyclical Fratelli Tutti – Who is my neighbour? **Encounter** Judaism and Islam

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Year 3/4 Cycle A	Creation. Stewardship. Human dignity. Laudato Si'	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	**Dialogue** **Encounter** *To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*
Year 3/4 Cycle B	Abraham's story and significance. Hermeneutics.	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	**Dialogue** **Encounter** *To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*
Year 5/6 Cycle A	Covenant. The Greatest Commandment. Catholic Social Teaching.	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	**Dialogue** **Encounter** *To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*

Year 5/6 Cycle A	Creation- comparing accounts from Genesis and John's Gospel.	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	*To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*	**Dialogue** **Encounter** *To be updated as the scheme of work is released throughout 2026-27.*