



Holy Cross Catholic Primary School - Religious Education Newsletter Autumn 2025

RED: *To Know You More Clearly*

Dear Parents and Carers,

In Religious Education this term, children are following *To Know You More Clearly*, the new Catholic RE curriculum framework. RE supports children to grow in faith, reflect on God's Word, think ethically and live out Gospel values.

This term pupils explore the first two branches of the RED:

Creation and Covenant

In this first half of the Autumn term, children will explore how God reveals Himself as Creator and enters into a covenant with humanity — a loving, life-long relationship of promise and care.

In class, children will:

- Hear Scripture stories about God's creation and covenant with people.
- Reflect on how God's love is shown through creation.
- Celebrate God's goodness through prayer and reflection.

Ways to support at home:

- Go for a walk outside and notice God's creation — thank God for the world around you.
- Read Genesis creation stories together and talk about how everyone is made in God's image.
- Encourage your child to thank God for one thing they are grateful for each day.

Prophecy and Promise

In the second half of the term, children move to Prophecy and Promise — discovering how God prepares His people for the coming of Jesus, especially through the prophets of the Old Testament and the promise of the Messiah.

In class, children will:

- Hear key prophecies about Jesus' coming.
- Explore the meaning of Advent as a time of waiting and hope.
- Celebrate expectation and prepare for Christmas through prayer and reflection.

Ways to support at home:

- Share the story of the prophets and how they pointed to Jesus' coming.
- Use an Advent calendar or wreath to reflect on hope and waiting together.
- Pray together, asking God to help you recognise Jesus in everyday life.

How RE is Taught This Term

Children will learn through the RED's *four knowledge lenses* — **Hear, Believe, Celebrate, Live** — helping them to:

- Listen to Scripture and Church teachings
- Understand what Catholics believe and why
- Celebrate through prayer and liturgy
- Live out faith through action and reflection

Ideas for RE at Home

- Share Sunday Gospel stories and discuss what God might be saying to your family.
- Talk about how you see God's love in your everyday life.
- Use prayer times to thank God for blessings and to ask for help to live as Jesus teaches.

Key Autumn RE Themes

- **God as Creator and Covenant-Maker**
- **Prophets and the Promised Messiah**
- **Advent Hope and Preparation**
- **Prayer, Reflection, and Christmas joy**

We thank you for supporting your child's religious education. RE at home helps children see God's presence in life and grow in faith.

With blessings,
Ms Hodges

