

# Religious Education Information for Parents

## Religious Education at Holy Cross Catholic Primary School

At Holy Cross, Religious Education is central to our school life, guiding children to grow in faith, live out Gospel values and understand and respect others. Through creative teaching, prayer, liturgy, and close partnership with families, our pupils deepen their relationship with God and learn to live with compassion, respect and responsibility. We see this in their achievements, their thoughtful reflections and their active service in the school, parish and wider community.

## Religious Education Directory 'To Know You More Clearly.'

'To Know You More Clearly' is our new programme of study for Religious Education which is being taught in Primary and Secondary Schools across the UK.

More Information about Religious Education at Holy Cross can be found on our school website at: <https://holy-cross-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/religious-education-4/>

More information about what each Year group will learn in each half term can be found in the RE Knowledge Organisers section on our school website at:

<https://holy-cross-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/re-knowledge-organisers/>

## Structural Elements

There are four Structural Elements of the programme of study (see below) as outlined in the RED, 'To Know You More Clearly'.

### The four structural elements are-

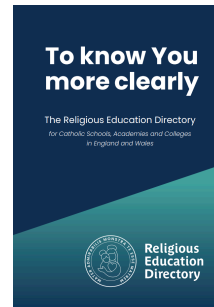
- Curriculum branches
- Knowledge lenses
- Ways of knowing
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## Curriculum Branches

The RED has been designed alongside the Catholic Liturgical Year and is comprised of six Branches, one per half term.

### The Six Branches are:

- Creation and Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise
- Galilee to Jerusalem
- Desert to Garden
- Ends of the Earth
- Dialogue and Encounter.



## Knowledge Lenses

The language used for the names of the knowledge lenses exhibit the language of the Catechism itself which maintains that the mystery of faith which we "hear" requires us to 'believe', to 'celebrate' and to 'live' out the messages. These lenses are used to support the delivery of the lessons and to support pupils' learning.

### The four knowledge lenses are:

- Hear
- Believe
- Celebrate
- Live

## Ways of Knowing

The ways of knowing are applied to the discrete knowledge within each of the lenses.

### The Ways of Knowing are:

- understand (head)
- discern (heart)
- respond (hands)

## Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes are split into the following areas-revelation, sacred scripture, creation and fall, covenant, prophecy, the Good News of Redemption

The outcomes are a synthesis of the content outlined in the knowledge lenses and the skills described in the ways of knowing. Each age phase has a prescribed set of outcomes that indicate what pupils are expected to know, remember and be able to do using the ways of knowing and applying it to the discrete knowledge within each lens.

## Overview of Branches

### Branch 1: Creation and Covenant

**Theme:** God made the world and made a promise to His people. We are called to care for Creation and live in God's love.

**EYFS:** God made the world and everything in it. God made me and loves me.

**Year 1:** God is the Creator. We care for God's gift of Creation.

**Year 2:** Noah shows us God's promise to His people in the sign of the rainbow.

**Year 3:** Creation is good – we are made in God's image and called to be stewards of the Earth.

**Year 4:** Abraham's covenant shows faith and trust in God. Joseph's story points to forgiveness.

**Year 5:** Moses as leader and lawgiver. The Ten Commandments show God's covenant of love.

**Year 6:** Sin damages the relationship with God, other people and creation. Prophets remind people of the covenant. God promises a new covenant fulfilled in Jesus.

### Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise

**Theme:** God promises a Saviour. Prophets and Gospel writers show how Jesus fulfils God's promise.

**EYFS:** Mary said "Yes" to God. Jesus was born in Bethlehem.

**Year 1:** Jesus is God's Son – God shows His love by sending Jesus.

**Year 2:** Prophets foretold Jesus. John the Baptist prepared the way.

**Year 3:** The Mass helps us hear God's Word. Matthew shows Jesus as the Messiah.

**Year 4:** Elijah calls people back to God. John the Baptist prepares the way for Jesus.

**Year 5:** David is chosen as King. Prophets point to Jesus as the true King and the fulfilment of the promise to David.

**Year 6:** The importance of women in salvation history. Isaiah's prophecies were fulfilled in Jesus. Mary and Joseph trusted in God's promise.

### Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem

**Theme:** Jesus teaches, heals and shows signs of God's Kingdom. His words and actions reveal who He is.

**EYFS:** Jesus welcomes children. The Wise Men bring gifts.

**Year 1:** Jesus calls His friends and shows God's love.

**Year 2:** Jesus' miracles show God's power and care.

**Year 3:** Parables and miracles reveal God's Kingdom.

**Year 4:** Jesus reaches out to those who are left out. He heals and forgives.

**Year 5:** The divine glory of Jesus and the mystery of the Transfiguration. Teachings of love, hope and mercy in the Beatitudes and the Great Commandment.

**Year 6:** The miraculous signs of Jesus. The seven sacraments. The 'I am' statements and the Christian beliefs about Jesus. His mission challenges and transforms.

### Branch 4: Desert to Garden

**Theme:** Lent, Holy Week and Easter show Jesus' sacrifice, forgiveness and new life.

**EYFS:** Lent is a time to care for others. Jesus died and rose again.

**Year 1:** We journey with Jesus through Holy Week.

**Year 2:** Lent is a time for reconciliation and forgiveness. Jesus teaches people to forgive. Easter celebrates new life.

**Year 3:** The Last Supper – Jesus gives us the Eucharist.

**Year 4:** Parables of the Lost Son and the Sheep & Goats. Jesus is the servant-Messiah.

**Year 5:** The Passion of Jesus – service, sacrifice and resurrection hope. The Christian belief that through the resurrection of Jesus, they can follow his path to heaven.

**Year 6:** The events of Holy Week. Jesus' actions of love on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The Cross leads to Easter victory.

### Branch 5: To the Ends of the Earth

**Theme:** The Good News spreads through the Church. The Holy Spirit sends us out to share faith.

**EYFS:** The Holy Spirit is our friend. The first Christians shared everything.

**Year 1:** Pentecost – the Church is born.

**Year 2:** The Apostles tell everyone the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**Year 3:** Early Church celebrated the Eucharist. The Trinity is a mystery and revelation of God's love.

**Year 4:** Peter and Paul spread the Gospel. The Church is apostolic.

**Year 5:** The gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they can help Christians be good disciples. The Rosary is a prayerful reflection on the life of Jesus.

**Year 6:** The resurrection of Christ and the revelation of the Father, Son and Spirit. How Christians bear witness to their beliefs. We are called to share Christ's mission today.

### Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter

**Theme:** We listen, learn and respect others. We encounter God through other faiths and traditions.

**EYFS:** Learn about St Peter and St Paul. Respect others' celebrations.

**Year 1:** A Christian is a follower of Jesus Christ. Jesus was Jewish. Learn about Judaism, Jewish religious life and practice.

**Year 2:** The story of the Good Samaritan. Respect for people of other religions. Learn about Jewish customs.

**Year 3:** Passover links to the Last Supper. Learn about Islam and other world faiths.

**Year 4:** St Paul as a model of dialogue. Learn about different Christian communities. Explore Islam's Five Pillars.

**Year 5:** The Bible contains sacred texts from Judaism, the four Gospels and other early writings from the Church. Jewish beliefs expressed in the Shema prayer.

**Year 6:** The meaning of Common Good and Catholic Social Teaching principles. Interfaith dialogue and respect. Dharmic beliefs, practices and way of life.