



Religious Education Parent Newsletter

From September 2025 all children will be following the new RE curriculum, 'To know You more clearly'.



Religious Education Directory

Branches

There are six branches in 'To know You More Clearly' – one per half term.

The branches are:

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

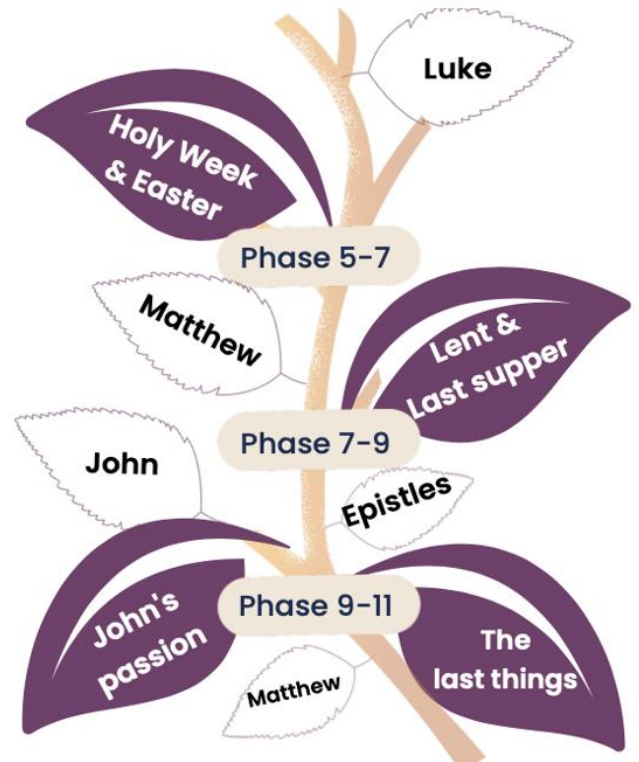
Spring 2: Desert to Garden

In this branch, pupils will journey with Jesus from the desert to the garden, exploring the season of Lent and the events leading up to Holy Week and Easter. They will learn about prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and understand how Jesus shows love, obedience and trust in God the Father. Children will reflect on sacrifice, forgiveness, hope and new life.

Branch 4



Desert
to
Garden
Season of Lent



	<p style="text-align: center;">Hear</p> <p><i>The children will listen to and learn from the following sacred tradition (through magisterial texts, the teachings of the Fathers, and the lives of the saints, for example), and in Sacred Scripture.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Ways in which you can support learning at home</p>
<p>Early Years <i>Foundation Stage</i></p>	<p>Children will learn that Lent is a special time to grow closer to God. They will hear simple Gospel stories about Jesus praying and showing love to others. The children will begin to understand that Easter is a very happy celebration because Jesus is alive and brings new life to the world.</p>	<p>Say the Sign of the Cross together.</p> <p>Talk about kind choices and how we can help our friends and family.</p> <p>Spend a few moments in quiet prayer together.</p> <p>Look for signs of new life outdoors, such as flowers or baby animals, and talk about why Easter is a season of joy.</p>
<p>Classes Y1, Y1/2, Y2 <i>Working from Y1 curriculum</i></p>	<p>Children will learn that Jesus spent time in the desert praying and preparing for his mission. They will hear stories from Holy Week and begin to understand that Easter is a celebration of new life and joy because Jesus rose from the dead. Pupils will explore ways we can show love and kindness during Lent.</p>	<p>Say a simple prayer together each night during Lent.</p> <p>Talk about ways your family can help others through small acts of kindness.</p> <p>Create an Easter garden or draw symbols of new life such as flowers and sunshine.</p>
<p>Classes Y3, Y3/4, Y4 <i>Working from Y3 curriculum</i></p>	<p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know that the Church teaches:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare for Easter. • Jesus resisted temptation in the desert and remained faithful to God. • The events of Holy Week reveal the depth of Jesus' love for humanity. <p>The Resurrection brings hope and the promise of new life.</p>	<p>Pray the Our Father together during Lent.</p> <p>Read a Gospel account of the Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1–11).</p> <p>Talk about what sacrifices are meaningful and how they help us grow closer to God.</p> <p>Choose a charity to support as a family.</p>
<p>Class Y5. Y5/6, Y6 <i>Working from Y5 curriculum</i></p>	<p>Children will deepen their understanding of the significance of Lent and the Paschal Mystery. They will explore how Jesus' suffering and sacrifice demonstrate self-giving love, and how the Resurrection transforms sorrow into hope. Pupils will reflect on reconciliation, compassion and the call to serve others.</p>	<p>At home you could read:</p> <p>Jesus is tempted in the desert (Luke 4:1–13)</p> <p>The Agony in the Garden (Luke 22:39–46)</p> <p>The Crucifixion (Luke 23)</p> <p>The Resurrection (John 20)</p> <p>You could also discuss how Christians live out the message of Easter by bringing hope to others and</p>

		standing up for what is right.
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Important Dates this Term

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February

ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

19th March

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

25th March

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

29th March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

2nd April

GOOD FRIDAY

3rd April

EASTER SUNDAY

5th April