Christ the King Catholic Primary School
Religious Education Curriculum Overview – 2026-27

At Christ the King Catholic Primary School, we follow the Religious Education Directory curriculum, which is organised into six branches. Each branch is taught over one half-term, enabling pupils to develop a rich and coherent understanding of the Catholic faith throughout the academic year. The curriculum invites children to explore God's revelation through Scripture, deepen their knowledge of Jesus Christ and the Church, and reflect on how faith shapes everyday life. Through engaging learning experiences, pupils are encouraged to think critically, reflect prayerfully, and respond to what they learn by developing the ability to **see, judge and act** in the light of the Gospel.

Branch 1: Creation and Covenant: *"The heavens are telling the glory of God."* (Psalm 19:1) In this branch, pupils encounter God as Creator, who lovingly brings all things into existence and calls people into relationship with Him. Children explore the Creation accounts in Genesis alongside scientific understandings of the origins of the universe. They learn about God's covenants with Abraham and Moses and discover how God's faithful relationship with His people is revealed throughout the Old Testament.

Branch 2: Prophecy and Promise: *"In many and various ways, God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets."* (Hebrews 1:1) Pupils explore the role of the prophets and their message of hope, justice and faithfulness. They learn how the prophets prepared God's people for the coming of the Messiah and how Christians believe these promises are fulfilled in Jesus Christ. Through the season of Advent, pupils reflect on waiting in hope and encounter the stories of the Nativity and the mystery of the Incarnation.

Branch 3: Galilee to Jerusalem: *"God's only Son, who is at the Father's side, has made him known."* (John 1:18) In this branch, pupils journey through the life and ministry of Jesus. They explore His teachings, miracles, parables and encounters with others, discovering how Jesus revealed the Kingdom of God. Children also learn about the calling of the disciples and what it means to be a follower of Christ today.

Branch 4: Desert to Garden: *"Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day."* (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) Pupils focus on the season of Lent and the events of Holy Week, leading to the joy of Easter. They learn about the Paschal Mystery at the heart of Christian faith and explore themes of sacrifice, forgiveness, hope and resurrection. This branch highlights the journey from darkness to light, from death to new life, and from despair to hope through Christ's saving love.

Branch 5: To the Ends of the Earth: *"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."* (Matthew 28:19) This branch explores the events following Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, including the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Pupils learn about the apostles, the growth of the early Church and the mission entrusted to Christians. They also discover how the Catholic Church today continues the work and mission of Christ through its worship, leadership and service.

Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter: *"For in him we live and move and have our being."* (Acts 17:28) In this branch, pupils learn about living in a diverse and multicultural world. They explore how Christians are called to work alongside people of all faiths and none, promoting justice, peace and the common good. Through learning about other religions and worldviews, pupils develop respect, understanding and appreciation of human dignity, helping them to become compassionate and responsible citizens.

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Year group	Yearly theme	Autumn term (Weeks 1 and 2)	Branch One: Creation and Covenant	Branch Two: Prophecy and Promise	Branch Three: Galilee to Jerusalem	Branch Four: Desert to Garden	Branch Five: To the Ends of the Earth	Branch Six: Dialogue and Encounter
EYFS: Nursery		Mission statement and class saint CST: Action focus	God made our beautiful world and me; how to look after God's world	Mary had a baby called Jesus in Bethlehem. Celebrating Advent.	Wise men visits Jesus. Jesus blesses the children. Glory Be is a special prayer. We should love and welcome as Jesus does.	Lent is a time to care for others. Jesus died on the cross. Simple signs of lent – purple, seeds, growing. Show caring for others.	Jesus went back to his Father. The Holy Spirit was sent to look after us. We gather in our parish with our friends.	Friends of Jesus. Hear a simple life of St Peter and St Paul. Explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition.
EYFS: Reception			The sign of the cross. God created the world and God loves us – Laudato Si and Creation story. God made each one of us; we are part of God's family	God chose Mary and God sent Jesus to love us. Advent shows us to help others. Various cultures celebrate Jesus in different ways	Glory Be is a response to Jesus coming. Our words and actions show love like Jesus does.	Easter celebrates new life. Signs of Lent: purple. Ashes. How do various cultures celebrate Lent and Easter in different ways? How we should help others during Lent.	Pentecost and The early Christian Community. Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church. All people are God's children. Good news of Jesus in early Christian Community	Friends of Jesus. Hear a simple life of St Peter and St Paul. Explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition.
Year 1	**How people know about God**		**God** **Creator** **Father** **Scripture:** The Creation Story and opening of Nicene creed. God is our father and we can pray to him.	**Jesus** **Annunciation – Nativity** **Scripture:** The Annunciation, Nativity and Visit to the Shepherds. God loves us and he gave us his son	**Jesus' ministry** **Scripture:** Feast of the presentation, Finding in the Temple, Jesus and his mission alongside	**Lent and Holy Week** **Scripture:** Jesus enters Jerusalem, The Last Supper, The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus, The Angel's Message and	**Resurrection, Ascension and Pentecost** **Scripture:** The Road to Emmaus, Promise of Spirit and Ascension, Pentecost. Glory Be prayer.	How Catholics live and celebrate their faith **Judaism:** core belief in one God and importance of the Torah The Church is a community of those who belong

			How we can care and love for God's world.	Jesus. Hearing and praying Hail Mary. How we celebrate birth of Jesus and honour Mary.	disciples, little children and Zacchaeus. Jesus is the son of God and 'light to the nations'. How to follow Jesus and take care of one another.	Jesus tempted in the desert. Lent is a time to pray, fast, help others and prepare for Easter to become closer to God. Jesus died and rose again. How Christian communities celebrate Lent.	The mission of the Church at Pentecost and how people open their hearts to the Holy Spirit. How people around the world celebrate Pentecost, work of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity.	to Christ. The symbol of the cross. Learning about local parish and community. Aspects of modern Jewish life in Britain
Year 2	**Baptism**		**Noah** **Sacrament of Baptism** **Scripture:** The story of Noah, Psalm 139 – praise of God's creation. God makes a covenant with Noah. The sacrament of Baptism in a Catholic Church and the promises made to God. Bible split in Old Testament and New Testament.	**Nativity – Visitation, Magnificat, Advent** **Scripture:** The Annunciation, Visitation, Birth of John the Baptist, Zechariah's voice and Birth of Jesus. Prophets communicate God's message. Advent is a time to prepare and how different cultures prepare. Isaiah – Jesus is the light in the darkness. Mary's prayer – the	**Ministry, parables and miracles** **Scripture:** Jesus' Baptism, Temptation in Wilderness, Cure of a paralytic, Choice of the twelve, Calming of the storm, Parable of the Lost Sheep. John the Baptist as a prophet encouraging others to say sorry. Jesus' miracles and parables. Importance of saying sorry to	**Holy Week** **Easter Vigil** **Scripture:** Jesus enters Jerusalem, The Last Supper, Crucifixion and Death of Jesus, Angel's message and Peter at the Tomb. Sacrament of Reconciliation – saying sorry to God and others and restoring our friendship with God. Lent is a time to prepare through Reconciliation and Forgiveness.	**Ascension** **Pentecost** **Conversion** **Scripture:** Love is God's first gift poured into our hearts and we welcome this with the Holy Spirit. Symbols of Holy Spirit. Saints peacebuilding in their lives, linking to ours. The fruits of the spirit are visible signs of Christians led by the Holy Spirit.	**Love of God is shown through love of other people.** **Scripture:** The Good Samaritan **Judaism:** exploring how Torah teachings shape everyday Jewish life. Learning about our local Christian Community and how we can support one another. Links and connections to Jewish religious laws, beliefs, worship

				Magnificat – gives thanks to God.	God and others – Baptism is a sign of forgiveness. How Catholics say sorry to God in prayer – Act of Contrition and Our Father.	Prayers and actions for Catholics to turn back to God – Examen, Act of Sorrow, Penitential Rite and Kyrie Eleison. Easter Vigil.		and life. Religious experiences from different communities.
Year 3	**Eucharist**		**Creation as God's gift** **Scripture:** Creation story Psalms in praise of Creation. God is creator of the Universe out of 'free and unselfish love', St Francis' Canticle of the Creatures, Offertory prayer and Laudato Si. Human beings are created in God's image and caring for creation is a way we care for each other. Ways we can give thanks.	**Mass Matthew's nativity** **Scripture: I**saiah, Annunciation to Joseph. Prophets foretold Jesus' birth. Catholics celebrate Mass listening to Holy scripture and the actions, prayers and symbols we use. Preparing for Christ during Advent. Art around the World about Christ's coming. Advent hymns.	**Matthew, miracles and parables** **Scripture:** Miracles, parables and Epiphanies. Adoration of Magi shows people seeking Jesus. Jesus' parables to show choices people make to accept invitation to the kingdom. 'Our Father' helps us to continue to build the kingdom begun with Jesus. Lives of saints who build God's Kingdom.	**Institution of the Eucharist** **Scripture:** Miracle of the Loaves, The Last Supper and The Eucharistic prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus showed love by giving himself transformed as bread and wine. Eucharist is a sacrament where Jesus offers his life for the salvation of the world – people give themselves to Jesus when receiving the Eucharist. Catholics gather to celebrate Mass and meet Jesus in	**Mass and mission** **Scripture:** The Road to Emmaus mission to the world, Early Church, Group of apostles and Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Disciples recognised Jesus. Christians share the Gospel and follow the examples of the Apostles and Early Church. God is a community within himself – the mystery of the Trinity. Through Mary, the Holy Spirit guided the disciples. The	**Scripture:** Exodus, Lk 22:14 23. **Jewish** festival of Passover and how it's celebrated today **Islam:** aspects of Muslim belief and practice, such as the Five Pillars The Eucharistic links with the Jewish celebration of Passover. Jewish festival of Passover. Simple links and connections with Islamic religious laws and beliefs. Islamic art and religious music.

						Holy Communion. The ways Catholics live the Eucharist by following Jesus.	bread is the Body of Christ.	
Year 4	**Lives transformed by faith**		**Abraham** **Scripture:** The call of Abraham, Abrahamic Covenant, Story of Joseph God's covenant with Abraham – a model of how to pray. The virtues – living these helps Christians grow a closer relationship to Holy Trinity. Faith is believing in God and following God's purpose.	**Elijah and John the Baptist** **Scripture:** Miracle of flour and oil, Elijah's encounter with God, Preaching of St John the Baptist, Isaiah, Ancestry of Jesus. The importance of prophets and their job. Christians prepare for coming of Christ during Advent and for the second coming as King of the Universe. John the Baptist came to prepare the way for Jesus. How Christians use the Jesse tree during Advent.	**Who do you say I am?** **Scripture:** Peter's mother-in law, Cure of a woman, Baptist's question, Jesus walks on water and Peter's profession of faith. Jesus as Messiah and comes as a suffering servant. God's kingdom includes those exclude by society Incarnation – Jesus is fully God and fully human. Sacrament of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. People inspired by Jesus working with those marginalized by	**Forgiveness and Reconciliation** **Scripture:** The Prodigal Son, The Judgement of Nations, Holy Week. Christians making a new start in Lent showing love for God and others through good works. Helping others during Lent is a time to live out mercy. Important events during Holy Week. Corporal and spiritual acts of mercy – organisations that live their lives out.	**Peter and the Church** **Scripture:** The Empty Tomb, The Apostles Creed and The appearance on the shore of Tiberius. The Pope is the successor to Peter; the Church is the People of God and The Church is Apostolic. May is a special month for Mary and she is the Mother of the Church. Sing and study some Marian hymns. Apostles Creed. Study artistic depictions of Blessed Mary as the Mother of the Church. How the local and global Church	**The life and mission of St Paul as a key figure in the early Church** **Scripture:** The Road to Damascus and First letter to Corinthians. **Islam:** aspects of Muslim belief and practice, such as the Five Pillars

					societal attitudes to illness.		continues Jesus' work.	
Year 5	**Significance of the Old Testament in understanding Jesus**		**Moses** **Scripture:** The Burning Bush, The Sinai Covenant and The Ten Commandments, Jesus' Summary of the Law. A covenant is a binding agreement between God and human beings. Ten Commandments help people live their lives. Catholic Social Teaching helps us see that we should love our neighbour. Sin is the deliberate spoiling of our friendship with God and one another. Virtues are practical wisdom and show us how we can use them to live.	**David** **Scripture:** David and Goliath, David becomes King, God's covenant with David and David's death. The hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel'. The joyful mysteries of the Rosary. Links between O antiphons and the Evening Prayer of the Church for 17 23 December. Great kings anointed in the Old Testament, David was called by God to become King and for Christians, and Jesus fulfils the promises made to David. Psalm 23 – an ancient way of prayer.	**Jesus – New Law** **Scripture:** The Beatitudes, The Ten Commandments, The Good Samaritan, Our Father – the perfect prayer given to us by Jesus. The Beatitudes showing the loving face of Christ and how Christians should live their lives in accordance with this. The Transfiguration and artwork linked to it. The virtues linked to Christians lives.	**Salvation** **Scripture:** Ash Wednesday, Temptation in the Wilderness, The Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. Prayer is turning the heart towards God and sharing with him your troubles and happiness. What is sin and conscience and how do they link to God?	**Holy Spirit and Confirmation** **Scripture:** Spiritual echoes of Confirmation, Pentecost, Gifts of Spirit, Baptism in the Spirit. The Catholic Rite of Confirmation and the meaning of it. The importance of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Studying artistic representations of the Holy Spirit. A saint's life transformed by Jesus.	**How Christians understand the Bible as a collection of inspired writings** **Judaism:** exploring the importance of Hebrew, the Torah, and key elements of Jewish prayer and practice

Year 6	**St John's Gospel**		**John's prologue New creation** **Scripture:** The second account of Creation **Texts:** Nicene Creed, Laudato Si Original sin. Baptism as the first sacrament of forgiving sin. Belief in God as sustainer and source of the universe is compatible with the scientific account of the beginnings of the universe and the theory of evolution. In Jesus, God restored humanity's relationship with him.	**Women in Salvation History** **Scripture:** Women in salvation history – Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah, Esther and Mary as the fulfilment of Old Testament promises by saying yes to God's plan. The Magnificat. Examples of women today responding to God's call in life. The Women of the Old Testament are true protagonists of salvation history.	**Signs in John's Gospel** **Scripture:** Wedding at Cana, Healing Official's son, Healing man at Bethesda, Feeding the 5000, Walking on water, Healing Blind man, Raising of Lazarus, I am the bread of life. The Church's seven sacraments to help us grow like Jesus. The sacraments are meeting points with God. God inspired the author of Sacred Scripture. How sacraments are celebrated in the local parish.	**Jesus' passion according to John** **Scripture:** The Anointing at Bethany, Jesus washes his Disciples' feet, First farewell discourse, The Arrest of Jesus, Jesus before Pilate, The Crucifixion, Jesus and his Mother, The Death of Jesus The Church teaches that Jesus shows us love through scripture above and Mary is the Mother of all Christians. The Stations of the Cross and different representations of this.	**New Adam and faith in the Resurrection** **Scripture:** The Empty Tomb and the Appearance to Disciples, Christians believe in Resurrection, Jesus as the new Adam, The story of Stephen. Act of Faith, Hope and Love prayers. The Disciples and Christians belief of Jesus rising from the dead. Resurrection as the work of the Trinity and how Christians are called to witness the Resurrection by example of their new life in Baptism, Some examples of saints, considering how they bore witness to Christ in their lives	How Christians are called to uphold the dignity of all people and contribute to their local communities. **Hinduism:** learning about religious life within the context of contemporary Britain.