



Catholic Life & Religious Education

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Welcome back!

Welcome back and happy new (school) year to all our families and pupils. We hope you had a restful summer break and children are returning to school eager to begin their learning at St Catherine's Catholic Primary School. As we begin our school year, we remind ourselves of the Gospel Values that guide us in school and refresh our commitment to live our school Mission to- **'Live Life to the full.'** In this newsletter you will find all the information you need on the Catholic Life of our school, Religious Education and upcoming celebrations and focuses this half term.

Thank you for all your help as families in supporting our school's Mission,

Mr. Booth- Headteacher

Our Journey in Faith

The first week back into school can bring a range of emotions for parents, pupils and staff. Each year we look forward to seeing our returning members of the community and also welcome new pupils, parents and staff into our school and parish family.

To help root ourselves in our school's mission and ethos we start each year for each child with a very important series of lessons. This learning helps us foster our school growing in community and participation.

❑ Living Life to The Full

Our first lesson reminds children of the importance of our school Mission and the ways in which it is lived out in our school

❑ St Catherine of Alexandria

We focus this learning on the life of our inspirational patron, St Catherine; her life, teachings and example to follow. We focus especially on her faith and love for learning.

❑ Catholic Social Teaching

Our school uses resources provided by Caritas Westminster to embed an understanding of Catholic social teaching to all our pupils. For more information please visit their website [here](#).

To see an overview of Religious Education teaching in the school, please visit our school website.

Our School Religious Education Curriculum


This year, our school is embedding the new Religious Education Directory 'To know You more clearly' produced by the Catholic Education Service in all Year groups. All staff have received training in this and we are excited to begin discovering more *about* and *from* our faith in school. There are examples of the Curriculum overview in this newsletter and on our website alongside examples of students work.





Our School Parish, St Catherine of Alexandria- just next to school.

Dates this half term

14th September		Education Sunday Families welcome to join in the celebration of Mass at St Cathine's at 11am
17th September 9:30am St Catherine's Church		Start of Term Mass Year 1 - 6 attending Parents welcome to join us for Mass at 9:30am
Harvest in October		Children collecting food for local foodbank.
Month of The Holy Rosary - October		Children praying the Rosary in school as a devotion to Our Lady.
November		In November we Remember – All Saints November 1 st All Souls Day November 2 nd
25th November 9:30am St Catherine's Church		Mass for feast of St Catherine



In school this year, as part of our prayer and liturgy we are focusing on 'speaking' and 'listening'. We speak to the Lord each day during prayer and so each day we should also listen to Him in silence after prayer. This is a part of prayer so often forgotten and something we will put at the center of our practice this year.

Charity Focus

West Drayton Food Bank – helping local families in need.

Liturgical Focus

The Month of The Holy Rosary in October



Prayer Corner

Each edition of the Catholic Life and RE Newsletter, we will share a prayer that can be prayed as a family at home.

This first prayer was written by Omorose in Year 6. Her prayer is a lovely way of thanking God for all that we have whilst also asking for His help in all that we do in our school and at home.

Dear God,

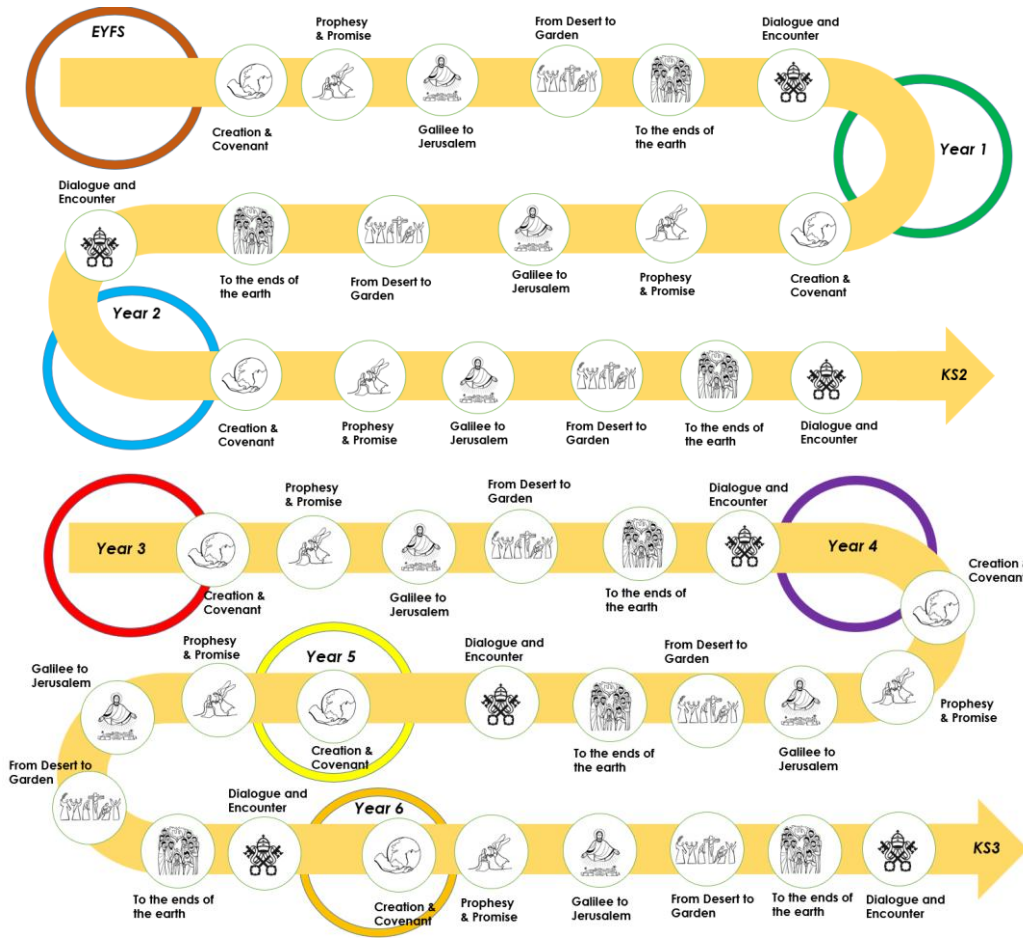
Please help me remember to live out my Mission,
Which is to help my mum and my sister with organising.
Please help me try my best with my homework.
Thankyou for giving me strength to do all of these things.

Amen

Wow Work



Alisa and Alexandra In Year 6 produced these amazing pieces of work in their lesson on Care for Creation'. They said 'it is important to learn about Care for Creation because it is a gift from God and Pope Francis told us we should care for it and use it for the benefit of all'. Well done girls.



News from The Top of The Road

Our school is proud to be part of the St Catherine of Alexandria Parish, just at the top of the road from school. Many of our students celebrate Mass in this parish and we strive to support their devotion in our school. Each half term in our newsletter we will keep you updated with news in the parish.

Weekend Parish Mass times:

St Catherine of Alexandria, West Drayton: **Saturday: 7 pm**
Sunday: 9am, 11am & 6pm



Pop Group

We have many pupil groups in school who showcase their talents and leadership skills to move the school forward. One of these groups will be a 'Power of Prayer Group' who will support children with the prayer and liturgy life in the school. Watch this space in the next newsletter for more information about this newly commissioned group of pupils.

