



# RE NEWSLETTER

THROUGH CHRIST WE BELIEVE, INSPIRE, ACHIEVE.

NEWSLETTER OF ENGLISH MARTYRS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUMMER TERM 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children up to and including Year Three are now following the Religious Education Directory (RED) for Catholic Schools which is being phased in gradually. Children in years four to six are still following the Come and See RE programme.

## Early Years and Years 1,2,3,4

### *Summer Term 1 - Branch 5 To the Ends of the Earth*

Using the Bible as a starting point, children explore the time after Jesus' resurrection. Learning that ascension is when Jesus went back to his Father in Heaven and that God sent his Holy Spirit to be with his friends at Pentecost.



### *Home Activities:*



Learn the 'Glory Be' prayer:  
***Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the  
beginning is now and  
ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.***

### *Summer Term 2 - Branch 6 Dialogue and Encounter*

Although this branch is taught at different times of the school year, we use the summer term 2 to learn about what faith means to different people and that we are part of a global family.



### *Home Activities:*



Talk about respecting the beliefs of people from different communities in our local area.



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## Years 5 and 6

### *Pentecost - Serving 13<sup>th</sup> April - 15<sup>th</sup> May*



Year 5 - Transformation  
Celebrating the Spirit's transforming power.

Year 6 - Witnesses  
The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses.

### *Home Activities:*



Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it. Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

### *Reconciliation - Inter-relating 18<sup>th</sup> May - 20<sup>th</sup> June*



Year 5 - Freedom and Responsibility  
Commandments enable Christians to be free and responsible.

Year 6 - Healing  
Sacrament of the Sick

### *Home Activities:*



Talk together about times you have forgiven and been forgiven. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in day-to-day life of the family.

### *Islam 22nd June - 26th June*



Year 5 - Beliefs and Festivals, Ramadan and Pilgrimage

Year 6 - Belonging and Values.  
Guidance for Muslims.

### *Home Activities:*



Revisit aspects of Islam on the [BBC Teach website](https://www.bbc.com/teach).



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*Universal Church - World  
29th June - 16th July*



**Year 5 - Stewardship**

The church is called to the stewardship of creation.

**Year 6 - Common Good**

Work of the worldwide Christian family.

*Home*

*Activities:*



What simple actions can we take to make our world a better place?

- Re-use and recycle
- Conserve water
- Donate
- Volunteer
- Pray

***Pray with the Pope:***

***For disarmament and peace | March 2026***

***This link takes you to a short video that you can watch as a family to pray with Pope Leo for peace.***

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSrOCQDFdFA>**



**PRAY with THE POPE**  
One prayer intention every month



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## CHURCH CALENDAR - SUMMER TERM 2026

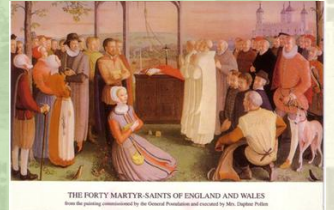
### Important Dates This Term:

MAY

4

#### THE FEAST OF THE FORTY MARTYRS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

This is a special feast for our school and children in all classes will learn a little more about some of the English Martyrs.



THE FORTY MARTYR SAINTS OF ENGLAND AND WALES  
From the painting commissioned by the General Postoffice and created by Mrs. Augustus Pugin

MAY

29

#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.



MAY

24

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church.

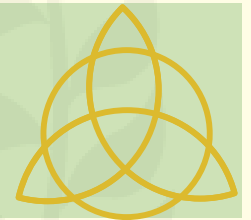


MAY

31

#### THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, The three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.



JUNE

04

#### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.



JUN

12

#### THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.



SIS. PETER AND PAUL

JUN

29

#### SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish the Christian Church.



*English Martyrs, pray for us.*