

Catholic life of St. Aidan's School

Catholic Social Teaching
Autumn 2025





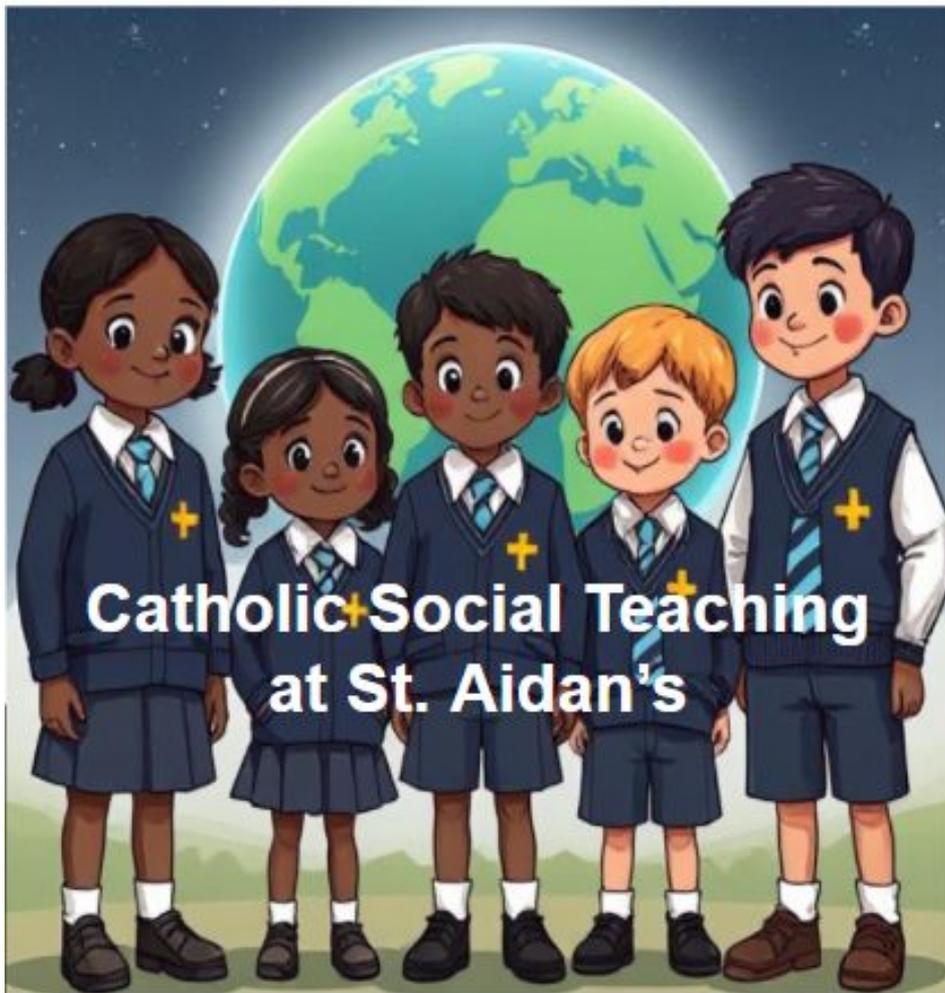
Our faith doors remind us that Jesus' door is always open for us.



Prayer Leaders

Introducing our prayer leaders:





	Dignity
	Solidarity
	The common good
	The option for the poor
	Peace
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	The dignity of work and participation



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Peace Romans 5 1-5 Isaiah 26: 3 John 14: 27	Salvation Romans 10: 9-11 Titus 2: 11-14
Love 1 Corinthians 13: 1-3 1 John 4: 7-12	Wisdom 1 Kings 12: 1-24 1 Kings 3: 6-28; 4: 29-31
Acceptance Psalm 139	Friendship 1 Samuel 18: 1-5 Ruth 1: 16-17
Courage Psalm 11 Psalm 42	Gratitude Luke 17: 11-19 Corinthian 9: 11-12
Forgiveness Matthew 18: 21-35 Acts 13: 26-39	Jealousy Psalm 100: 4 Psalm 28: 7
Patience James 5: 7-11	Sadness Luke 15: 25-32 Matthew 6: 25-34
Righteousness Romans 3: 10-26 Romans 10: 9-11 Romans 6: 11-23	Failure Matthew 18: 21-35



Pharisee and the tax collector

Luke 18: 9-14

Tenants in the vineyard

Matthew 20: 1-16

Hidden treasure

Matthew 13: 44

Pearl, treasure in the field

Matthew 13: 45-46

House on rock and sand

Matthew 7: 24-27



Each class has been learning about one of the Catholic Social Teaching Principles. The children have made links to scripture and learnt about a charity related to their Catholic Social Teaching Principle.

Year 5

“We are grateful for what we have, we should only buy what we need because there is a lot of wastage.”

“Catholic Social Teaching tells us how to live like good Catholic’s, today we did this because we put the needs of others first.”

“ Food banks play an important role for so many people in need, it made me feel really grateful but also happy that I could live like Jesus and help.”



As part of their learning about Catholic Social Teaching, Year 5 have been learning about ‘dignity’. The children were inspired by their learning and wanted to help the community. They went on a visit to help at Purley Food Hub. Delivering items and also helping sorting and learning all about how the food bank works.

Dignity



PIC•COLLAGE

The children were linking Human Dignity to the 10 commandments and they created role plays.



Our Catholic Social Teaching value is Human Dignity. We created drama sequences linking Human Dignity and our scripture choice of The 10 Commandments.



HUMAN DIGNITY

We believe everyone is special

Human Dignity

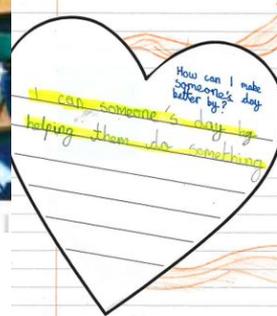


Key quotes

So God created human-kind in his own image.

Each of us are thought of by God. God thought of us before we were born. Every one is needed.

We can be proud with people no matter what background their from.



Tuesday 30th September 2025

L.O. As a theologian I can give examples of qualities Christians hold based on Phillipians 4.

God our Father:

I am so grateful to have the God given gifts of Humour, hardworking and resilient. I pray that you show me how to make someone's day better using humour. I also pray that you keep reminding how I can be resilient when standing up for people who aren't having respect for their dignity. Amen

Dignity



Friday 26th September 2025

As a theologian, I know the value of...



If you see someone homeless - say hello and give them money ~~don't~~ ~~swear~~ ~~leave them alone~~ show SOLIDARITY.

We Are One In The Spirit
 We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.
 We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.
 And we know that our unity will one day be restored.
 And they'll know we're God's children by our love, by our love.
 Yes they'll know we're God's children by our love.

I think SOLIDARITY means that love everyone don't just love people you want to love.

Give money to charity to help the poor and to show SOLIDARITY to the hospitals and to help the people with cancer.



love Everyone! Don't matter.



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SOLIDARITY



They are working to solidarity by picking up the rubbish and looking after the environment.



The special solidarity is in solidarity by helping others that don't help stop others from going to school.



The people are standing in solidarity has meaning and helping the others in need.



The girl is standing in solidarity by riding her bicycle to school with her little sister on a long journey.



Zacchaeus 9:1-13

- 1 Jesus show solidarity because he told Zacchaeus to come down the sycamore tree and told Zacchaeus he will come and stay at his home.
- 2 You can share, care if people are alone ask them if they want to play.
- 3 If a person is mean like Zacchaeus Jesus made Zacchaeus kinder so pray to him.

Year 4 learnt how we are better working together. They looked at the story of Zacchaeus and how there is a theme of solidarity. They explored solidarity by looking at the idea that we are one in spirit, they then used this to make links.

Solidarity





Dear Isla
I'm really
happy to be
your buddy is
you are sad I
need my help
just find me.
- from Charlotte

Year 4 decided that they could show solidarity within school. They wanted to help the younger children. They have set up prayer partners with Year 2 and wrote their partner a letter.

Solidarity ♡

	The three people are sitting on solidarity by picking up litter and talking about the environment.
	This man is a charity worker showing solidarity by helping the woman.
	These ladies are showing solidarity by planning school together.
	The girl riding the bike is showing solidarity by helping her and her sister get to school.

Friday 26th September 2025

LO: As a theologian, I know the C.S.T value of.....

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And we know that our unity will one day be revealed.
And they'll know we're God's children by our love, by our love.
The day I know we're God's children by our love.

I think the song means we are a spirit, one day we'll be a good day and people will know that we are gods children.

The picture means spirits, a white dove Jesus because he's kind, can help and everything.

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

Catholic Children's Society
Help a child like Molly this winter.

Molly's mum suddenly cancer and molly she have anyone to look after her mumbe found her and took care for but her mumbe couldn't be bills people came on looked after molly.

Solidarity
Solidarity means caring for each other, sharing and being helpful.

This means caring for the homeless and being nice to everyone.

I had seen the world's richest man Bill Gates and some of those billions and some of those people who are poor.



Year learnt about the common Good. They explored the story of the Good Samaritan and made their own 'basket Aids' to help those in need.

The Good Samaritan
 Jesus told us
 To love everyone
 To treat each other
 Just as he had done

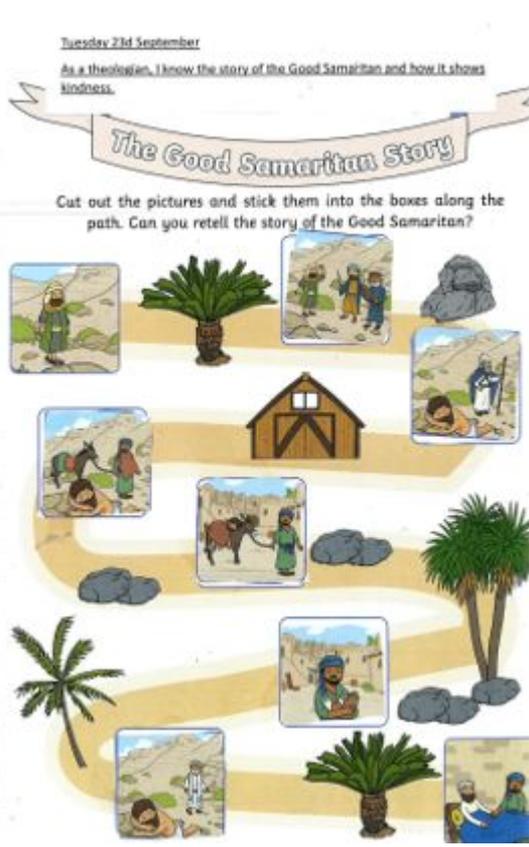
He told us a story
 of a man left by the road
 who had met with robbers and
 left hurt and cold

He tells of several people
 who passed by his way
 But not one
 would help and stay

But then came a man
 A Samaritan they say
 He stooped to help him
 where he lay

He bandaged his wounds
 And treated him with care
 Took him to an inn
 And paid his share

It was a kind deed
 this Samaritan had done
 For this man was his enemy
 yet he treated him with love.



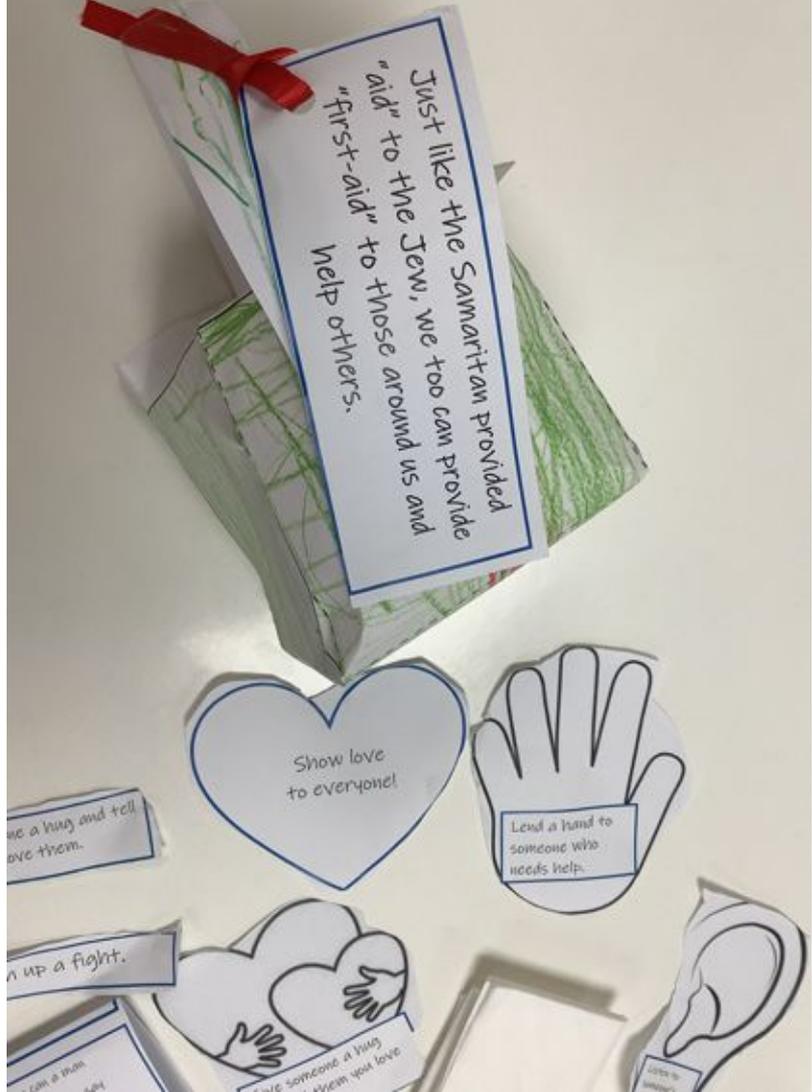
The common good



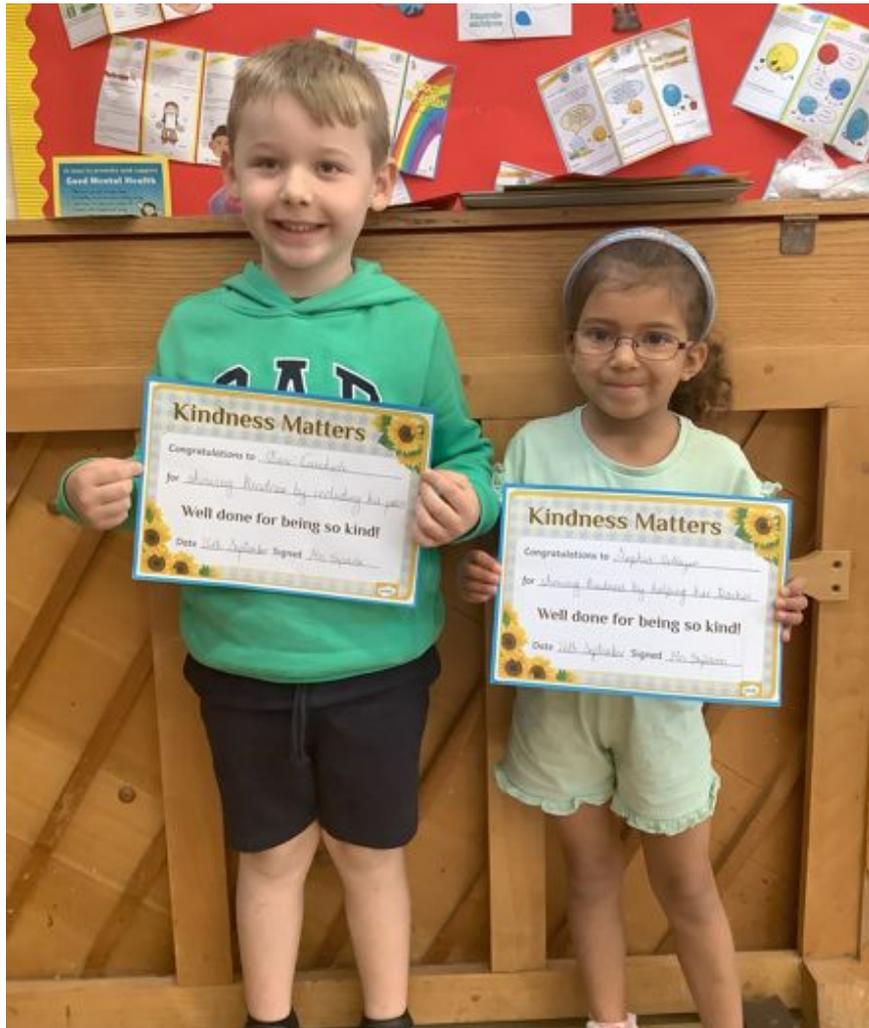
Year 1



The common good



Year 1 were able to link the common good with being kind. They were awarded special kindness certificates.



The common good



Macmillan Cake Sale



The common good

Look at these items

A cuddly toy	A clean set of clothes	A PSS
Access to Minecraft	An air up water bottle	A 5 litre bottle of water
Tickets to a Taylor Swift concert	A week's supply of food	A squish mallow
A lifetime supply of chocolate	Medicine	A school to go to

Imagine you can give 3 of these things to these children. Explain which items you would give and explain why?



Year 3 explored the option for the poor. They had a class debate on what the essential items would be for the children in the images.

The most important item. I would be a weeks supply of food because all the maths weeks or years they have stored next would be a 5 litre bottle of water because they will lose their life because their not hydrated. The 3rd item would be a school to go to because they will meet friends and live their hearts of.

The option for the poor



As a Theologian I can recognise our Catholic Social Teaching Charity is the NSPCC. 24.9.25

Reception



Reception children have been learning about peace. They learnt about the NSPCC and how the charity helps children.



Peace

Year 2 learnt all about hard work this week. How it is better to work together. The children wanted to say thank you to all the shopkeepers in Coulsdon. They made beautiful thank you cards and hand delivered them.



“I want to say thank you to all the people in Aldi because they work really hard and they always smile.”

“I think God wants us to work hard and be kind to one another everyday.”



The dignity of work and participation

Year 2

Sent: 30 September 2025 11:46:02

To: Admin at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Subject: Thank you!!

Dear Shopkeeper
Thank you for
that we need @
Have a lovely

We wanted to say thank you back for putting a smile on our faces.

Your beautifully drawn and written cards now have pride of place at the front of our cafe.

The young ones who came in and spoke so confidently should feel proud as with all the children and their cards.

Couldson shopkeepers will feel extra happy on this lovely sunny day because of you!!

Thank you

Bliss Caffe.

From
St Aidan's Catholic Primary
School.



The dignity of work and
participation



The dignity of work and participation

Year 2



During the month of October, we are learning about how acts of kindness can make a difference to somebody else's day.

We have been learning that during the month of October, we can say the rosary.

Our Prayer Leaders have prepared special rosary bags to share out with parishioners at Mass this weekend. Inside they have put special messages, sweets, rosary beads and a guide to praying with the rosary beads.



To: Admin at St Aidan's Catholic Primary School

Subject: Thanking the children & prayer leaders for their kindness

To whom it may concern:

I was in church on Sunday and received the most beautiful prayer rosary from the children and the prayer leaders of Saint Aidan's Catholic primary School. Please pass my email prayer message on to them with thanks. 😊

Heavenly Father,

I lift up my heartfelt thanks for the children of Saint Aidan's Catholic primary school and their Prayer leaders. Lord, we are grateful for their beautiful act of kindness, a shining light in the world that so often feels clouded by unkindness and division.

In this month of October as we reflect more deeply on the call to love and serve one another we thank you for inspiring these young hearts and their leaders to act with compassion. Remind us always, oh GOD, that even the smallest gesture of kindness can bring joy - both to the one who gives us and to the one who receives.

May their example be a gentle reminder to us all: that kindness, rooted in love, has the power to heal, to uplift, and to bring YOUR peace into our world.

AMEN 🙏

Love from
Suzanne

I was one of the lucky ones at St Mary's to receive the children's pack for this month dedicated to Our Lady distributed by Alana. Please convey my thanks to the Prayer Leaders for so their very kind reminder to recite the Rosary with a pack with Rosary Beads, a note on How to Pray the Rosary, some sweets and two hearts. My thanks also to their teachers. Heartwarming, as well as much appreciated.

Good wishes

During the Month of October, we are learning about how acts of kindness can make a difference to somebody else's day.

We have been learning that during the Month of October we can pray the rosary.

Please accept this act of kindness and we hope it made you smile.
Love from the children of St. Aidan's Catholic Primary School

admin@st-aidans.croydon.sch.uk



How to Pray the Rosary



1. Make the **Sign of the Cross**.
2. Holding the Crucifix, say the **Apostles' Creed**.
3. On the first bead, say an **Our Father**.
4. Say one **Hail Mary** on each of the next three beads.
5. Say the **Glory Be**.
6. For each of the five decades, announce the **Mystery** (perhaps followed by a brief reading from Scripture) then say the **Our Father**.
7. While fingering each of the ten beads of the decade, next say ten **Hail Marys** while meditating on the **Mystery**. Then say a **Glory Be**.
(After finishing each decade, some say the following prayer requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima: *O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell; lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who have most need of your mercy.*)
8. After saying the five decades, say the **Hail, Holy Queen**, followed by this dialogue and prayer:
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
Let us pray: *O God, whose Only Begotten Son, by his life, Death, and Resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech thee, that while meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*
9. Conclude the Rosary with the **Sign of the Cross**.



St. Aidan's Jubilee Pledge:



Jubilee Pledge 2025:

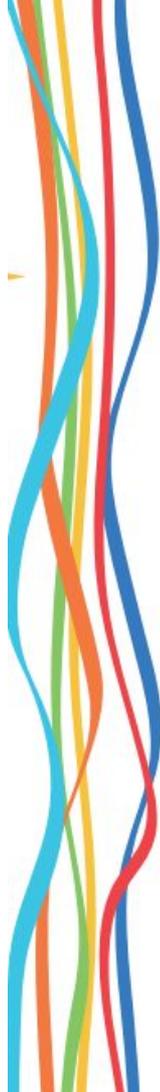


We are pilgrims of hope.
We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys.
We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally.
We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

As pilgrims of hope, we are on a mission to build a world where:

- **We recognise** the dignity of every person, loved and created by God.
- **We follow** the example of Jesus' love and his mission to bring good news 'to the poor'. (Luke 4)
- **We work** for the common good of all, understanding that our actions impact our local and global family because we are all interconnected.
- **We are good stewards** of the earth, knowing that the earth's gifts are for everyone, not just for a privileged few.
- **We prepare** a path to peace in our world, challenging the root causes of poverty and injustice.
- **We speak out** for debt relief, to set free those who are burdened by unjust debt.
- **We work together** with CAFOD and our local Caritas to be practical signs of hope and put love into action.

At _____
 we will do this by _____





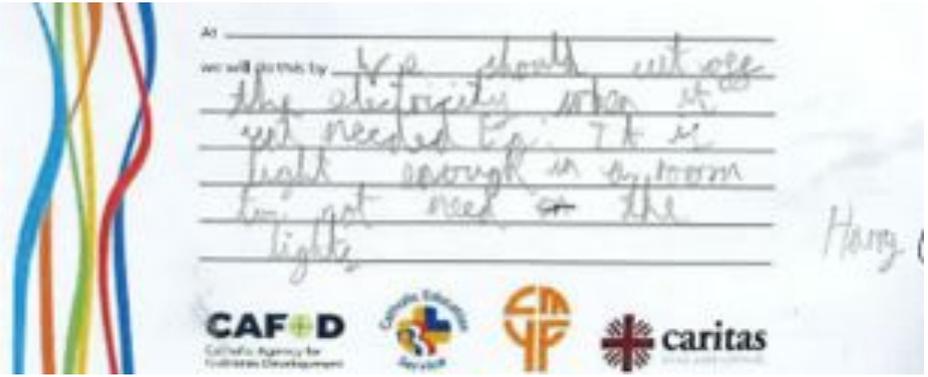
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As _____
 I/we will do this by _____

We think that at the Slope at the very end we should have a place where we can make wind dust reflect and pray.





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HOPE

I hope that there is no more conflict in the world and we can have world peace.

LOVE

I hope that we can all continue to love and help one another at school.

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FAITH

I hope that I can follow in God's footsteps and be a good catholic.

PEACE

I hope that we all look after our planet.



hope everyone keep the world safe.
hope everyone at school friendly.
hope for me to be a child.



Emily p

Love



I hope I grow up proud and strong.

I hope everyone in the world is friends.
I hope all the school teachers teach us well.