

**‘TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY’
‘CREATION AND COVENANT’**

**AUTUMN TERM 1 2026
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**



Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

As part of our Religious Education program in our Catholic school, we are excited to share what your child will be learning about the theme of Creation and Covenant. The Religious Education Directory and guidance from the Archdiocese of Liverpool help shape the curriculum, and each year group from Pre-School to Year 5 will explore this theme in a way that is age-appropriate and spiritually enriching. Year 6 will continue to follow the ‘Come and See’ scheme of work until further notice.

Please find below a brief overview of what your child will be learning in each year group. We are excited to see how our children will grow in faith as they explore the theme of Creation and Covenant. We encourage you to talk with your child about this topic and engage in prayer and reflection together. If you have any questions or would like to know more, please don’t hesitate to contact us via the School Office.

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Kind Regards

Miss Peaston and Mrs Minogue (RE Leads)

IMPORTANT LITURGICAL DATES THIS TERM

ALL SAINTS

(1 November)

We celebrate the lives of special and ordinary people who have responded to God's invitation to love.

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

(2 November)

Today and throughout the rest of November we pray for those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

(22 November)

This feast is celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year, which is the last Sunday before Advent. It is the last Sunday in Ordinary time.

ADVENT

(Begins 29 November)

Advent means 'coming'. We think of the coming of Jesus when he was born but we also think of his promise that he would come again at the end of time. It is a time of waiting and preparing. It is only in the last week of Advent that we focus upon the events to be celebrated at Christmas.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

(8 December)

This feast marks the first stage of the existence of Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was 'full of grace' from the very beginning and co-operated with God throughout her life.

CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

(25 December)

On this day we begin our celebration of the birth of Christ.

Pre- School

In Pre- School, the core focus at this early age is helping children experience and appreciate that God shows His love by making a wonderful world for us all to live in, and that God wants us to care for the world and for each other.

Reception

In Reception, children begin their journey by exploring the wonder of God's creation. They will learn that God created the world out of love and that everything in it is a gift. Through the story of Creation in Genesis, children will discover how God made the world and everything in it "good" (Genesis 1:31). They will also hear about Adam and Eve and how God established a loving relationship with His people from the very beginning (Genesis 2-3). Through prayer, songs, and stories, children will grow in awe of the world around them and understand that they are part of God's wonderful creation, called to care for it and appreciate it as a gift from God.

Year 1

In Year 1, children will continue to explore the theme of Creation, reflecting on how God made the world and all living things with purpose and goodness. They will delve deeper into the story of Noah and the covenant God made with him, symbolized by the rainbow as a sign of God's everlasting promise (Genesis 9:13-15). Children will learn that God's promises are reliable and that He cares for all of creation. They will also begin to explore how we, as people created in God's image (Genesis 1:27), are called to respect and care for God's world. Through engaging activities and discussions, they will reflect on the importance of love, care, and responsibility as part of God's creation.

Year 2

In Year 2, children will expand their understanding of God's covenants, focusing on Noah and Abraham. They will explore how God made a covenant with Noah after the flood, with the rainbow as a sign of His promise (Genesis 9:12-13). Children will also learn about God's covenant with Abraham, where God promises to make him the father of many nations (Genesis 17:4-5). They will reflect on how God's faithfulness to His people is shown through these covenants, and how we are invited to live according to His love and care for one another. Children will also begin to understand that Jesus is the fulfilment of God's covenant and will learn about His role in bringing God's love to the world. This will prepare them for a deeper understanding of their own relationship with Jesus.

Year 3

In Year 3, children will study the covenants more deeply, learning about God's promises to Noah, Abraham, and Moses. They will reflect on the significance of the rainbow as a sign of

God's covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:12-13) and the covenant with Abraham, where God promises to bless his descendants (Genesis 17:4-5). The children will also explore the story of Moses and the Exodus, where God delivers His people from slavery in Egypt and gives them the Ten Commandments, a covenantal law that guides their relationship with God (Exodus 20:2-3). Through these stories, children will come to understand that God's covenants are about trust, faith, and living according to His will. They will also explore how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament covenants and how His death and resurrection establish a new covenant (Luke 22:20).

Year 4

In Year 4, children will deepen their understanding of God's covenants, focusing on the ways in which God's love and faithfulness are revealed throughout the Bible. They will revisit the covenants with Noah, Abraham, and Moses, understanding that these promises are not just historical but continue to have meaning for us today. Children will reflect on the Ten Commandments and how they guide us to live in relationship with God and one another (Exodus 20:2-3). They will also study how Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promises, particularly through His role in the New Covenant established at the Last Supper (Matthew 26:28). Children will be encouraged to live as active participants in God's covenant by following Jesus' example of love, justice, and mercy, and understanding their role in caring for creation and serving others.

Year 5

In Year 5, children will explore how God calls people into relationship through covenants (focusing on figures like Moses and the burning bush), the Ten Commandments, Jesus' Great Commandment, and how cardinal virtues guide Christian life. Through listening to scripture such as Exodus 3:1-5, 19:3-8 and 20:1-17 and Matthew 22:36-40 they will understand that a covenant is a binding agreement between God and human beings which makes them His people. They will understand that God made several covenants throughout history and that He gave us the Ten Commandments to help human beings live good and happy lives.