

R.E. NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS

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To Know You More Clearly – Branch 1 Creation and Covenant

Nursery	God made our beautiful world and everything in it, God made me. God loves me. God loves everyone. God made the wonderful world. We will learn the actions to the sign of the cross. We will look after God's world.
Reception	We will learn about the importance of the world God created for us and how we can look after the world. We will be thinking about the importance of our families and friends and how we can care for them. We will learn the sign of the cross
Year 1	The children will learn about the Bible. They will hear the creation story from Genesis and learn all that is, comes from God. God is our Father and prayer is a way we draw closer to God. God wants us to love and care for the world because the world is God's gift to us. Caring for the world is one of the ways we love and care for each other.
Year 2	The children will hear the story of Noah, focusing on God's covenant (promise) with Noah and all living beings in the sign of the rainbow. They will learn the Sacrament of Baptism is when a person becomes part of the Christian family and promises to love God.
Year 3	The children will hear the first account of the Creation and will learn ways in which people can give thanks for the blessing of Creation, including spending time in prayer and the ways in which we can show care for God's world (stewardship) as part of our care for each other.
Year 4	Children will learn the historical context of Abraham (and Joseph) and the cultural and religious context out of which he was called. They will hear the story of Abraham and begin to retell it ensuring it is accurate in sequence and detail and shows an understanding of the term 'covenant'. They will be able to explain why they think Abraham is seen as a model of prayer and consider how their own lives and the lives of their communities could be transformed by the virtues of faith, hope, and love

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Come and See

Year 5	<p>Ourselves Children will learn that the Church, the Christian family, is made up of smaller Christian families called dioceses. There are other Christian families which are not part of the Catholic Church. Ecumenism is the word used for promoting unity among Christian churches. One of the final prayers of Jesus was that all Christian families might be one.</p> <p>Life choices Children will be taught that Christians believe that everyone is invited to share in the life and work of God through Baptism. The Bible recounts God's invitations to people to share in his life and work: among them Moses, Samuel, the prophets, Mary and the apostles. They will learn about the Sacrament of Marriage and how a promise of commitment is given during the Liturgy in the Service. Children will also learn how volunteers and others show their commitment to the Church.</p>
Year 6	<p>Loving The children will use real life stories, fictional stories and their own discussion to explore the concept of giving love unconditionally. They will discuss how Christian beliefs and values affect our love and care of each other. The children will look in depth at the story of 'The Prodigal Son' and examine what it teaches us about unconditional love. The children will examine the value of 'Forgiveness' through a range of religious works of Art such as 'The Forgiving Father' by Frank Wesley.</p> <p>Vocation and Commitment The children will examine how their own and others' commitment to service and care of others are influenced by beliefs and values. They will examine a number of roles in society and examine the level of commitment required. Through visits and discussions with local clergy, the children will discuss the similarities and differences between the roles of a priest and a vicar and understand the level of commitment required to be a messenger of God</p>

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Key Dates

Liturgical Events	
September	October
8 th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	4 th CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
14 th Exaltation of the Holy Cross	20 th World Mission Day
15 th Education Day	
<i>Religious/Cultural</i>	<i>Religious/Cultural</i>
5 th Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)	2 nd Dussehra (Hindu)
22 nd – 3 rd Navratri (Hindu)	20 th Diwali (Hindu)
28 th – 2 nd Durga Puja (Hindu)	<i>Awareness and Events</i>
	2 nd National Poetry Day
<i>Awareness and Events</i>	Black History Month
	24 th United Nations Day