



RE

Curriculum *Statement*

Intent

At St William of York, Religious Education is at the heart of our curriculum and central to our mission to educate children in an atmosphere of Christian love. We want our children to develop a deep understanding of the Catholic faith, to encounter Jesus Christ through Scripture and tradition, and to grow in their personal relationship with God. We want to equip our children to be active and purposeful citizens, critical thinkers and meaningful contributors to the future of the world and society we live in. Our RE curriculum aims to nurture children who are theologically literate, spiritually curious, and equipped to live out Gospel values in their daily lives. We respect and rejoice in the uniqueness of each child, ensuring that every pupil can understand their faith journey as part of the wider Church family and develop respect and understanding for other faiths and beliefs in our diverse London community.

Implementation

We follow the **Lighting the Path: Source to Summit** programme from Oxford University Press, which is fully matched to the Primary Catholic Religious Education Directory (RED). This curriculum provides a comprehensive exploration of Catholic teaching matched to curriculum and inspection standards.

Pedagogy & Approaches:

- Anthologies to engage and inspire children with Scripture, sacred art, and contemporary case studies
- Carefully sequenced lessons build on prior knowledge, with clear progression from Reception through to Year 6
- Content is presented in accessible, visually designed formats that allow children of all faiths and backgrounds to be fully immersed in an inclusive way
- Daily collective worship and prayer, including class liturgies and whole-school Masses, embed faith practices into school life
- Regular sacramental preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in partnership with our parish

Teaching & Learning:

- Key theological vocabulary is explicitly taught and revisited across year groups

- Classroom resources support independent work and deepen understanding
- Mixed-age and SEND adaptations ensure all children can access the curriculum
- We work with Catholic charities CAFOD and Missio to bring Catholic Social Teaching to life through real-world case studies

Enrichment:

- Visits to our parish church, other Christian denominations, and places of worship from other faiths
- Retreat days and reflection opportunities, particularly during Advent and Lent
- Links with CAFOD, SVP, and other Catholic charities to support children's understanding of social justice and action in the world
- Participation in diocesan events and celebrations
- Virtual lessons and engagement with other faiths such as The Jewish Museum

Inclusion

RE is a core entitlement for all our pupils. In keeping with our mission to respect and rejoice in the uniqueness of each child, we ensure inclusion through:

- **Adapted teaching:** ensuring all children can access core theological concepts
- **Visual and multi-sensory approaches**
- **Scaffolded support**
- **Vocabulary support**
- **Alternative recording methods:** Opportunities for oral responses, artwork, and digital recording alongside written work
- **Pastoral sensitivity:** Awareness of pupils' diverse family backgrounds and experiences, ensuring all feel welcomed and valued in our Catholic community
- **Faith development:** Recognition that spiritual understanding develops uniquely for each child, with opportunities for personal reflection alongside communal prayer

Impact

The impact of our RE curriculum is evident in:

Achievement & Progress:

- Pupils demonstrate strong theological knowledge appropriate to their age and stage, aligned to RED outcomes
- Children can articulate their understanding of Catholic beliefs and practices with confidence
- Progress is carefully tracked through assessment materials linked to curriculum expectations

Lived Experience:

- Pupils actively participate in prayer, liturgy, and sacramental life of the school
- Children demonstrate Gospel values in their relationships and choices
- Pupils show respect and curiosity toward other faiths while being confident in their own Catholic identity
- Our school community reflects Christ's love through service, justice, and compassion, inspired by our work with Catholic charities
- Learning remains a happy and positive experience, rooted in our mission to educate in an atmosphere of Christian love

Spiritual Development:

- Children develop their capacity for wonder, awe, and reverence through engagement with Scripture and sacred tradition
- Pupils ask deep questions about life, meaning, and faith
- Children grow in their ability to reflect, pray, and respond to God's presence in their lives
- The beautiful presentation of faith through our curriculum resources inspires children to see the richness and depth of Catholic tradition

Through high-quality Religious Education, our pupils are equipped not only with knowledge of their faith but with the spiritual foundations to live as joyful witnesses to Christ in the world.