



ST CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL

RED Curriculum Overview 2026-27



Autumn Term 1

Branch 1 – Creation and Covenant

In this branch, pupils will encounter the God who creates and calls a people. They will explore revelation of the Christian belief that all that is comes from God, the Creation accounts in Genesis, and scientific explanations of the process of Creation. They will explore the call of God and his covenantal relationship with his people first through Abraham and Moses, then through the narrative of the Old Testament.

EYFS - Through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live pupils will explore how God made the World and everything in it.

Year 1 - Pupils will learn about the story of Noah, mainly focusing on God's promise, or covenant, with Noah and with all creatures that 'nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood'

Year 2 - Pupils will deepen their knowledge from Year One about who Jesus is and understand how he teaches about the nature of God through parables and miracles.

Year 3 - Pupils will revisit the first story of Creation from the book of Genesis. As they look again at the text, teachers will draw pupils' attention to what happens in this powerful poem. God's spirit hovers over the 'formless void'

Year 4 - Pupils will think about why the authors of the Bible gathered these stories together, who for, and what was happening at the time.

Year 5 - Pupils will study God's theophany, or 'God manifestation', where God reveals his name to Moses and Moses encounters God in the form of a burning bush.

Year 6 - Pupils will study St John's gospel prologue. In this poetic passage, St John lets his readers know that, in Jesus, nothing less than a new Creation is beginning.



Catholic Social Teaching Topic 1

Care for Creation



Autumn Term 2

Branch 2 – Prophecy and Promise

In this branch, pupils will explore the Christian understanding of the teaching of the prophets as they point to the fulfilment of God's promise in a messiah, Jesus Christ. They will explore the expectant waiting for the Messiah through the Advent season and how this speaks to Christians today as they wait for Christ. Pupils will encounter the story of the nativity of Jesus and the mystery of the incarnation.

EYFS - Through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live pupils will explore aspects of the Christmas Story.

Year 1 - Pupils will develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that God showed us the full depth of his love by sending Jesus his Son, Jesus.

Year 2 - Pupils will make connections with the whole infancy narrative of St Luke and introduces John the Baptist. St Luke's gospel begins in the temple in Jerusalem with Zechariah, who finds it difficult to accept the Angel Gabriel's message and cannot speak consequently.

Year 3 - Pupils will learn about the importance of the Eucharist to the early Church.

Year 4 - Pupils study the story of Elijah and will spend a time exploring the context of his prophecies.

Year 5 - Pupils will begin to make links with the language used to describe David in the OT and the language the gospel writers draw upon to show Jesus is the one spoken of in the Old Testament.

Year 6 - Pupils will explore the stories of some of the prominent women in the Old Testament. They will understand the context in which the stories take place, historically and culturally.



Catholic Social Teaching Topic 2 Preferential Option for the Poor





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New RED Curriculum Overview 2026-27



Spring Term 1

Branch 3 - Galilee to Jerusalem

In this branch, pupils will experience the ministry of Jesus, the Word of God. They will learn about the life of Jesus and his revelation of the Kingdom of God through parables, encounters, miracles, and teachings. They will learn about the call of the disciples and the nature of being a follower of Jesus.

EYFS - Through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live pupils will explore aspects of the mission of Jesus.

Year 1 - Pupils will develop an early understanding of the Christian belief that through the ministry of Jesus, some of those who encountered him, recognised he was the Son of God.

Year 2 - Pupils will deepen their knowledge from Year One about who Jesus is and understand how he teaches about the nature of God through parables and miracles.

Year 3 - Pupils will encounter the Gospel of St Matthew. Matthew's Gospel is divided into seven books. The first contains the birth and infancy narratives, the last describes Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection, and the five books in between give an account of the life and ministry of Jesus.

Year 4 - In this Pupils will consider Jesus' question to Peter, 'Who do you say I am?' They will also reflect on Jesus as the servant Messiah and how he announces the Kingdom of Heaven to those at the edge of society

Year 5 - Pupils will explore the 'new law' given by Jesus, his summary of the law of Moses, and the transfiguration of the Jesus, where the disciples Peter, James and John see him accompanied by Elijah, the greatest of the prophets and Moses, the giver of the Law.

Year 6 - Pupils will explore the seven signs of John's gospel and one of Jesus' 'I am' statements.



Catholic Social Teaching Topic 3

Solidarity and Peace



Spring Term 2

Branch 4 – Dessert to Garden

In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the Paschal Triduum at the heart of the Catholic Church's Liturgy and life. The title of this branch points both to the liturgical journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light, barrenness to fruitfulness, death to life.

EYFS - Through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live pupils will explore aspects of Lent and Easter

Year 1 - Pupils will learn a little about the season of Lent as a time to prepare for Easter and to know the story of the last week of Jesus' life, his death, and resurrection.

Year 2 - Pupils will revisit scripture from the previous year to consolidate learning about the events of Holy Week. They will make links between the forgiveness Jesus shows at his Crucifixion and the ministry of Jesus studied in the previous branch.

Year 3 - Pupils will discuss Lent, Holy Week, and Easter in areas of school life and will be invited to participate in the prayer and Liturgy of school and parish life.

Year 4 - Pupils will explore Lent's themes of forgiveness and reconciliation and the idea that devotion to God leads a person to do good works. They will also look at Holy Week in St Matthew's gospel and see that St Matthew shows Jesus as the Servant-Messiah.

Year 5 - At the Ash Wednesday service, the priest places an ash cross on each person's forehead and says, 'Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel' or 'Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return'. Pupils will explore the meaning of these words by exploring what it means to sin and the last things, death, judgement, heaven, and hell as part of God's plan for salvation.

Year 6 - As the Church moves through the season of Lent, pupils will look at the rich symbolism of St John's account of the end of Jesus' earthly life. St John's gospel looks to bring out the significance of all that Jesus did in light of his resurrection, though this is not understood by those present at the time.



Catholic Social Teaching Topic 4 Community and Participation





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New RED Curriculum Overview 2026-27

Summer Term 1



Branch 5 – To the Ends of the Earth

In this branch, pupils will study the events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church. They will also learn about the Catholic Church today as the apostolic Church and how its liturgy and structures flow from the early Church.

EYFS – Through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live pupils will explore what happened after the Ascension.

Year 1 - Pupils will complete an age-appropriate narrative cycle of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and encounter the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the Apostles and then the early Church.

Year 2 - Pupils will explore how people are changed by the Holy Spirit, through the examples of the apostles, St Paul, and other saints that speak to their lives.

Year 3 - Pupils will look at how Mass today mirrors Mass celebrated by the first disciples. The first historical account of Mass is in St Paul's letter to the Corinthians.

Year 4 - Pupils will complete the narrative of St Peter as they look at the Resurrection from St John's gospel and make links with St Matthew's account of Peter's declaration of faith and subsequent betrayal.

Year 5 - Pupils will study the Sacrament of Confirmation, understanding its links with scripture from the words of the prophets through to the Acts.

Year 6 - Pupils will look at how St John's account of the Resurrection alludes back to that narrative and shows that in Jesus the relationship with God is restored.



Catholic Social Teaching Topic 5

Dignity of Workers



Summer Term 2

Branch 6 – Dialogue and Encounter

In this branch, pupils will learn how Christians work together with people of different religious convictions and all people of goodwill towards the common good, respecting the dignity of all humanity. They will also encounter other pathways of belief drawing on the teaching of the Church about intercultural dialogue.

EYFS – Through the lenses of Hear, Believe, Celebrate and Live pupils will explore the importance of respect for all peoples.

Year 1 - Pupils will use their knowledge of the Catholic faith to study other faiths. They will meet the parish priest and understand what being a Christian means to them and how they live their lives.

Year 2 - Pupils will begin by studying the parable of the Good Samaritan which Jesus told in answer to the question, 'Who is my neighbour?' They will study what the word neighbour meant in the time of Jesus.

Year 3 - Pupils will look at the Jewish Passover and understand that the festival of Passover celebrates the liberation of the Hebrew people from slavery in Egypt.

Year 4 - Pupils will explore a little more about the life and work of St Paul, one of the most significant figures in the New Testament.

Year 5 - Pupils will explore how Christians view the Bible and the importance of the Church in helping people encounter the meaning of the text beyond what is written.

Year 6 - Pupils will share their experiences of neighbourliness, collaboration, and sharing spiritual riches as they prepare for transition to Year 7



Catholic Social Teaching Topic 6 **Human Dignity**

