

See the good things of the Lord

Summer 2026



Editor's note

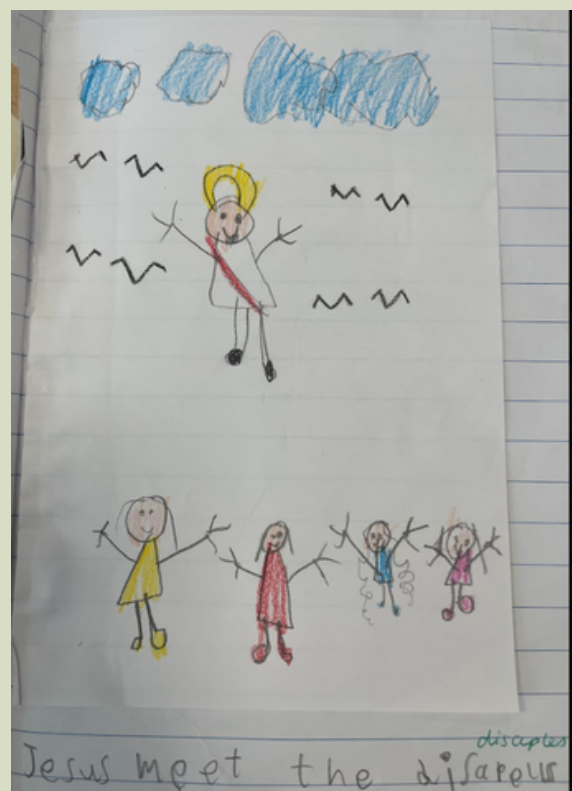
It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the Summer Term and another academic year. This term has been a wonderfully rich and joyful period of learning, reflection, and community, and we are delighted to share some of our favourite highlights with you in this final newsletter of the year.

Our RE focus this term has been on Dialogue and Encounter. This theme has brought immense joy to our classrooms, allowing us to not only deepen our understanding of our own Christian faith but also to open our hearts and minds to world faiths. Our pupils have embraced these experiences with curiosity, respect, and enthusiasm. We were delighted to enrich our RE curriculum with trips and experiences. Our Year 3 visit to the mosque and welcoming a parent speaker to share the beauty of Islam with us. In Year 1 we listened with great pride to a pupil-led talk on Buddhism. Furthermore, our whole school community took part in fascinating workshops and assemblies focussed on Judaism.

These opportunities have beautifully highlighted and celebrated the rich diversity of our school community, and we look forward to continuing this exciting learning journey during Interfaith Week this coming November.

To our pupils who are leaving us this summer, we send you off with our prayers and deepest blessings. As you take your next steps, always remember to continue to be the unique and wonderful person whom God created you to be. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and families for your unwavering support throughout this year. We wish you all a restful, safe, and blessed summer holiday.

Mrs O'Byrne and Mrs Morgan



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Our College Mission in action



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Our Year 4's on their Sayers Croft residential

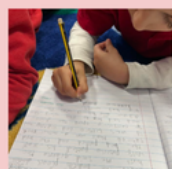


Listened to
Thomas and friends in Reception

Loved
Planting Tomatoes With Mrs Phelan



Listened to
Mary looking out and helping her friend.



Challenged

Ivana Year 1 has been working hard to incorporate her precursive letters into her writing.

Inspired

An impressive 4.8kg of rubbish collected by our picker pals. Great evidence of Care for Creation



Challenged

Reception class challenging one another to be brave and persevere.

Inspired

Collecting the recycling from our class bins.



St Richard Reynolds is a Catholic community rooted in the love of Christ in which we seek to help each other to become the person whom God has created us to be; and where children come first and all are loved, listened to, challenged and inspired.



Loved

Agatha making sure her brother Gordy feels supported during his first week at St Richard Reynolds.



Listened to

Stanley listening attentively to Mark.



Loved

Alen supporting Oliver after he got bumped with a ball in the playground.



Challenged

James completed his first triathlon during half term.

Inspired



Liam helping Mrs Phelan with the outdoor plants.



Challenged

Year 6 RE lesson Where they were challenge to find biblical evidence for the resurrection of Jesus

This year we have been exploring how we can put our college mission into action. Slides are shared with children in our weekly celebration of the word.

Can you encourage your child to see how they live out this mission at home?

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Stewards of God's creation

Our eco-conscious pupils have been doing a wonderful job showing their care for creation by volunteering as "Picker Pals" during lunchtimes! Equipped with their litter pickers, children from across the school have been working hard to keep our grounds clean, tidy and safe for local wildlife. It has been inspiring to see them take such active responsibility for protecting our environment and putting their values into action. A huge well done to all our Picker Pals and Mrs Nunn for their fantastic teamwork and dedication to looking after our shared home!



Can you encourage your child to see how they can be stewards of creation at home?

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New life Mass



We were pleased to gather as a community with parents and welcome Father Philip Dyer-Perry to celebrate a New Life Mass with us. We reflected on the theme of new life, exploring ideas of growth, hope and renewal through prayer and reflection. Father Philip encouraged us to think about how we can nurture new beginnings in our own lives through kindness, care and positive actions.

Mary Celebration of the Word



During the month of May, our KS2 pupils came together to celebrate the Month of Mary through prayer, reflection, and worship. The children spent time honouring Mary as the mother of Jesus, learning about her importance in our faith and offering prayers and flowers as a sign of love and devotion.

During June, our Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 classes had the opportunity to attend Mass at our local Parish of St James. Parishioners were impressed at the children's behavior and reverence during the service.

Mass/ Eucharistic celebrations



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Adoration



Year 2 had a special opportunity to take part in Adoration in the chapel with Mrs Walker. The children spent time in quiet prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament, learning more about the importance of spending time with Jesus. They showed great reverence and maturity throughout the session, creating a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere. It was a meaningful experience that helped deepen their faith and understanding of prayer.



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May is the Month of Mary



May is a very special month for the Church as we remember Mary, the Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all. A full month is given over to Mary and during this month we are asked to think about Mary, say special prayers to her, have May altars, and sing hymns to Mary to tell her how much we love her and to ask her to help us stay close to her son Jesus and to try to live as Jesus shows us.

Rosary Club



Our Rosary Club takes place every Wednesday lunchtime and offers pupils a calm and prayerful opportunity to come together in faith. During each session, the children pray the Rosary, reflect on its mysteries, and spend time in quiet worship and community. The club has been a wonderful way for pupils to deepen their faith, grow in confidence in prayer, and support one another through shared reflection.

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The feast of the Ascension



On 14th May, we celebrated The Feast of the Ascension with Father Philip Baptiste which commemorates Jesus' ascension into heaven 40 days after his Resurrection with a mass. Ascension Day falls 40 days after Easter. We all participated reverently through prayer, singing, readings, and reflection as we remembered Jesus' return to Heaven and His promise to always remain with us. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in faith and celebrate this important event in the Church calendar.

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First Holy Communion Mass



On Friday 12th June we gathered together to celebrate the religious journey of the children in our Year 3 class. Recently many of the children completed their First Holy Communion and received the Eucharist for the first time. We wanted to celebrate together as a class and it was a joyous occasion. The class wore special clothes and we invited families to celebrate alongside us. We sang, read from the Gospel and kept all of Year 3 in our prayers as they take their next steps in their faith. Thank you to Father Peter for celebrating this special occasion with us and to all of the parents who attended.

Year 6 Leavers Mass

As our Year 6 pupils prepare to take their next steps, we gathered to celebrate a beautiful Thanksgiving Leavers' Mass. A service filled with reflection, gratitude and joy as we looked back on their wonderful journey through primary school.

Year 6 led us in prayer and song as we gave thanks for the friendships made, the lessons learned and the many ways they have grown. We prayed for God's blessing upon them as they transition to secondary school, asking that they continue to shine their light and guide their steps with faith, courage and kindness.



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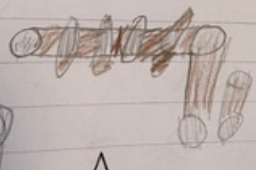


End of year prayers

Almighty Father
In reception
I thank you
for everything
Bertie Bear
Amen

Holy Father,
I have had a amazing
journey through year 1 and a
amazing teacher! Thank you for
the staff and the first aiders.
Thank you for the environment
and the friends.
I am looking forward to
year 2.

Dear Father
thank you for
our teachers our
friends and our
helpers at home.

Almighty Father
In reception
I thank you for
the monkies.

Amen

= NEW =
ADVENTURES
= AHEAD! =

Dear God thank
You for my teacher
and my school. I
am so sad please
make me happy.
Amen.

Heavenly Father
Thank you for the
teachers' everything
and you. Amen

Dear God thank you
for are teacher
for helping us to learn.
You are so nice and
kind. I hope you
have a great holiday.
My friend

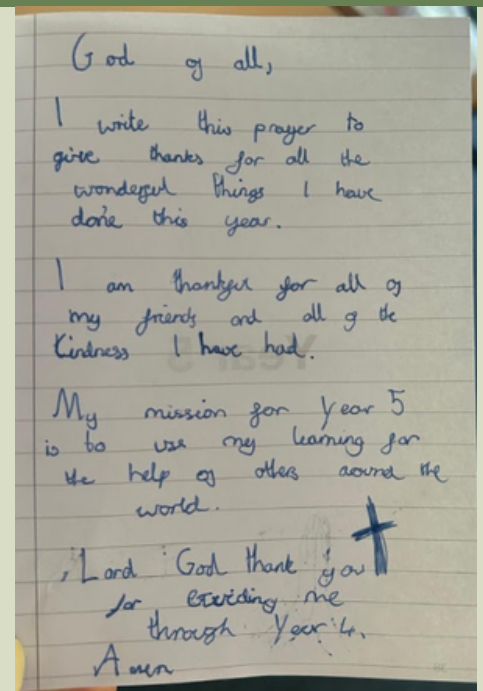
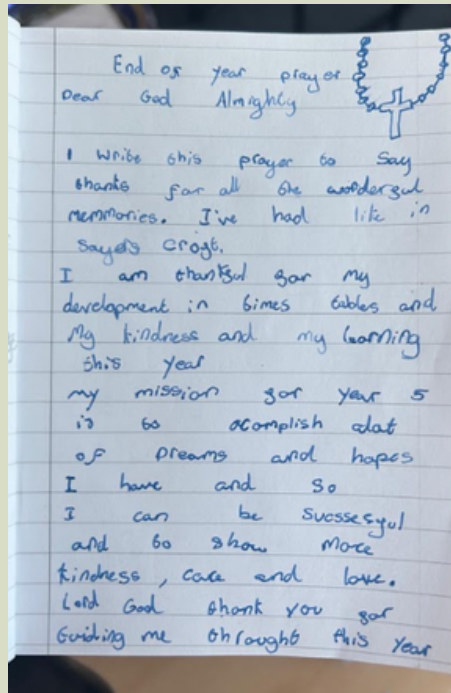
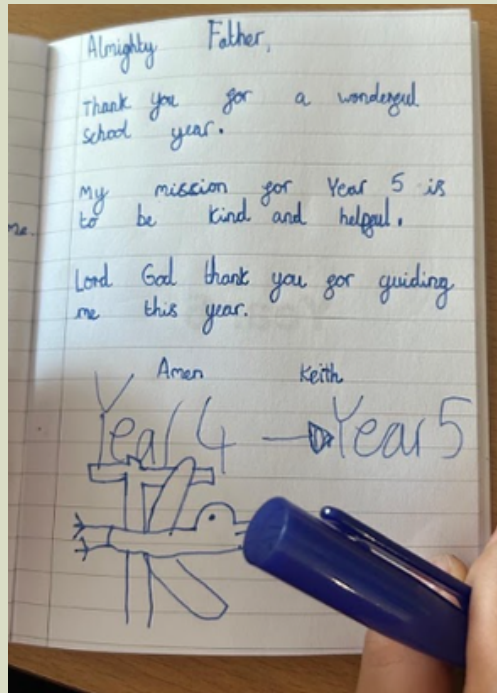
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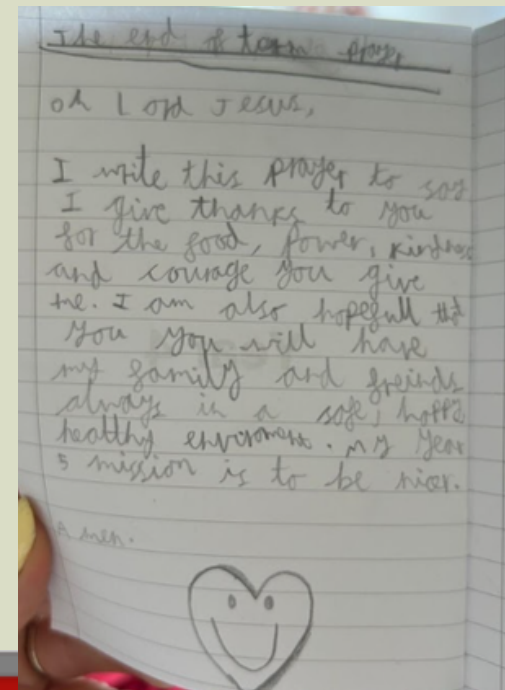
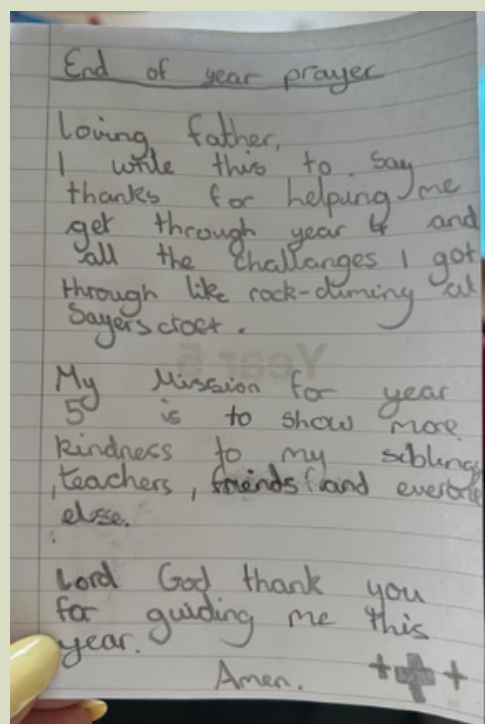
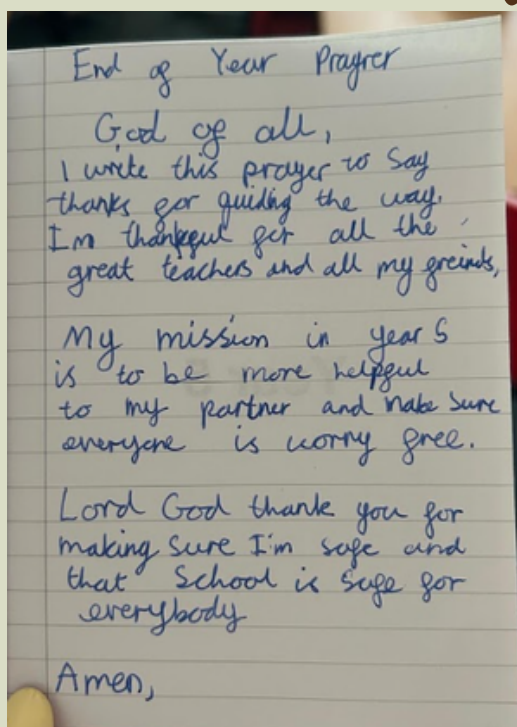
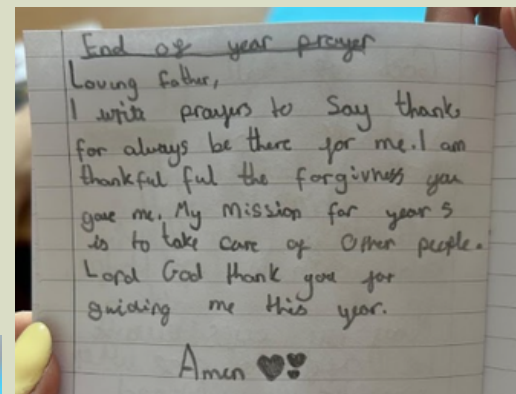
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Give thanks



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End of year prayers

Dear Father,

The time has come for me to move on. I shall leave Primary and enter Secondary. Forgive me for all of my sins in Primary, giving me a fresh start for high school. Thank you for all the happy memories I have earned throughout my time. The production, France, Sagers Croft, friends, Teachers, all the way back to my first day in year 2. These are memories I will forever cherish.

Amen.

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for giving me the best time of my life at SRRU. I have made so many incredible memories here, and although I am leaving, I know it is not goodbye, but see you along the way.

I am so grateful for the friends I have made and the family you have created for me.

Amen.

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you for bringing me to this world. When I stepped foot into this school, I made so many friends. I know this is not the end but some of my friends are leaving and I will never forget them. Thank you God for giving me the opportunity. This will be a good memory but I will make more.

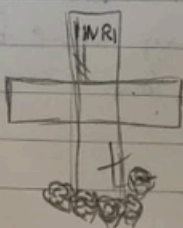
Thank you God,

Amen.

Dear God

Our primary journey's end is near, may we open our hearts in high school and embrace our peers. Thankyou God for teaching us to read and write, you have filled our hearts with courage and might, With every moment and memory I have lived, it is now my time to give the gift.

Thankyou God for everything
thank you God.
Amen.



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the MORE
you LEARN

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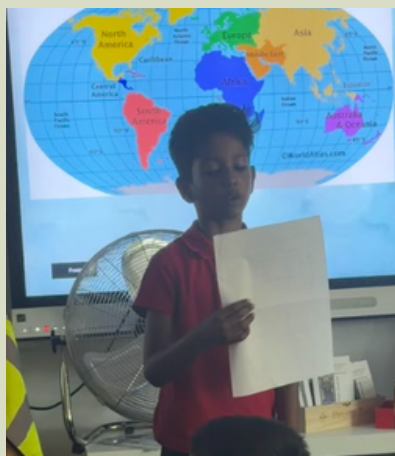
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Reception



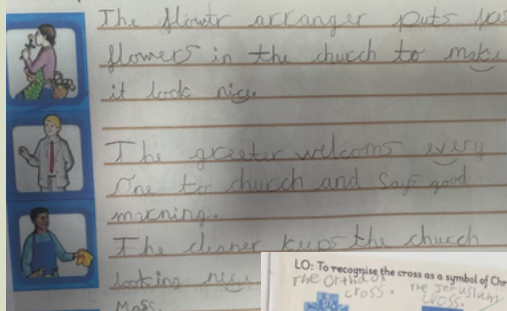
We explored the story of Pentecost and the special symbols linked to it. We talked about the powerful wind that came as the Holy Spirit arrived, and the children enjoyed blowing bubbles in the playground to help us imagine the rushing wind. We also learnt about the dove as a symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit, and created our own beautiful doves. To finish our learning, we made colourful flame hats to represent the tongues of fire that appeared above the disciples' heads at Pentecost.

Year 1



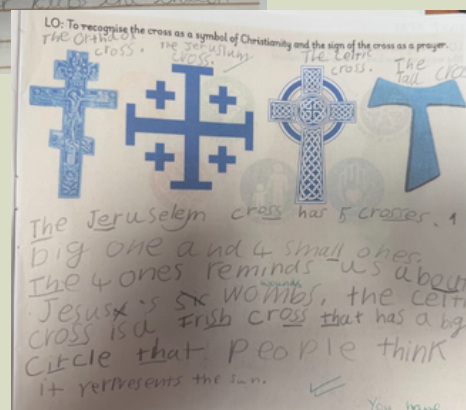
As part of our dialogue and encounter work Yevon prepared a speech about Buddhism to share with the class.

LO: To recognise the simple ways Christians today follow Jesus' message of love and service. (roles in the parish)



Year 1 have explored the different roles within the parish.

We explored the cross as a symbol of Christian belief and discovered the different styles of cross used in Christian worship.



Year 2



Year 2 welcomed a very special visitor, Bruce from the charity **SPEAR**. He came to talk to us about his role and the incredibly important work the charity does to support and care for people in our community. Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to ask Bruce questions. We were incredibly proud of how mature the children were, asking exceptionally thoughtful questions about how we can help those in need. The children left knowing that if they see someone experiencing homelessness, they can help by offering a friendly smile and asking a trusted adult to alert a charity like **SPEAR**.

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Class updates

Year 3

Our Year 3 students have engaged beautifully and respectfully throughout this term's Religious Education learning, showing great maturity as we explored the importance of Mary and her profound significance within the Catholic Church.

This half-term, the children have been focusing on how the Church honors Mary through prayer, thanking her for the wonderful gift she gave the world through Jesus.

To mark this learning, we celebrated with a special reflection in the prayer garden, where each member of Year 3 shared their own heartfelt prayers with the class. We spent time together in sacred silence, reflecting on the amazing gift of Mary and the grace she represents. We are incredibly proud of the reverence the children displayed during this peaceful time of prayer and contemplation.



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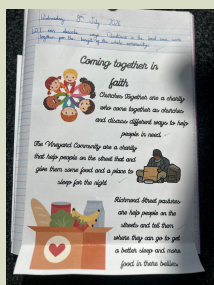
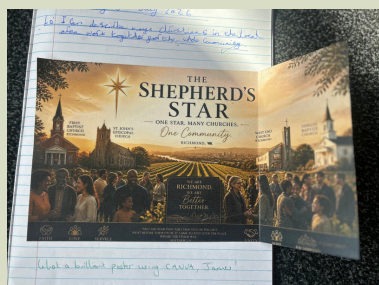


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Year 4



This term, Year 4 have been diving into the history of early Christian communities by studying the letters of St Paul. Inspired by these ancient messages of unity, Y4 turned their focus to our own neighborhood. They designed vibrant posters highlighting the many ways local Christian groups collaborate today, from community projects to shared outreach and the wonderful, positive benefits these joint efforts bring to our wider community!



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have done some truly fantastic exploration in our RE lessons. We began by studying key aspects of Christian communities, focusing on the meaning of discipleship and how the Holy Spirit guides and influences our daily lives. More recently, we have been exploring Judaism, discovering the beautiful similarities and differences between the Jewish faith and our own Catholic traditions.



A real highlight of our term was our retreat to Wintershall, where we were incredibly lucky to watch the entire life of Jesus brought to life right before our eyes! Back in the classroom, the children also had the wonderful opportunity to examine and handle real Jewish artefacts, including the Torah and a Yad.

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Year 6

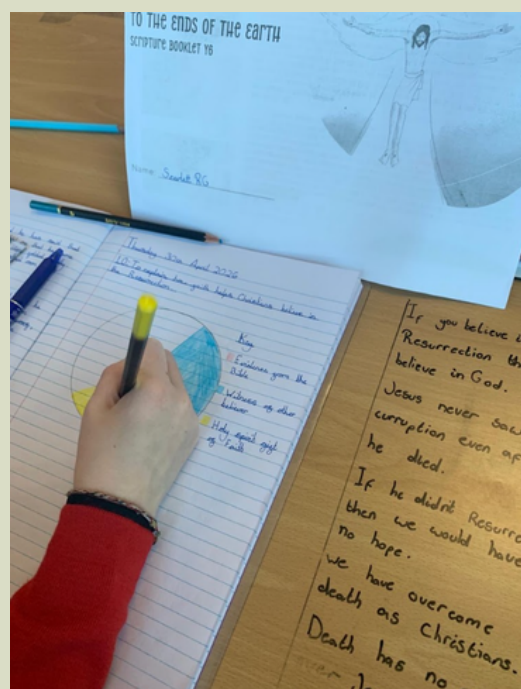
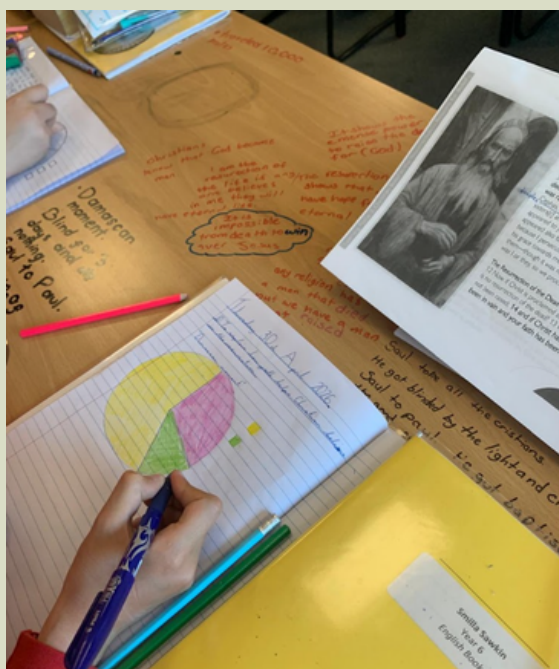


This term, our Year 6 pupils have engaged in brilliant, reflective Religious Education lessons. They explored the significance of the Resurrection, studied Dharmic traditions and festivals and learned what it means to be a good neighbour to everyone.

A major highlight of the term was a lively and structured classroom debate. Pupils analysed how Christians are called to engage in dialogue for the common good, discussing how religious beliefs influence real-world actions and decisions. During the debate, they explored how to handle disagreements constructively and looked at ways to promote respect and mutual understanding across different faiths and worldviews.

We are proud of how maturely Year 6 approached these big questions, showing great empathy, critical thinking and respect for others' viewpoints.

Year 6 used bibles to find evidence for the resurrection of Jesus and created pie charts to represent their findings.



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World Faiths

At our college, we are incredibly blessed to have a community rich in a wide variety of world faiths and cultures. We deeply value this diversity and believe it enriches the learning experience for all our pupils.

As part of our updated Religious Education curriculum focusing on Dialogue and Encounter we want to ensure our pupils learn not just about different world faiths, but from those who live them. Our goal is to foster mutual respect, understanding and meaningful conversation.

We look forward to continuing this learning in our interfaith week in November.

Year 3 - ISLAM



We visited a mosque in Hounslow. We learnt all about Islam and what it is like to be a Muslim.

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World Faiths - Judaism



On Tuesday, Niki visited us from Judaism for schools and led us in a whole school assembly to explore Judaism. She was incredibly impressed at our our pupils engaged in

Afterwards she spent time deliering Workshops to Year 1 and 2 to further explore the Jewish Faith.



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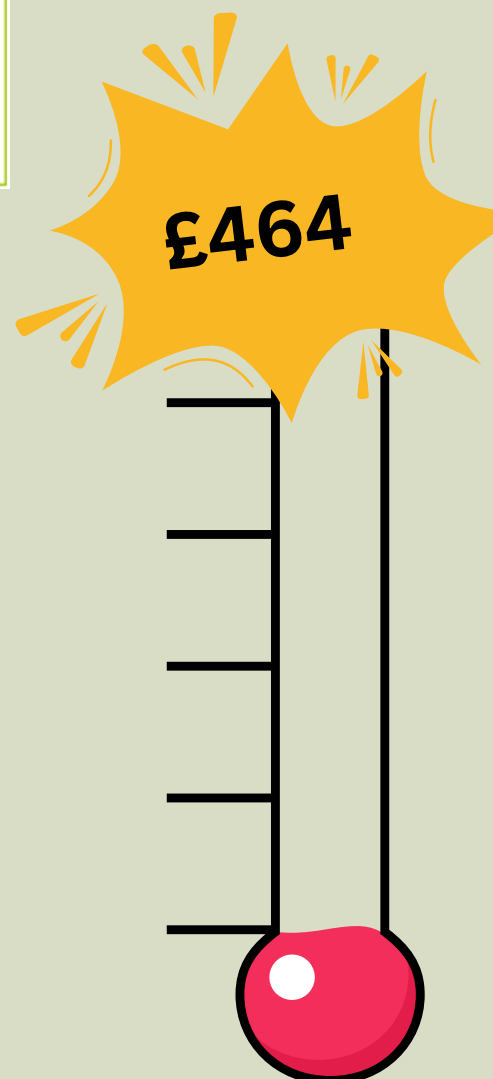
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Fundraising



This life-saving gift provides ten families with a steady supply of clean, safe water for drinking and cooking. A clean water tank means families can access safe drinking water, keeping everyone free from infection.



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Caritas Ambassadors



The big focus for this years Caritas Ambassadors has been to develop understanding of both our College mission, considering how we put this into action daily in our school lives and to further understand our Catholic Social Teaching principles. As a school, we know that we do so much to facilitate the teaching of CST and now we want to empower our pupils to be able to articulate this.



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Caritas Ambassadors



THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks to our amazing group of Caritas Ambassadors, particularly those in Year 6 who stayed on to serve a second term.

A special thank you to our RE ambassadors who have also supported us on many occasions this year.

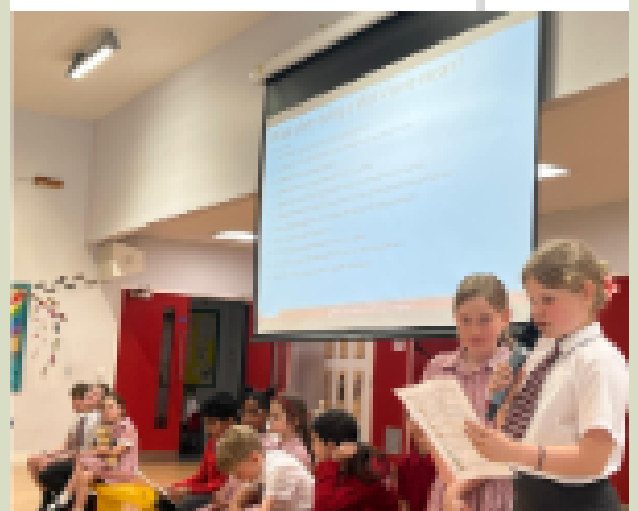


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Mini Vinnies



Our Mini Vinnies of 2025–2026 delivered a wonderful assembly to share the important work they do throughout the school year. They explained how they follow their motto, “See, Think, Do” – seeing where people may need help, thinking about how they can make a difference, and then taking action through kindness and service. The children spoke confidently about fundraising, supporting those in need, caring for others and helping our school community to live out our Christian values every day. We are very proud of the enthusiasm and leadership shown by our Mini Vinnies team.

**Thank you to Olive and Giorgia; Ethan and Simone;
Anna and Luke; Orson and Etienne; Saskia and
Bessie and Juliet and Elodie.**



We are delighted to introduce our newly appointed Mini Vinnies for 2026–2027. These children have been chosen to help lead our school in living out the Mini Vinnies motto, “See, Think, Do.” Throughout the year, they will work together to support others, organise charitable events and encourage acts of kindness within our school and wider community. We look forward to seeing the positive difference they will make through their compassion, leadership and service to others.



Let's
pray

Heavenly Father
Thank you for the gift of the summer holidays,
for sunny days, and for time to rest and play.
Even though we are finishing school for the
summer, we know we never take a holiday
from You. Help us to walk in Jesus' footsteps
every single day by choosing kindness, sharing
joy, and looking after one another.
Holy Spirit, help us to grow into the
wonderful, unique people God created us to be.
Keep us and our families safe on all our
summer adventures.
Amen.

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