



Religious Education Newsletter

St Paul and St Timothy's Catholic Infant School | Autumn Term 2026

Love, Learn, Believe, Achieve in the Spirit of Jesus



Our learning this term

In the autumn term, children explore two branches of the Religious Education Directory: **Creation and Covenant**, followed by **Prophecy and Promise**. Through Scripture, prayer, discussion, art and play, they learn about God's love and the promise of Jesus.

Reception

Creation and Covenant

Children discover the beauty of the world God made and ways to care for it. They think about the people who love and care for them, learn to show kindness to family and friends, and practise the Sign of the Cross.

Prophecy and Promise

Children hear how Mary was asked to be the mother of Jesus and how she said yes to God. They enjoy the story of Jesus' birth, explore the Advent wreath and learn that Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus.

Year 1

Creation and Covenant

Children explore the Bible and hear the creation story in Genesis. They learn that everything comes from God, that prayer helps us draw close to him, and that caring for his world is one way to care for one another.

Prophecy and Promise

Children learn that people waited and prepared for the promised Saviour. They hear the stories of the Annunciation, the Visitation and the birth of Jesus, and reflect on Mary's trust and the joy of Christmas.

Year 2

Creation and Covenant

Children hear the story of Noah and the rainbow as a sign of God's covenant with all living things. They learn about Baptism, joining the Church family and the promises made, and discover that the Bible is a library of books.

Prophecy and Promise

Children explore promises about the coming of Jesus and how Mary and Joseph responded to God. They hear the Nativity story, including the shepherds, and consider why Christians call Jesus the light of the world.

Autumn term: key dates

1 September–4 October	Season of Creation
8 September	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
14 September	Exaltation of the Holy Cross
21 September	International Day of Peace
2 October	CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
4 October	Feast of St Francis of Assisi
10 October	World Mental Health Day
18 October	World Mission Day
24 October	United Nations Day

Other faiths and festivals

4–5 September	Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam)
11–13 September	Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)
20–21 September	Yom Kippur (Judaism)
25 September–6 October	Sukkot (Judaism)
2 October	Dussehra (Hindu)
11–20 October	Navratri (Hindu)
17–21 October	Durga Puja (Hindu)

Advent and Christmas

29 November: First Sunday of Advent **25 December:** Christmas Day

Talk together at home

Notice something beautiful outdoors and thank God for it. Share a promise you can keep to care for others or creation. In Advent, light a candle safely with an adult and talk about how your family prepares for Christmas.