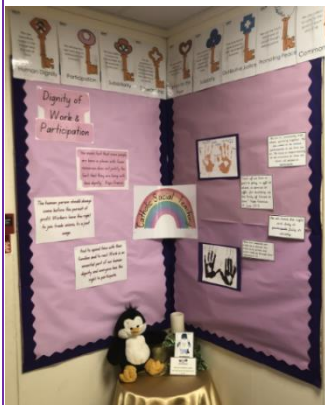


## RE at St Francis

What a busy half term we have had in this first part of Autumn. It has been filled with exciting activities and lots of learning. We hope you enjoy finding out about what we have been up to this half term.



## Catholic Life and Mission



To start the year, each class spent time to look at our mission statement and how this makes us a special community at St Francis, inspired by God's love. In our celebration assembly, we explore how we have been able to show respect, reflect, achieve and grow in our week and celebrate the achievements of our fantastic school.

This year the children have been introduced to Catholic Social Teaching which has been very successful in how we can and should live according to the teachings of the church. This is our moral compass on how we can think about everyone as our brothers and sisters and look after our world. The year Six RE monitors carried out a great assembly on CST introducing Sofia the Sloth for Stewardship. We are

currently thinking about Participation with the help of Patariki the Penguin.



## RE

Our Reception and Infants are now all using the new RED (religious education directory) and have been focusing on exploring Creation and Covenant.

In year 3, 4 and 5 they have finished their topic on Domestic Church and Family. Year 3 looked at 'Homes' with God's vision for every family, Year 4 have explored the family of God in scripture through their 'People' topic and Year 5 have finished thinking about 'Ourselves' and how we are created in the image and likeness of God.

Year 6 have also been using the new RED and looking at their part of Creation and Covenant.



Autumn	Domestic Church	Judaism	Baptism/Confirmation	Advent/Christmas
2023	Family		Belonging	Loving
St Francis Feast Day	Year 3 - HOMES - God's vision for every family	Year 3 - Synagogue	Year 3 - PROMISES - Promises made at Baptism	Year 3 - VISITORS - waiting for the coming of Jesus
Harvest	Year 4 - PEOPLE - The family of God in Scripture	Year 4 - Torah	Year 4 - CALLED - Confirmation: a call to witness	Year 4 - GIFT - God's gift of love and friendship in Jesus
All Saints	Year 5 - OURSELVES - Created in the image and likeness of God	Year 5 - Passover	Year 5 - LIFE CHOICES - Marriage, commitment and service	Year 5 - HOPE - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one
Advent	EYFS/ Yr1/ Yr2 and Yr6		EYFS/ Yr1/ Yr2 and Yr6	
Carol service	Creation and Covenant		Prophecy and Promise	
Infant nativity				

## Collective worship

At St Francis, we have been blessed to have Fr Stephen to celebrate Mass at school twice this term. We were lucky enough to have him honour our Patron Saint on the 4<sup>th</sup> October. He left us with a thought of what small thing we can do to be more like St Francis and live a life that looks after our incredible world.



We were also able to celebrate, as a school community, Harvest and thanksgiving. Many of you very kindly donated generously and we thank you for this. We were able to think about how lucky we are with all of God's gifts and how there are people in the world and close to home that do not always have everything they need.

At the end of last year, the Year 6 RE monitors and this current year's monitors came together to think of a school prayer. It has been special to share this with the school this year and to have this in our assemblies to think about what we are grateful for.

As part of St Francis day celebrations, the children all wrote prayers which will be in the foyer by our St Francis statue. If you are in, please have a look at these.

Moving into next term, we would like to invite parents to our Gospel assemblies on Mondays. Every Monday, we gather as a school to hear the Gospel and have time to reflect on what God's word means to us. It is a lovely chance to think about how the Word of God is able to speak to us and how we can live our lives accordingly. These happen at 9:10. If you would like to attend, please come through the office and the Year 6s will direct you to the back of the hall.

### St Francis School Prayer

Dear God,

Help us to respect, reflect, achieve and grow together always, to be our best selves.

Thank you for our teachers, staff and Governors for their continued support and encouragement.

We are grateful for our school, our grounds and for the resources and technology you give us to discover and learn.

Just as St Francis teaches us, we thank you for the world you created and for the animals in it, which we will care for and protect.

Thank you for our families, our friends and one another; for always showing us love and kindness.

Lord, please help us make our St Francis community a place of strength, inclusion and faith – one where anything is possible.

Amen.

Written by the RE monitors

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to our community for shining in our RE CSI inspection. The written report should be available soon after half term and we will share this with you as soon as we have it. Thank you to those of you who completed the questionnaire and to those who gave up time to talk to the inspectors. These are always a good experience to look at how we can continue to provide a rounded education to each child. Areas of development allow us to ensure we are supporting and challenging the children in our care and continue to foster their spiritual and moral development.