

Welcome to the first RE newsletter of 2024 in which we share with you information about what the children have been learning about in school assemblies and liturgies, along with prayers for you to say at home and information about the seasons and feasts of the Church's year. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and sharing it with your children.

Gospel Assemblies

In the Gospel assemblies throughout January and February so far, children have listened to and delivered Gospels which focussed on the faith of Jesus' early followers:

Jesus is the Lamb of God (John 1:35-39)

Some of the men who would become Christ's apostles had been disciples of John the Baptist. It was while they were with John, on the banks of the river Jordan, that they first saw Jesus, 'The Lamb of God'.

Jesus calls the first Disciples to follow him (Mark 1:14-20)

Jesus called the first disciples to follow him, and they left everything and went with him. Today each of us is called to follow Jesus by sharing God's love with everyone as he taught us to.

The power of Jesus (Mark 1:21-27)

Everyone knew Jesus as an ordinary carpenter, the son of Mary and Joseph; but Jesus was also the Son of God. Today we hear how the people in Capernaum began to realise that there was something special about Jesus Christ.

Jesus cures the sick (Mark 1:29-39)

Jesus loves all people with a love so great that he died for us. Throughout his life he showed this love by curing the sick and making time to share with others.

All our child-led Gospel assemblies can be viewed on the school website.

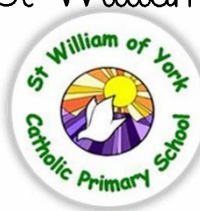
Mass

As well as sharing the Gospel together each week, children continue to visit St William of York Parish Church on a Wednesday morning to celebrate Mass with our Parish priest, Fr Morrough.

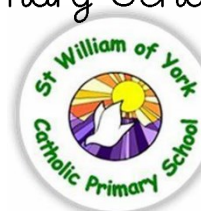
On Wednesday 14th February, all year groups will walk to Mass together to celebrate Ash Wednesday and mark the beginning of Lent.



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Living out the Gospel Values

Children are challenged to live out Gospel values by completing a mission given to them by another class during our weekly, child-led Gospel assembly.

So far this year, children have completed missions such as 'do your best to learn, to listen to your teachers, parents and all those who try to teach you the way' and to 'make time to spend with God - asking him to help anybody that you see is sick, suffering or sad.'

Pupil Chaplaincy



The GIFT team have assigned a Gospel Value to each class to encourage a week of reflection on how we can fulfil each value within our lives.

Reception and Year 1 talked about kindness and forgiveness.

Year 2 learned about peace.

Year 3 compassion, Year 4 integrity,

Year 5 explored courage and justice and Year 6 discussed humility.

During this week of reflection, teachers filled kindness jars with the names of children who were seen to be living out Gospel Values around school.

The kindness winners from each year group were:

Reception: Thomas, Aadam, Umar, Tnok, Lovelle

Year 1: Talin

Year 2: Aliza, Janelle, Alfie

Year 3: Violet, Hanya

Year 4: Dara, Ella-Mae, Amelia, Jason, Maddox, Rayhan

Year 5: Muntaha

Year 6: Eva, Maleka

With your child, why don't you...

- Talk about how to be a good follower of Jesus at home/school/work.
- Share about times when trusting in and listening to Jesus has helped you.

Religious Education from Year 1 to Year 6

Since our return from the Christmas holiday, our 'Spring' term has begun and between now and Easter, each year group has moved on to three new RE topics. We are learning:

Year 1: Special People, Relating and Giving

Year 2: Books, Thanksgiving, Opportunities

Year 3: Journeys, Listening and Sharing and Giving All

Year 4: Community, Giving and Receiving and Self-discipline

Year 5: Mission, Memorial Sacrifice and Sacrifice

Year 6: Sources, Unity and Death and New Life.

Pope Francis' monthly special mention

The Pope asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. We are invited to answer the Pope's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.

Pope Francis' special intention for February is to pray for the terminally ill and their families.

Pope Francis wants us to know the difference between 'incurable' and un-'careable', calling on people to offer closeness and support to the sick and to help those in need.

Discuss as a family: How can we help those in need?



A Prayer for the beginning of 2024...

Dear Jesus,

Thank you that you care about all my hopes and dreams for this year.

Help me to pray and listen to you.

Help me to trust you.

Help me to follow you.

Show me the way to God the Father and new life with you.

Amen