

Emmaus Church of England and Catholic Primary School

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Summer 2024

SPIRITUAL LIFE NEWS

At Emmaus, we work together as one family, to ensure all are happy, secure and able to access our curriculum successfully. With Jesus at the centre, as our guide, we learn to appreciate the talents and skills of one another and to accept that our differences make us unique.

We hope that you enjoy our 'new look' Spiritual Life Newsletter.

Our Collective Worship & Christian Value this half term is 'Friendship'.

Our Entrance Display



Thanks to Year 2, for this beautiful display, that shows us what friendship means.

'To know You more Clearly', our new RE Curriculum.

In EYFS and Key Stage 1, the children have all began the new RE Curriculum called, This term they will teach 2 topics, 1 per half term.

Summer 1 - Branch 5 'Ends of the Earth'

"Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19). Pupils study events that flowed from the Resurrection and Ascension in the coming of the Holy Spirit and the work of the apostles and early Church.

Summer 2—Branch 6 'Dialogue and Encounter'.

'For "In him we live and move and have our being"'. (Acts 17:28). 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.

Come and See RE Curriculum

Currently, Key Stage 2 are continuing with this RE curriculum. In the Summer Term we consider God, the holy spirit and the question, 'Who am I?'

Church Theme – Serving – Pentecost focuses on the on-going mission of Jesus Christ in the Church through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sacramental Theme – Inter-relating – Reconciliation focuses on the love, compassion and forgiveness of God the Father revealed in Jesus and poured out by the Spirit to bring forgiveness and reconciliation in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Christian Living Theme – World – Universal Church focuses on the same love revealed in the diversity of the world and its people, and in the gifts of the Spirit that bear fruit in love, joy, justice and peace for all people.

Our Collective Worship & Christian Value next half term will be 'Respect'.

"An honest answer is the sign of true friendship." Proverbs 24:26



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Update from St. Cuthbert's

Obviously, here at St Cuthbert's, our regular Sunday services continue, whatever the time of year. Everyone is welcome to worship with us at 10:00am or 6:00pm, whichever is most convenient for your lifestyle. If you have a child under 6 there is also 'Toodles' on a Sunday afternoon at 4:00pm.

We had an important event on 7th May for some of our Emmaus Year 6 pupils, when Bishop John came to confirm them. This was a special time in the children's lives and we hope you will continue to support them in prayer.

There is a rumour that we are having another St Cuthbert's Bake Off in June and the chair of governors will be hoping to reprise her success as the winner of the scones section!

It is important to St Cuthbert's that we work with the community and our Summer Fair on 13th July is an annual example of that.

On 16th July St Cuthbert's are delighted to host the annual Year 6 Leavers' Service. This will be led jointly by the chair of governors and her husband. We are looking forward to welcoming all Year 6 children and their parents, both for the service and some refreshments afterwards.

Update from Our Lady Queen of Martyrs

For those with older brothers and sisters, Year 9 or over, there are Confirmation Meetings on 18th April and 25th May at 7:00pm.

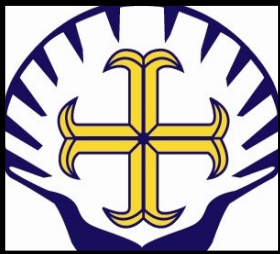
We invite you all to celebrate our Year 4 pupils' First Holy Communion Mass on 18th May at 10:30am. Please come along and join in this special occasion.

Good luck to all the Catholic children making their First Holy Communion tomorrow. We are very proud of you!

There will be a May Procession on 26th May after the 11:30am Mass. Please come along and join in.

During Sunday Masses we have Little Church to support the children's understanding of the Gospel readings. Try it, it's lots of fun.

'A friend loves at all times.' Proverbs 17:17



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Highlights of last term

Ofsted

Our whole school community came together on Tuesday 6th February in a beautiful service to celebrate our recent 'Outstanding Ofsted'.

Thank you to everyone who took part. What an amazing achievement!



Easter

Service

A special service to celebrate the Risen Christ Jesus.

Worship Group

Mrs Cain and Mrs Simm run Worship Group every Thursday for Year 6 children. This year over half of Year 6 have accessed this at some time. It is a safe place where we reflect on all kinds of things. Most recently we have been looking at their dreams for different stages in their lives and followed this up by looking at the choices they could be faced with and what gives them the strength to make the right choice. We ease off in the summer because in July we spend time with each Year 6 class doing some more spiritual transition work to help them in the move to secondary school. This will take place at the beginning of July.



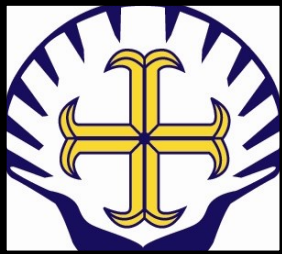
Prayer Spaces

Every year, just before the pupils break up for the spring holiday, Mrs Cain and Mrs Simm run Prayer Spaces for the KS2 children. The children have 30 minutes of reflection through five possible 'stations'.

These included:

Comparing their challenges and opportunities,
prayers for someone really special to them,
their dreams for the future,
improving themselves by turning over a new leaf and
describing themselves using letters from their names.

'A sweet friendship refreshes the soul.' Proverbs 27:9



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RE in Action

Pictures of 'Friendship' Collective Worship tables in classes.



RE Ambassadors

Dear God,

Help us to care for our friends just like Jesus did for his disciples. Guide us to continue being there for our friends when needed. Help us to understand how important friendship is to our daily lives. And remind us how blessed we are to have friends that are always there for us.

AMEN

"I have enjoyed discussing the significance of friends in RE meetings and assemblies."

"Being an RE Ambassador has really boosted my confidence by talking in assemblies."

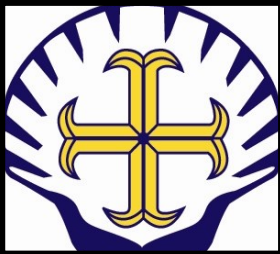
We are the RE ambassadors. There are ten of us, from different classes, in Key Stage 2. All of us enjoy writing prayers and leading special religious services, for our school, in the hall. The whole group is looking forward to delivering Collective Worship in classes across school, after our training.

Dear God,

A friend is always a friend. A friend is loyal and will accept our differences. They will comfort your worries and fix your problems. Thank you for friendship, without it everyone would be lonely. Thank you for all the friends in our world that make people feel better.

Amen

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.' John 15:13



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Religious Events



Confirmation

Some of our Year 6 pupils were confirmed at St Cuthbert's on Tuesday 7th May at 6:00pm. It was a wonderful event with the Bishop of Liverpool. Well done everyone!

Pentecost Sunday 19th May

In both of our local parishes, this is the day that we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. This is the special day when all the disciples and Jesus's friends were together in a room. A strong wind blew, the Holy Spirit came and tongues of fire could be seen on each person's head. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the disciples could speak many languages.

They went out to a large crowd and spread the Good



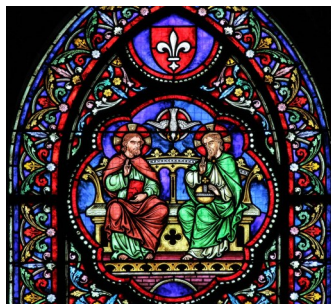
News of Jesus. That day over 3000 people were baptised and their sins were forgiven. On this special day, 50 days after Easter, we invite the Holy Spirit to come rest on us.



Trinity Sunday 26th May

A week after Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Trinity as God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. There are masses at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and St. Cuthbert's.

Please come along, all are welcome.



Corpus Christi on Sunday 2nd June

In Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, this feast day celebrates the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, his body and blood.

All are welcome to attend.



'A good friend is a blessing from God.' Samuel 18:3