



Diocese of Northampton
St Martin de Porres Catholic
Primary School



RE Newsletter for Parents – Pentecost Term 2025

This year pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 will follow the new RE curriculum as directed by Northampton Diocese. In Pentecost Term 1 pupils in Years 2-5 will continue to follow the Come and See programmes of study; in Pentecost Term 2 they will begin to follow the new RE curriculum.

PENTECOST—SERVING

23 April - 16 May

- Year 2 – Spread the Word** - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
- Year 3 – Energy** - The gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Year 4 – New Life** - To hear and live the Easter message
- Year 5 – Transformation** - A celebration of the Spirit's transforming power

At home

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.
 Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.



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WEEK BEGINNING 19 MAY – 1 WEEK

ALL PUPILS WILL SPEND TIME FINDING OUT ABOUT HOW MUSLIMS LIVE AND WORSHIP

As directed by Northampton Diocese, pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Six will continue to follow the new Religious Education curriculum. Each topic lasts for half a term.

Pentecost Term 1	Pentecost Term 2
<p style="text-align: center;">TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH</p> <p>Early Years Pupils will learn that Jesus went back to his Father and sent his friend, the Holy Spirit. They will come to know the Holy Spirit as their friend. Pupils will also find out about their Parish; a family and special community.</p> <p>Year One Pupils will learn that when people open their hearts to the Holy Spirit they are changed. They will know that the mission of the Church begins at Pentecost.</p> <p>Year Six Pupils will learn that all Christians are called to witness the Resurrection by the example of their new life in Baptism, strengthened by the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Pupils will explore different saints and consider how they bore witness to Christ in their lives. Pupils will explore how Christians meet Christ in the Eucharist.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER</p> <p>Early Years Pupils will find out about friends of Jesus; Saint Peter and Saint Paul. They will explore the idea that we are all called to be friends of Jesus. They will learn that people all over the world are friends of Jesus.</p> <p>Year One Pupils will know the cross is a symbol of Christianity and learn about their local parish church and community. Pupils will explore aspects of Jewish life in modern Britain and will know that the Torah is a special text which contains stories of the Jewish people's history.</p> <p>Year Six Pupils will know that Catholics should work to promote love and unity and will know that Christians are responsible for promoting the common good. Pupils will recognise links between some Dharmic beliefs, practices and ways of life. (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism)</p>

Pentecost Term 2 - Years 2, 3, 4 and 5

This half term the above year groups will begin to follow the new Religious Education curriculum and will explore the **Creation and Covenant** topic.

Year 4 and 5 - pupils will learn about Moses and his encounter with God in the form of a burning bush. They will also explore the Ten Commandments and how these speak to us today.

Year 2 and 3 - pupils will learn about the story of Noah, focusing on the God's promise 'that nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of a flood' (Genesis 9:15). Pupils will learn that this is not an historical account, but one that speaks to us about our relationship with God. Pupils will also explore the sacrament of Baptism.

Important dates for the Church this term:

23 April - St George's Day

25 April - Feast of Mark

May the Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

1 May - Feast of St Joseph the Worker

29 May - Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

8 June - Pentecost Sunday

June is the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

7 June - Feast of the Sacred Heart

19 June - Feast Corpus Christi

29 June - Feast of Saints Peter and Paul

3 July - Feast of Thomas the Apostle

MAY - MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

During the month of May, children in Key Stage 2 will be saying 'The Angelus' just before they go to lunch. This is a traditional prayer of the Church that is becoming less well known. The Angelus is usually recited at three particular times during the day; 6 am, 12 noon, and 6 pm. Perhaps you could encourage your family to pray this prayer together or to say a decade of the rosary together.



The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.

