



## Love • Respect • Shine

At Cheadle Catholic Infant School we **love** and **respect** each other.  
We **love** to learn and let our inner light **shine** brightly in all that we do.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

The Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter – Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. During this term the Church dedicates the month of May to Mary, Jesus' mother.

We hope, as always, you find this newsletter interesting and informative. Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in our prayers, especially at this time.

Prayer Cycle of the Church for Eastertide: *New Members of the Church, Vocations, Human Work, The Right Use of the Media, The Church*

Dates from the Church's calendar:

25 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Mark, Evangelist
26 <sup>th</sup> April	St. George, Patron of England
29 <sup>th</sup> April	St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Ss Philip and James, Apostles
4 <sup>th</sup> May	English Martyrs
14 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Matthias, Apostle
25 <sup>th</sup> May	St. Bede, Doctor of the Church
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Thursday
27 <sup>th</sup> May	St Augustine of Canterbury
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Yorkshire Martyrs
31 <sup>st</sup> May	The Visitation of Mary

## Nursery and Reception— New Life

**“Jesus’ life, death and resurrection are the central event of all human history and at the heart of faith”**

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This half term, the children in the Nursery and the Reception classes will be learning about new life. They will learn about the story of the empty tomb, and learn that Jesus appeared to his disciples. The children will begin to understand the special gift of joy and peace that Jesus gave to his friends (John 20: 19-21) and can give to us as well. They will hear the story of Jesus going back to his Father and learn that one day we shall hopefully go there too.

At home you could help your children by:

- planting an Easter garden
- looking for signs of new life
- practise the Sign of the Cross, ‘Our Father’ & ‘Hail Mary’
- encouraging them to write their own prayers



## Year 1 – To the Ends of the Earth

By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to:

- Retell with increasing detail one of the following accounts: the Road to Emmaus (Lk 24:13-35), the Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11), Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4). U1.5.2.
- Make simple connections between the mission of the Church and the mission of Jesus as he announced it at the beginning of Luke’s Gospel (Lk 4:16-19).
- Recognise that Catholics celebrate the Ascension of Jesus and Pentecost on special days called holydays.

Discern: By the end of this unit of study, pupils will be able to talk and think creatively about what they have studied, for example, through:

- Imagining how the apostles felt during the events following the Resurrection.
- Talking about the different ways experience of the Holy Spirit is expressed in some of the stories from the Bible they have heard across the Year One branches (e.g., ‘God’s spirit hovered over the water’ (Gen 1:1), a shadow in the Annunciation (Lk 1:35), or wind and fire in Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4)).
- Looking at and discussing ways the Holy Spirit is described in art or music. • Listening to and asking questions about the experiences of how others celebrate Pentecost in different places and cultures.

Respond: During this unit of study, pupils will be invited to respond to their learning, for example by:

- Thinking about why prayer is an important part of life for many people.
- Hearing the words of the Glory Be and hymns that reference Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and joining in prayerfully if they choose to do so.

## Year 2 – Eastertide

**“It is the Holy Spirit who forms and guides God’s people to know God and enter into communion with God through Jesus Christ.”**

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Year 2 will learn that Jesus rose from the dead and still lives with us. They will learn that Jesus told his disciples that he would go back to Heaven but promised that the Holy Spirit would come. They will learn that Jesus ascended into Heaven and promised to return again and that this gives us hope. They will also know the story of the coming of the Holy Spirit on the apostles at Pentecost and know that the Holy Spirit is promised to us.

At Home

You could help your children by:

- talking about how the Holy Spirit helps us
  - having a close look at the Paschal (Easter) Candle when at Mass
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Please continue to keep our Cheadle Catholic family in your prayers,

Mrs Glynn.

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