



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.

The Season of Lent

Dear parents/ carers,

The word Lent comes from an old English word that means 'lengthen' and refers to the turning of Winter into Spring when the days lengthen and the cycle of life is renewed once more. There is more sunlight, birdsong is more noticeable, spring bulbs are in bloom and trees are beginning to show signs of coming to life. These signs of new life are echoed in the season of Lent through which the Church bids us to reawaken and refocus on tending to the Lord who calls us 'come back to me, with all your heart'. The journey of Lent is a journey towards the new way of living that Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, promised to us through the power of our most celebrated season – Easter.

We tend to celebrate Christmas as if it's the most important time in the Church's year, but the Resurrection of Jesus is the most important event for Christians. When Christians say that their hope is in the risen Jesus, they mean it is their greatest hope. When Jesus rose on the first Easter morning, it was a brand new kind of life. He promises this same life to all who hope in him. No wonder that Easter is the greatest feast!

Nursery - Good Friends

This half term, children in Nursery will learn that Jesus chose friends to help him bring the Good News to people. They will learn that Jesus was very loving and forgiving and that he will help us to forgive and say sorry. Children in Nursery will learn that Good Friday was a sad day but that Easter Sunday was a very happy day.

Reception— Joy and Sorrow

There is no limit to God's grace, nor to God's mercy when we fail
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This half term, children in Reception will be learning about joy and sorrow. They will begin to understand that we are capable of hurting others and that we should always try to be kind to each other. They will learn that we can say sorry when we hurt someone but we need to ask Jesus to help us to do this. They will also begin to learn that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and know that we can forgive other people when they hurt us.

Year 1—Following Jesus

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

- Make simple connections between Jesus' time in the desert (Lk 4:1-13) and Christians praying and fasting for forty days in Lent.
- Recognise that Jesus shows the importance of giving to others, making simple connections with the story of the widow's mite (Lk 21:1-6) and the season of Lent.
- Correctly sequence the events of the last week of Jesus' life.
- Recognise that angels bring God's message and are a sign the Jesus is the Son of God, truly alive.
- Recognise that the Church teaches that Jesus suffered, died, and rose again.
- Recognise simple connections between the use of ashes and the Christian belief that Lent is an opportunity for a new start.

Year 2—The Mass

"In the Eucharist we receive him as our life and food, a promise of the eternal banquet of heaven. At the heart of the Eucharistic celebration are the bread and wine that becomes in reality Christ's Body and Blood. Catholic faith adores this enduring presence of Christ not only within the celebration of the Mass but also outside it."

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Year 2 will learn and reflect on the importance of the celebration of the Mass. They will learn about the readings at Mass and why we should listen to them, and learn that at the Offertory we offer gifts to God. They will also appreciate that at the Consecration the bread and wine are changed into Jesus' Body and Blood.

Please continue to keep our Cheadle Catholic family in your prayers,

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