



St Joan of Arc School™
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Your child's religious life at **St Joan of Arc Catholic Primary School**

Our Catholic Faith forms part of everything we do at school. A Catholic education, which involves parents and carers, school and our parish community, helps develop well-rounded, happy and successful children. This works best when we all work together and support the children's learning.

We have written this leaflet to explain how our faith is practised in school and suggest how you can support this at home.

Read it through and talk about it with your child.

Please let us know if you have any questions. We are here to help.

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We worship God the Father, Jesus the Son of God and the Holy Spirit.

We believe that God created everything, and that he loves us all.

We follow the teachings of Jesus in all we do.

Selam and Lucas feel safe and secure knowing that Jesus is their friend.

Prayer in school

Prayer gives us a chance to stop during the day, to reflect and thank God for everything he has given us.

Prayer is an important part of the school day.

At 9.00 am we say the morning prayer.

At 12.00 pm we say the Angelus and we also say Grace before our meals.

At 3.20 pm we say the school prayer before we go home.

Children can also visit the prayer garden where they can pray or use the quiet space to sit and think.

Tayo and Sophie are saying the school prayer:

**"God our Father, I come to say
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family and
all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night
And in the morning
send your light.**

AMEN"



Practising our faith in school

Our Catholic Faith encourages us to love learning about the world and other people and their faiths.

We practise our faith by treating everyone with love and kindness and supporting each other in our faith.

We support our community by raising money for charities and by taking part in community activities.

We celebrate our faith by worshipping God through prayer and singing hymns. We have lots of displays throughout our school which remind us all about what we believe.

Our Parish Priest from St Joan of Arc Church visits our school frequently and helps strengthen links between our school and the church.

Lucas, Tayo and Selam are singing hymns together. They love worshipping God with song.



Remembering our Patron Saint, St Joan of Arc

St Joan of Arc had many great qualities which are represented in the four school houses. Every child who joins our nursery and school becomes a member of one of the houses. Our house system helps children form bonds and friendships outside of their classes and year groups. They will carry out projects and take part in competitions in their houses.

The houses are:

Domremy Their Christian value is LOVE. This house recognises the loving family that St Joan grew up in.

Fleur De Lys Their Christian value is SERVICE. This house recognises the service that St Joan gave in leading the French Army.

Rouen Their motto is COURAGE. This house recognises the tremendous courage that St Joan showed when she died for her beliefs.

Benedict Their Christian value is RESPECT. This house recognises the respect that we show her.

Selam, George, Tayo and Zadie are in Fleur De Lys house. Although they are in different year groups, they are good friends and support each other.



Receiving sacraments

In Year 3, children will prepare to make their First Reconciliation (Confession) and receive their First Holy Communion. This will be led by the parish church that the children attend but we will support this in school and celebrate when your child is receiving these sacraments.

Children will be able to receive their sacraments as part of our visits to our church, St Joan of Arc.

Your local church will provide you with information about how to help your child prepare at home, but we can help as well – just ask.

Grace, Selam and Lucas are excited to be celebrating their First Holy Communion. They have been learning all about the sacrament at church, school and home and are happy to be growing in the Catholic Faith.



Celebrations and Masses

We celebrate school Masses at our church, St Joan of Arc. We attend Masses for the key events in the Catholic Faith such as Lent, Easter, Pentecost, Advent and Christmas. We also celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St Joan of Arc. The children become very familiar with our church and feel at home there.

We encourage parents and carers to school Masses as well as Sunday Mass.

The children will learn about the meaning of these celebrations as part of their religious education at school.

The children are celebrating the Nativity. They have been learning about the birth of Jesus in their lessons and are happy to be telling the story to their families.



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