

The Religious Education Directory

Our Religious Education curriculum follows the Religious Education Directory (2023), which has been introduced by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. This Directory sets out what children in Catholic schools should learn about the Catholic faith from Early Years to Year 6, ensuring that Religious Education is taught with the same academic depth and standard as other core subjects.

The Directory is built around six key branches of learning:

1. Creation and Covenant – God's relationship with His people.
2. Prophecy and Promise – God's plan for salvation.
3. Galilee to Jerusalem – The life and teachings of Jesus.
4. Desert to Garden – The Paschal Mystery and the Church's liturgy.
5. To the Ends of the Earth – The mission of the Church.
6. Dialogue and Encounter – Learning about other faiths and beliefs.

Through this new framework, children develop a deeper understanding of Scripture, Church teaching, and how to live out Gospel values such as love, respect, forgiveness, and service. They are encouraged to think deeply, ask questions, and reflect on how faith guides their lives today.

At English Martyrs, we are committed to providing a Religious Education that inspires faith, encourages curiosity, and helps every child to see themselves as part of God's loving family.