

Religious education at St Mary's

Together we love, learn and flourish
'Let all you do be done with love' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Our vision for Religious education

At St Mary's C of E Primary School, our vision for Religious Education is to equip every child with the knowledge, skills, and understanding to explore and appreciate a rich diversity of world faiths, enabling them to navigate life in modern Britain with confidence and respect.

Through RE, children are encouraged to be **curious** about different beliefs and practices, asking thoughtful questions and exploring the values that shape people's lives. They show **courage** in expressing their own ideas and beliefs while engaging respectfully with those that differ from their own. Most importantly, they develop **compassion**, showing empathy, tolerance, and mutual respect for people of all faiths and cultures.

Our RE curriculum nurtures reflective, thoughtful, and morally aware citizens who can contribute positively to society, celebrate diversity, and live harmoniously with others.

Inspiring our children



Children will be inspired by Queen Elizabeth, head of the Church of England for her dedication during her lifetime to the Christian faith. They will also be encouraged to think about how Gandhi led peaceful protests and dreamt of unity for all peoples and religions – known for being a champion of peace and human rights.

How is RE taught at St Mary's?

Religious Education is taught across the school in mixed-age groups through a **two-year cycle**. We follow the **Nottinghamshire Agreed Syllabus**, which ensures clear progression in learning and provides a structured framework for pupils to develop their understanding. Pupils build a **rich knowledge of worldviews** through a **systematic study** that is delivered using increasingly challenging **'Big Questions'**. As children progress, they use their growing knowledge to **deepen and broaden their learning**, making meaningful connections across different faiths and worldviews. Learning in RE is divided into three key areas:

- **Knowledge and Understanding** – developing a deep awareness of a range of religions and worldviews.
- **Expressing Ideas and Impact** – exploring and articulating the significance and influence of religions and worldviews.
- **Skills Engagement** – gaining and applying the skills needed to engage thoughtfully and respectfully with religious and non-religious worldviews.

We use the resource **'Understanding Christianity'** to further enhance our teaching about Christianity. Elements of the bible are taught through 8 core concepts which children revisit during their journey through school. These concepts are linked to the 'Big Frieze' which shows a pictorial journey of the bible.

The 8 Core Concepts



1. GOD



2. CREATION



3. FALL



4. PEOPLE OF GOD



5. INCARNATION



6. GOSPEL



7. SALVATION



8. KINGDOM OF GOD

The Big Frieze

