



Religious Education.

Purpose of study

Religious education contributes dynamically to children and young people's education in schools by provoking challenging questions about meaning and purpose in life, beliefs about God, ultimate reality, issues of right and wrong and what it means to be human. In RE they learn about and from religions and worldviews in local, national and global contexts, to discover, explore and consider different answers to these questions. They learn to weigh up the value of wisdom from different sources, to develop and express their insights in response, and to agree or disagree respectfully. Teaching therefore should equip pupils with systematic knowledge and understanding of a range of religions and worldviews, enabling them to develop their ideas, values and identities. It should develop in pupils an aptitude for dialogue so that they can participate positively in our society with its diverse religions and worldviews. Pupils should gain and deploy the skills needed to understand, interpret and evaluate texts, sources of wisdom and authority and other evidence.

They learn to articulate clearly and coherently their personal beliefs, ideas, values and experiences while respecting the right of others to differ.

Year	Topics
Reception	What are harvest festivals? Who were the friends of Jesus? How do I belong?
1	What does it mean to belong (to Christianity)? Christmas and Hanukkah Bible Characters Easter Stories and Parables
2	Christian beliefs and practices God in Christianity and Judaism Judaism: the Torah and Shabbat Judaism: Beliefs and Practices
3	Expressions of Identity Christmas and Diwali Meanings within Easter Religions in the local community The person of Jesus
4	Signs and symbols in religion Winter festivals <i>British Values</i>

	Hinduism: God and Worship in the Home Hinduism: Beliefs and Practices The Bible
5	Places of worship The importance of worship Origins and composition of the Bible Perspectives and impressions of Jesus Faith God as Spirit
6	Islam: Muhammad Islam: The Qur'an Islam: The 5 pillars Islam: The role of the Mosque Expressing Religious Faith through the Arts

Some aspects of RE will be taught in discrete RE lessons and some will be taught through a topic approach, themed days or weeks.

We have close links with St Oswald's Church so at least twice a year the children will attend St Oswald's to celebrate key events in the Christian calendar. We also have an after school club which is run by church volunteers, JAM (Jesus & Me)

We celebrate other festivals and religious events through assemblies and themed weeks.