



St Joan of Arc Catholic School Religious Education and Collective Worship



We follow guidelines set by the Westminster Diocesan Board of Education, which includes two and-a-half hours each week devoted to the Religious Education curriculum. Children are taught to respect and value the beliefs of others. We seek to instil in children religious and moral codes to sustain them through later life and to help them develop an understanding of Christian beliefs and the faiths of others.

Collective Worship

The prayer life of the school is strongly supported by our Parish Clergy, and St Joan of Arc Church is a focal point for our collective worship. School masses are celebrated there and the Church also provides a link with our local community. Parents are encouraged to attend many of our services.

Curriculum

Religious Education Units of Work 2018 - 19	
Unit of Work	Term
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Domestic Church2. Baptism/ Confirmation3. Judaism4. Advent/ Christmas	Autumn
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Local Church2. Eucharist3. Lent/ Easter	Spring
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Pentecost2. Reconciliation/ Anointing of the Sick3. Islam4. Universal Church	Summer

Prayers & Hymns

Daily prayer is an integral part of our school day and includes prayers said at the following times:

9.00 – Morning Prayer

12.00 – The Angelus & Grace before meals

3.20 – End of school day prayer

The children are also taught the traditional prayers said at Mass and in the home, such as the Hail Mary, Our Father and Glory Be. Other prayers said at specific times of the liturgical calendar are also taught.

The children learn a collection of hymns which they are encouraged to sing during collective worships such as assemblies, class liturgies and school masses. These hymns are practised every Friday during choir and singing lessons.