



St Paul's
Catholic Junior School

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NEWSLETTER

Learning from the example of Jesus,
our school will be a place where everyone feels
loved, valued and encouraged to be and do
the best they can.



BE KIND



BE RESPECTFUL



BE RESILIENT



YEAR 5

AUTUMN 1 2026



Creation and Covenant

Creation is God's gift and blessing. We are called to appreciate it, enjoy it and care for it.

Topic Overview

Following on from their study of Abraham in Year 4, Year 5 pupils will begin their study looking at the stories of Moses and David. These are two of the most important figures in religious history. Jews, Christians and Muslims all acknowledge their significance in their history to God. Moses is revered as a prophet to Muslims. In the first event in Moses' life, pupils will study where God reveals his name to Moses and Moses encounters God in the form of a burning bush. Pupils will spend some time reflecting on the words and imagery of the revelation to Moses through art and writing. They will then look deeper into the term 'covenant' (recalling their knowledge from Year 3 and 4) and will study God's law in the form of the 10 Commandments. Applying all of their learning to the current practises of Catholics, children will recognise that a virtue is a positive habit and will describe how they can show love to their neighbours.

Learning at home:

Explore the story of Moses and the burning bush: when your child brings home their burning bush craft, discuss the story together.

A virtue is a positive habit that helps us to live well and make good choices.

Choose one virtue each week—for example **kindness, patience, honesty, courage or generosity**.

At the end of the week, ask:

- When did I show this virtue?
- Was it difficult?
- How did it affect somebody else?
- What could I do differently next time?

Show love to your neighbour: You could set a small family challenge: each person secretly does **one kind thing for somebody else** during the week and then discusses what happened.

Important Dates:

International Day of Charity (5th September), World Ozone Day (16th September), The feast of St Vincent De Paul (27th September), The feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th October), World Food Day (16th October)

**A
Prayer
for
Creation
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Dear God, Thank you for giving Your people the Ten Commandments to help them know what is right and how to live good lives. Please help me to follow Your commandments and to make good choices each day. Help me to show virtues such as kindness, patience, honesty, courage and forgiveness. Most of all, help me to love my neighbour as You teach us. Help me to notice when someone needs help, include people who feel lonely, forgive those who hurt me, and treat everyone with respect. May I follow the example of Moses by trusting You and listening to Your guidance. Help me to keep my promises and to be a person who brings kindness and peace to others. **Amen**