



St James the Less RC Primary School

Curriculum Statement

At St James the Less, our curriculum is rooted in our Catholic mission and inspired by the teachings of Jesus Christ. Guided by the Gospel values of love, respect and service, we are committed to providing a safe and nurturing learning environment where every child is cherished as a unique child of God. Our mission calls us to offer excellent and inspirational teaching that fosters self-belief, encourages success, and celebrates the rich diversity within God's family.

We have designed our ambitious curriculum with the intention of promoting deep learning, spiritual growth and personal development for all children. Our curriculum provides opportunities for pupils to grow as independent, resilient and confident learners, with high aspirations grounded in faith. We aim to help every child recognise their God-given gifts and understand how they can use them to contribute positively to their community, the Church and wider society. Rooted in the National Curriculum, our broad and balanced curriculum has been thoughtfully shaped to meet the needs of all our children and to equip them with the knowledge, wisdom and cultural capital they need to flourish.

Our curriculum has been developed to ensure that academic success sits alongside physical development, emotional well-being and spiritual formation as key elements in the growth of the whole child. Through meaningful and enriching experiences, we promote children's spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, preparing them for the opportunities, responsibilities and vocation of later life, including the next steps in their education. In all that we do, we seek to form young people who embody Christ's message of love, justice and compassion.

Our aim is to deliver a dynamic and innovative curriculum that challenges, excites and inspires children to achieve their very best. We are dedicated to providing a personalised curriculum with the individual child at its heart, recognising their inherent dignity and worth. Learning is carefully sequenced so that new knowledge and skills build securely on prior learning. We recognise that children are at different points in their learning journey, and we ensure that curriculum planning is responsive and inclusive, enabling all to achieve their full potential.

We seek to extend and deepen essential knowledge, skills and understanding so that children are not merely covering content but engaging with learning at a profound level, enabling them to apply their understanding across a range of contexts and subjects. Through this approach, we encourage children to see the world with curiosity, wonder and a sense of responsibility as stewards of God's creation.

At St James the Less RC Primary School, children develop a strong sense of moral purpose formed by Catholic teaching and the example of Christ. They learn to show love, respect and understanding towards all people, recognising the dignity of every human being regardless of age, disability, gender, race or sexuality. A rigorous and well-planned curriculum, delivered by dedicated staff within an ethos of faith, care and compassion, enables our pupils to grow into well-rounded, empathetic young people who live out the Gospel values in their daily lives and who have a deep thirst for learning, justice and peace.

