St Patrick and St Edmund's Yearly Overview 2026–2027

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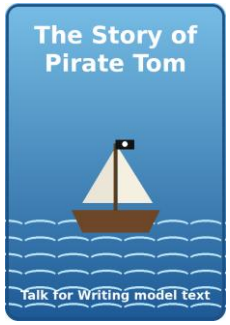
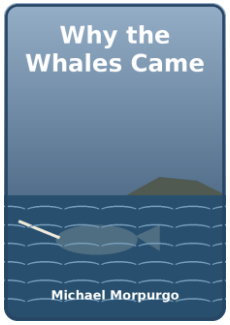
Building the Kingdom – Catholic Social Teaching	**Human Dignity** *Sept – New Beginnings* "For I know the plans I have for you…" Jeremiah 29:11 **Solidarity** *Oct – Faith & Mission (Mission Month)* "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Matthew 28:19	**Preferential Option for the Poor** *Nov – Remembrance & Eternal Hope* "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25 **Common Good** *Dec – Advent & Christmas* "The light shines in the darkness…" John 1:5	**Participation** *Jan – Wisdom & New Year* "Teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart." Psalm 90:12 **Common Good** *Feb – Love & Compassion* "Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14	**Common Good** *Feb – Love & Compassion* **Dignity of Work** *March – Lent* "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Psalm 51:10	**Solidarity** *April – Eastertide* "I am the resurrection and the life." John 11:25 **Care for Creation** *May – Mary & Trust* "The Mighty One has done great things for me…" Luke 1:49	**Common Good** *June – Service & Community* "Serve one another humbly in love." Galatians 5:13 **Care for Creation – Stewardship** *July – Growth & Gratitude* "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good." Psalm 107:1
Monthly Prayer Focus	Sept: Our Lady of Sorrows Oct: The Holy Rosary	Nov: The Holy Souls (All Souls) Dec: The Immaculate Conception / Advent	Jan: The Holy Name of Jesus Feb: The Holy Family	Feb: The Holy Family March: St Joseph	April: The Holy Eucharist May: Our Lady	June: The Sacred Heart of Jesus July: The Precious Blood of Jesus
Big Question	**Family and Community** *"This is my commandment: Love one another as I have loved you."* John 15:12–17		**Dignity of Work** *"The Lord blesses our work so that we may share its fruits with others."* Deuteronomy 14:28–29		**Solidarity and the Common Good** *"If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honoured, all the members rejoice with it."* 1 Corinthians 12:26	
Core texts (English)	 **Kasim and the Dragon** *Talk for Writing model text* Journey tale	 **The Story of Pirate Tom** *Talk for Writing model text* Adventure narrative	 **Why the Whales Came** *Michael Morpurgo* Historical narrative	 **The Firework-Maker's Daughter** *Philip Pullman* Quest / fantasy	 **Bill's New Frock** *Anne Fine* Narrative and play script	 **Voices in the Park** *Anthony Browne* Viewpoint: four voices

English (Talk for Writing)	**Narrative** Kasim and the Dragon – a journey tale. **Non-fiction** Diary (recount) – Egyptian link. **Poetry (Autumn term)** Figurative and performance poetry – Valerie Bloom, Hot Like Fire. **GPS:** fronted adverbials; noun phrases expanded with preposition phrases.	**Narrative** The Story of Pirate Tom – adventure. **Non-fiction** Non-chronological report (Talk for Writing 'Ogres' model). **GPS:** paragraphs organised around a theme; plural -s vs possessive 's; determiners.	**Narrative** Historical narrative – Why the Whales Came. **Non-fiction** Explanation text (science link). **Poetry (Spring term)** Grace Nichols, Hello H2O; Wes Magee, Deep in the Green Wood. **GPS:** commas after fronted adverbials; nouns and pronouns for cohesion.	**Narrative** Quest / fantasy – The Firework-Maker's Daughter. **Non-fiction** Persuasion – a brochure for a firework show. **GPS:** apostrophes for plural possession; Standard English verb forms.	**Narrative and Plays** Bill's New Frock – write an extra scene, turn it into a play script and perform it. **Non-fiction** Balanced argument. **Poetry (Summer term)** Performance poetry – Roger McGough, Sensational! **GPS:** full punctuation of direct speech.	**Narrative** Viewpoint – Voices in the Park: one event, four voices. **Non-fiction** Newspaper report. **Class read-aloud** Charlotte's Web; The Snow-Walker's Son; Perry Angel's Suitcase (across the year). **GPS:** editing and proofreading.
Maths (White Rose Maths)	**Place Value** Numbers to 10,000; Roman numerals; round to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. **Addition and Subtraction** Add and subtract up to 4-digit numbers using column methods; estimate and check.	**Area** Count squares to find area; compare areas. **Multiplication and Division A** Times tables up to 12 × 12, including 6, 7, 9, 11 and 12. **Key concept:** rapid recall of multiplication facts.	**Multiplication and Division B** Multiply 2- and 3-digit numbers by a 1-digit number; divide with remainders. **Length and Perimeter** Convert km and m; perimeter of rectangles and rectilinear shapes.	**Fractions** Equivalent fractions; mixed numbers and improper fractions; add and subtract fractions. **Decimals A** Tenths and hundredths; divide by 10 and 100.	**Decimals B** Compare, order and round decimals. **Money** Estimate and calculate with money. **Time** Convert between hours, minutes and seconds; 12- and 24-hour clocks. **MTC:** 2-week window from Monday 7 June 2027.	**Shape** Identify angles; classify triangles and quadrilaterals; lines of symmetry. **Statistics** Bar charts and time graphs. **Position and Direction** Coordinates in the first quadrant; translations.
R.E. (Discerning Disciples)	**Branch 1:** **Creation and Covenant** • Abraham – God's call • Abraham and God's covenant • Abraham and Isaac – trust in God • Abraham's covenant and faith traditions • Joseph and his brothers • Faith, hope and love in Abraham and Joseph • Prayer and the virtues of faith, hope and love	**Branch 2:** **Prophecy and Promise** • The Feast of Christ the King • The Jesse Tree – Jesus' ancestry • Elijah and John the Baptist – prophets • Elijah – faithfulness to God • John the Baptist in Matthew and Mark • Isaiah, John the Baptist and Advent	**Branch 3:** **Galilee to Jerusalem** • Jesus the Christ: Anointed One • Messiah welcomes the excluded • Signs of the Messiah • Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick • Messiah and the Nicene Creed • Serving marginalised people	**Branch 4:** **Desert to Garden** • The Lost Son: mercy • The Sheep and the Goats: service • Events of Holy Week • St Peter during Holy Week • Corporal Works of Mercy • Living the Works of Mercy	**Branch 5:** **To the Ends of the Earth** • Peter's faith, denial and forgiveness • Peter the rock – the Pope as successor • The apostles, apostolic Church and Apostles' Creed • The four marks and structure of the Church • The Church continues Jesus' mission • The communion of saints and Mary	**Branch 6:** **Dialogue and Encounter** • St Paul – conversion and mission • St Paul – faith, hope and love • Different liturgical rites within the Catholic Church • Why Catholic liturgical traditions differ • Christians working together for the common good • Islam – the Five Pillars

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Key Liturgical dates	**8th** September – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary **15th** September – Our Lady of Sorrows **1st** October – St Thérèse of Lisieux **4th** October – St Francis of Assisi **7th** October – Our Lady of the Rosary **18th** October – World Mission Sunday	**1st** November – All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation) **2nd** November – All Souls **22nd** November – Christ the King **29th** November – First Sunday of Advent **8th** December – Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) **25th** December – Christmas Day	**3rd** January – Epiphany **10th** January – Baptism of the Lord **2nd** February – Presentation of the Lord **10th** February – Ash Wednesday **11th** February – World Day of the Sick (OLOL)	**1st** March – St David **17th** March – St Patrick **19th** March – St Joseph **21st** March – Palm Sunday **25th**–27th March – Easter Triduum **28th** March – Easter Sunday	**5th** April – The Annunciation of the Lord (moved from 25th March) **23rd** April – St George **9th** May – Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation) **16th** May – Pentecost **19th** May – St Dunstan's Feast Day **31st** May – The Visitation (Mary visits Elizabeth)	**4th** June – Most Sacred Heart of Jesus **24th** June – Birth of St John the Baptist **29th** June – St Peter and St Paul (Holy Day of Obligation) **1st** July – The Precious Blood of Jesus

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RSHE (Ten Ten – Life to the Full)	*No sessions in Pathway &3 this half term.*	**Module 1: Created and Loved by God** Story sessions: Get Up! • The Sacraments • We Don't Have to be the Same • Respecting our Bodies • What is Puberty? • Changing Bodies (Year 4 only) • Male/Female Discussion Groups (optional, Year 4 only)	**Module 1 (continued)** • What Am I Feeling? • What Am I Looking At? • I Am Thankful • Life Cycles • A Time For Everything	**Module 2: Created to Love Others** Story sessions: Jesus, My Friend • Family, Friends and Others • When Things Feel Bad • Balancing Needs • Sharing Online • Chatting Online	**Module 2 (continued)** • Safe In My Body • Recognising Risk • Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco • First Aid Heroes	**Module 3: Created to Live in Community** • A Community of Love • What is the Church? • How Do I Love Others?
Science	**States of Matter** • What are the states of matter? • Can we turn a solid into a liquid? • What is the opposite of melting? • Why do puddles disappear? • Can we make rain? • Do we drink the same water dinosaurs did?	**Animals including Humans** • Can we group animals by what they eat? • Who eats what? • Why are we born without teeth? • Why doesn't the stomach eat itself? • How big is the small intestine? • Are all bacteria bad for us?	**Sound** • How are sounds made? • How does sound travel? • How do our ears work? • Big or small? • High or low? • Can you keep the noise down?	**Living Things and their Habitats** • Ways living things can be sorted • Vertebrate groups and their characteristics • Invertebrate groups and their characteristics • Classifying living things • Finding living things in their habitats • How humans have affected habitats	**Electricity** • What is electricity? • How do we produce electricity for our homes? • What are the parts of a circuit? • What are conductors and insulators? • Is electricity safe? • How has electricity changed the world?	**The History of Science** • Did science exist in prehistoric times? • How did Ancient Egyptians use science? • What was Ancient Greek science? • How did Ancient Rome use science? • What was science in the Middle Ages? • What is modern science?
Geography	**Rivers** *How do rivers, people and land affect each other?*	**Mountains** *How do mountains and people affect each other?*	**Settlements** *How are settlements similar and different?*	**Agriculture** *How are we connected to farmers?*	**Volcanoes** *How do volcanoes affect a place?*	**Climate and Biomes** *How does the climate affect the way people live?*
History	**Ancient Egypt** *In what ways did ancient Egypt change?*	**Cradles of Civilisation** *How similar and how different were Ancient Egypt and Ancient Sumer?*	**Indus Valley Civilisation** *How do we know about the Indus Valley civilisation?*	**Persia and Greece** *What did Greek city-states have in common?*	**Ancient Greece** *What can historians learn from the sources from Ancient Greece?*	**Alexander the Great** *How did Alexander the Great conquer so much land?*
P.E.		**Basketball** Dance	**Football**	**Invasion Games**	**Tennis**	**Athletics**
Computing (Junior Jam iMedia, Level 2)	**iCommunicate – iIntelligence** Understand how artificial intelligence is used in real-world contexts.	**iProgram – Advanced iFunction** Write code to a brief; code using variables.	**iSecure – iSocial** Staying safe online; use more advanced functions of Word and know when to use them.	**iCreate – iEdit** Understand different digital formats; create a digital comic book.	**iJam – iDance** Sub-genres of dance music; create songs to a set tempo (BPM).	**iTech – iCSI: Cold Case** Whole-KS2 course (2026/27): using technology to help solve crimes.
Art	**Cave Paintings** Natural materials.		**Birmingham Graffiti** Street art.		**Images and Video** Amazon rainforest.	
DT		**Design and Make** Torches.		**Recycled Materials** Egyptian artefacts.		**Food** Greek salad.
Music (Junior Jam)	**A new Junior Jam course each half term (one-hour weekly lessons), including the Year 4 core courses:** **Singing Level 2 –** Vocal placement: harmony and part-singing **Songwriting with Glockenspiels Level 2 –** Music and the moving image **Music Theory Level 2 (keyboards) –** Understanding musical language **Singing and hymn practice** throughout the year					

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Other key dates	**21st** September – International Day of Peace October – Black History Month **10th** October – World Mental Health Day **9th**–13th November – Anti-Bullying Week **11th** November – Remembrance Day **3rd** December – International Day of Persons with Disabilities **10th** December – Human Rights Day		**27th** January – Holocaust Memorial Day **1st**–7th February – Children's Mental Health Week **9th** February – Safer Internet Day **20th** February – World Day of Social Justice **4th** March – World Book Day **5th** March – Women's World Day of Prayer **8th** March – International Women's Day **21st** March – World Down Syndrome Day **22nd** March – World Water Day		**22nd** April – Earth Day **10th**–16th May – Mental Health Awareness Week **From 7th June – Multiplication tables check (2-week window)** **14th**–20th June – Refugee Week **20th** June – World Refugee Day **18th** July – Nelson Mandela Day	