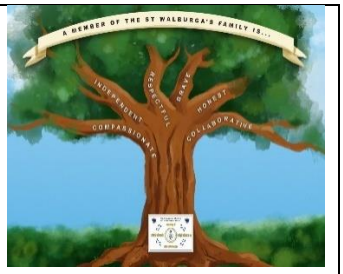
	As St. Walburga's school family we walk in the footsteps of Jesus by … • welcoming all • learning to be the best we can • joining together in prayer • serving God and one another	

RE Intent

'I can do all things through him who strengthens me.' **Philippians**

"A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of." **Nelson Mandela**

The intention of Religious Education at St. Walburga's is to gradually but firmly establish a love of the Catholic faith and to know that God loves us all. St. Walburga's is a learning community, rooted in Gospel values. We believe that our children's parents are the primary teachers of the faith and that we will support this role within school. We recognise and value every individual as special and unique, made in the image and likeness of God. Our children recognise that Jesus is at the heart of all we do; therefore RE permeates through every subject and undertaking in our school.

The Religious Education curriculum at St. Walburga's inspires, engages, challenges and encourages pupils, equipping them with knowledge and skills to ask and answer thought-provoking and stimulating questions about faith and how to live our lives. Our RE curriculum leads our children to aspire not to have more but to be more.

We are delivering the curriculum by following the Portsmouth Diocese RE scheme of work as the basis for our learning. However, innovation and development of the themes is undertaken by each year group to deliver effective and inspiring learning rooted in our school values.

Our children have a strong sense of responsibility as a result of their understanding of scripture and its application and relevancy to the world today. They know God made the world and are able to access the stories of the Bible and use them as learning tools for their own lives. They understand that God sent His son, Jesus to save the world and that we are his disciples so it is their job to continue the faith. In addition, our children are exposed to Catholic Social Teaching and partake in practical solutions to help solve and support real-life problems. Our children consider their responsibility to themselves and to others and explore how they might contribute to their communities and wider society. This encourages empathy, respect, honesty, generosity and compassion. Our children recognise the values and attitudes necessary for citizenship in a diverse world. Our children strive to undertake service around school, through Ambassador roles, School Council and Chaplaincy Team, recognising their role in serving others like Jesus did and achieving a sense of fulfilment in doing so.

The RE curriculum is enhanced through daily religious experiences: teacher-led and child-led worship, daily prayers in class and the prayer calendar. Enhancing these experiences further are our regular masses and liturgies in school and the Church, St Walburga's Feast Day, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as the child-led services of Advent and Lent. Our close link with the parish provides enriching experiences within the school and the Church so that our children are confident to engage in the community and take on ministry. Our school prayer book and prayer bags encourage our children to undertake personal and spontaneous prayer throughout the school day and at home, building a close and individual bond with God. Our children learn about other world faiths and understand the importance of respecting each other's beliefs and traditions, as well as looking at the similarities that unite us.

When our children leave at the end of Year 6, they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to provide well-informed answers to questions about their faith/Catholic faith. They have an empathy and understanding of their responsibilities to their communities and are ready to continue their journey to becoming well-rounded adults who will continue to grow in faith.