

Personal Biography

My name is Wendy Denys and I have been teaching for 29 years. I have been an RE Subject Leader for two years and responsible for: Catholic Life and Mission and Religious Education. Stephanie Monerawela is responsible for Collective Worship.

I have a real passion for helping children to develop the ability to think critically, spiritually, ethically and theologically to make informed choices in this ever-changing society. Furthermore, I think it is essential within Catholic education to foster feelings of awe, wonder and mystery. I endeavour do this through lessons that are creative, engaging, challenging and wherever possible in the context of our wonderful location in Central London.

At the heart of St. Anne's Catholic School is Jesus Christ and as a community of faith, I believe that it is essential that religious education nurtures our children in their Catholic faith and how they can live it out, by following Catholic Social Teaching, showing love, service and integrity in their daily lives.

St. Anne's Primary School Religious Education Curriculum

Intent – What we are Teaching in Religious Education

At St. Anne's School we work very closely with our parents and parish to support us with ensuring that Religious Education develops the whole child – spiritually, morally, intellectually and socially-through the encounter with the teachings of the Catholic Church, critical and respectful dialogue and the mission of Jesus Christ.

Religious Education is central to the curriculum and shapes the school's ethos, values, and approach to learning. Our school motto is "Let the Light of Christ" shine in our school. It reminds everyone that all our actions every day, should reflect the Gospel values and teachings of the Catholic Church.

As a core subject, Religious Education supports academic excellence. It is taught with the same rigour as English and Maths- promoting critical thinking, analysis, evaluation and the ability to ask meaningful questions.

As our children journey through the school, our mission is to ensure they explore and learn to share God's message of love with both those at St Anne's and within the wider community. They become equipped to engage in moral issues, social justice, and the common good, helping them become responsible, compassionate members of society. They understand the demands of religious commitment in everyday life by putting their faith into action. (Catholic Social Teaching)

Implementation – how we Teach in Religious Education

We follow the "Come and See" Religious Education Programme which develops their knowledge, skills and understanding of the Catholic faith. It has been reviewed and adapted in light of the new Religious Educational Directory. Although we are currently introducing a new

scheme of work called Lighting the Path using a staggered approach: Autumn – Year 1, Spring – Reception and Year 2 and Summer – KS 2.

Each topic will pose a basic question about the mystery of life and the children explore it through lessons taught through the St. Anne's Way and enriched with visits and visitors to develop their cultural capital.

Catholic Social Teaching is delivered both through the Curriculum, the Liturgy Challenges and everyday activities. Children are encouraged to consider how they can care for our world and those we share it with, recognising it is "Our Common Home" and need to protect it for the future.

Children learn the importance of prayer and the sacraments as they develop their spiritual relationship with God.

All children at St Anne's regardless of ability are taught at an appropriate level through scripture, story, drama, art, music and dance to achieve the best of their ability.

Intended Impact – What the Children Learn

By the end of Key Stage 2, children have grown in knowledge, faith and character. They are able to reflect spiritually and think ethically and theologically. At St. Anne's, Religious Education supports our children to live out Gospel values each day, respect others, engage with big questions, and make a positive difference in the world.