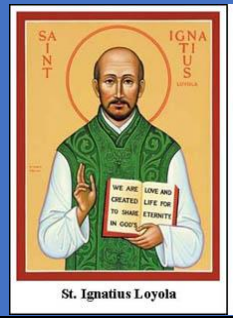




Ad Majorem
Dei Gloriam

To the Greater
Glory of God

R.E. News At Loyola



Whitsun
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2025

Peace be with you as we begin this beautiful summer term under God's care. As the days grow longer and nature blooms, we are reminded of God's love and the growth He nurtures in each of us. This term offers not only opportunity for academic progress but also for spiritual renewal, community celebrations, and gratitude. For some, we are coming to the end of their primary school journey and although they will be moving on, we won't forget them and as we say, "Once a Loyola boy, always a Loyola boy!" Let us make many memories and be thankful to God for all we have. Mrs Anthony



Continuing with The Jubilee Year, as a school community, we will be following our pledge to review our mission statement and core values. We are excited that we will be working with the boys, staff, parents and governors to review our current policy and practice. We will, of course, keep you posted!

Religious Life & Family Engagement

This term, we encourage families to reflect on Pentecost and forgiveness. At home, you might:

- Pray together with your child. (you could use traditional prayers from our prayer booklet or you could make some up yourself)
- Have a discussion about forgiveness — what it means, and how we can show it in our daily lives.
- Attend parish Mass together



The sun was shining and we had great fun making sure our steps counted and helped to raise money for CAFOD.

THE BIG LENT WALK

Boys in PP2 raised extra money for CAFOD by doing jobs at home! They then discussed what they would want CAFOD to spend the money on and one idea was chickens as they can produce food!



We raised £130 with our walk and as Harry said, "We were encouraged to keep walking even if we were tired because we knew it was for a good cause."



<p>The focus in Religious Education this term is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam.</p>	<p><i>“The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of love, fills us with love, makes us feel loved, and teaches us how to love. He is the “motor” of our spiritual lives.” Pope Francis</i></p>
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EYFS Kindergarten & Reception	To the ends of the earth: The Holy Spirit & Pentecost, We are God’s Children Dialogue & Encounter: Friends of Jesus, Sharing Our Faith, Seeing Jesus through many lives	
KS1 Pre Prep 1 & 2	To the ends of the earth: The Ascension, Pentecost, The Holy Spirit Dialogue & Encounter: The Good Samaritan, Fratelli Tutti, Neighbours	
KS2	<i>Pentecost, Reconciliation, Universal Church</i>	<i>Islam</i>
Prep	Energy Choices Special places	Where do Muslims worship and what would you see inside their place of worship?
Elements	New Life Building Bridges God’s People	Why is the Qur’an so important for Muslims? How does it guide them?
Figures	Transformation Freedom & Responsibility Stewardship	Show an understanding of Muslim beliefs and festivals with a focus on Ramadan and pilgrimage.
Rudiments	Witnesses Healing Common Good	What are the 5 pillars of Islam? Why are these important for Muslims?

Please take the time to look on Planbook to see how you can support your son with his faith journey. Loyola is transitioning to use the new Religious Education Directory (RED) and Prayer & Liturgy Directory in September 2025.

<p>Class Masses or services are on a Wednesday at 10.30am. We celebrate Mass in the school hall and all are welcome.</p>					
23 rd April	St George (23 rd April)	Elements	11 th June	Pentecost (8 th June)	Els
30 th April	St Joseph, the worker (1 st May)	Prep	18 th June	Curious and Active (Jesuit values)	PP2
7 th May	Respect and Tolerance (British Values)	PP1	25 th June	First Holy Communion	Prep
14 th May	Mary, Mother of God	Reception	2 nd July	No Mass	
21 st May	Ascension of Our Lord (29 th May)	Figures	3 rd July	Retirement Mass at St Thomas of Canterbury	KS2
Half term			9 th July	Leavers Mass	Rudiments

Heavenly Father, Thank you for the gift of this new term, for the warmth of the sun and the beauty of creation. Bless our school community with peace, love, and kindness. Help us to grow in faith, serve one another, and shine Your light. Amen.



As May is the month of Our Lady, we will say the Rosary each day in class but also on Tuesday lunchtimes at the statue of Our Lady. We will invite boys to plant flowers so that this area is a special place for anyone to be. Here, you can speak or pray to Mary at any time.

