



Visits to places of Worship

Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words
'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).

Mission Statement

St Mary's school serves our community by providing the highest quality of education and experiences so everyone can achieve their full potential. Faith is at the heart of our life together which celebrates our diversity. Christian values unite and guide our relationships based on respect, responsibility and forgiveness.

2021-2022

Class	Term / Date	Place of Worship	Focus of visit
All	All year	St Mary's Church	Worship – at least once every half-term
All	Autumn 1	St Mary's Church	RE / PSHCE / Music - Prayer Day
Year 2	Ongoing throughout the year	St Mary's Church grounds and Therapeutic Garden	PSHCE - supporting the local community by developing the therapeutic garden Science – habitats and gardening
All	Autumn	Teddy Bears Picnic	Literacy – storytelling in the therapeutic garden
Year 5 Year 6	Autumn	Visit from Marion – St Mary's Church	RE- Faith and Worship unit
Year 1 Year 2	Autumn	St Paul's Cathedral	History - Great Fire of London
Nur	Autumn	St Mary's Church	Understanding the World – learning about our local area and local community Maths – looking for shapes and colours in the church Communication and Language – planning for and recounting a trip, talking about our favourite books Personal, Social and Emotional – staying safe and taking responsibility Physical Development – walking to and from the library, staying safe
Year 1 Year 2	Autumn 2	St Mary's Church	RE – 'Who is the Saint of our school'
Year 5 Year 6	Spring 1	Special Visitor	RE- Zoom meeting with Khalsa Sikh
Year 5 Year 6	Spring 1	St Mary's Church	History – local area walk with Father Steve

Year 1 Year 2	Spring 1	Special Visitor (Parent- MD)	RE - 'How and why do Muslims uphold their Faith by giving commitment to Allah?
Year 3 Year 4	Spring 1	Hindu Temple Sivan Temple	RE – Hinduism
All	Spring 2	St Mary's Church	RE – Easter journey, where each class will represent one of the events of Holy week using a range of media. The journey will then be shared with the whole school and wider community.
Rec	Spring 2	St Mary's Church	Maths – shape hunt
Year 3 Year 4	Summer 1	Catford Synagogue	RE – Judaism
Year 6	Summer 2	Southwark Cathedral	Leaver's service
Year 5 Year 6	Summer 2	Woolwich or Dulwich Gurdwara	RE - Sikhism
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Year 1 Year 2	Autumn 2	St Mary's Church	RE – 'Nativity Talk'
Year 5 Year 6	Spring 1	St Mary's School-	History/RE – Former St Mary's student visit

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In previous years, we have also engaged in a flower festival at St Mary's Church, contributing to the theme of weddings from different faiths. Every child designed and made their own flower arrangement, which was displayed in the Church for the local community to enjoy. Classes have also taken part in Historical workshops in and around St Mary's Church, for example following a Gravestone trail.

Quotes from pupils:

- "I went to the library in my own time to read books about Hindu and Muslim people and how they celebrate festivals like Holi."
- "When we went to the Mosque I found out about that my friend from class believes different things about Jesus to me."
- "We had a visitor who told us the story of Siddhartha; we got to question him and I enjoyed learning about how to be holy and calm."