

St John's Catholic Primary School,  
Bridgnorth



*Let Your Light Shine*

Annual Plan of Provision

(APOP)

2025 - 2026

## Part 1: Strategic Overview of Prayer and Liturgical Life

Prayer and liturgy are central to the Catholic life of St John's. This Annual Plan of Provision sets out how the school community will experience the liturgical year, celebrate major feasts and sacraments, and provide opportunities for daily and weekly prayer. It also outlines responsibilities, resources, formation, and monitoring to ensure that prayer and liturgy remain at the heart of our mission.

Term	Liturgical Season	Key Feasts / Sacraments	School Provision	Lead
Autumn 1	Ordinary Time	New Year Mass	Whole-school Mass	Headteacher/ Parish Priest/SLT/RE Lead/Class Teachers
Autumn 2	Ordinary Time → Advent	All Saints, Christ the King	Mass, class prayer focus	Headteacher/ Parish Priest/SLT/RE Lead/Class Teachers
Spring 1	Christmas → Ordinary Time	Epiphany	Mass, assemblies	Headteacher/ Parish Priest/SLT/RE Lead/Class Teachers
Spring 2	Lent	Ash Wednesday, Reconciliation	Mass, Stations of the Cross	Head / Deputy
Summer 1	Eastertide	Pentecost	Mass, May Procession	Headteacher/ Parish Priest/SLT/RE Lead/Class Teachers/Faith Council
Summer 2	Ordinary Time	Corpus Christi, Leavers' Mass	Mass, Year 6 liturgy	Headteacher

### Masses and Key Liturgical Celebrations

Date	Celebration	Liturgical Season	Location	Lead / Responsibility	Notes
Thurs 11 Sept 2025	New School Year Mass	Ordinary Time	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Beginning of year blessing
Wed 15 Oct 2025	Harvest Mass	Ordinary Time	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Linked to CAFOD Harvest Fast Day
Thurs 6 Nov 2025	All Saints Mass	Feast Day	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Holyday of Obligation
Throughout December	Advent Stay and Prayer	Advent	School	RE Lead/Class Teachers	Advent preparation
Thurs 11 Dec 2025	Advent Mass	Advent	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Advent preparation
WC 1 & 8 Dec 2025	Nativity Plays	Advent	School Hall	EYFS/KS1	Families invited
WC 15 Dec 2025	KS2 Carol Concerts	Advent	School Hall	KS2	Whole school & parents
Thurs 8 Jan 2026	Epiphany Mass	Christmas Season	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Holyday of Obligation
Wed 25 Feb 2026	Ash Wednesday Mass	Lent	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Whole school
Lent 2026	Stations of the Cross	Lent	School	Headteacher Deputy Headteacher	Reflective liturgy

Holy Week (Spring Term)	Easter Journey	Lent / Triduum	School	RE Lead	Interactive reflection
Mon 18 May 2026	May Procession	Eastertide	School	RE Lead/Faith Council	Rosary focus
Thurs 4 June 2026	Pentecost Mass	Eastertide	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Celebrating the Holy Spirit
WC 22 June 2026	Corpus Christi Mass	Ordinary Time	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest	Celebration of FHC
Thurs 16 July 2026	Leavers' Mass	Ordinary Time	School Hall	Headteacher Parish Priest Year 6	Blessing and send-off

### Sacramental Opportunities

- **First Holy Communion Preparation:** Pupils preparing for First Holy Communion will be supported in school through prayer opportunities and class-based liturgies, including making their first confession.

### **Class Attendance at Parish Mass (St John's Church) 2025–2026**

Weekly Masses are celebrated at St John's Church on Mondays. Each class attends on a rota basis, with some Masses shared between two classes to encourage peer support and wider participation. Pupils take active roles through readings, prayers, music, and offertory, appropriate to their age and formation.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class(es) Attending</b>	<b>Liturgical Season</b>
Mon 15 Sept 2025	Year 6	Ordinary Time
Mon 22 Sept 2025	Year 5	Ordinary Time
Mon 29 Sept 2025	Year 4	Ordinary Time
Mon 6 Oct 2025	Year 3	Ordinary Time
Mon 13 Oct 2025	Year 2	Ordinary Time
Mon 20 Oct 2025	Year 1	Ordinary Time
<b>Half Term</b>	—	—
Mon 3 Nov 2025	Year 6 & Year 1	Ordinary Time
Mon 10 Nov 2025	Year 5	Ordinary Time
Mon 17 Nov 2025	Year 4	Ordinary Time
Mon 24 Nov 2025	Year 3	Ordinary Time
Mon 1 Dec 2025	Year 2	Advent
Mon 8 Dec 2025	Reception	Advent
<b>Christmas Break</b>	—	—
Mon 12 Jan 2026	Year 6 & Year 1	Christmas Season
Mon 19 Jan 2026	Year 5 & Reception	Ordinary Time
Mon 26 Jan 2026	Year 4	Ordinary Time
Mon 2 Feb 2026	Year 3	Ordinary Time
Mon 9 Feb 2026	Year 2	Ordinary Time
<b>Half Term</b>	—	—
Mon 23 Feb 2026	Year 6 & Year 1	Lent
Mon 2 Mar 2026	Year 5 & Year 2	Lent
Mon 9 Mar 2026	Year 4	Lent
Mon 16 Mar 2026	Year 3	Lent
<b>Easter Break</b>	—	—
Mon 6 Apr 2026	Reception	Eastertide
Mon 13 Apr 2026	Year 5	Eastertide
Mon 20 Apr 2026	Year 4	Eastertide
Mon 27 Apr 2026	Year 3	Eastertide
Mon 18 May 2026	Year 2	Eastertide
<b>Half Term</b>	—	—
Mon 1 Jun 2026	Year 6	Ordinary Time
Mon 8 Jun 2026	Year 1	Ordinary Time

Mon 15 Jun 2026	Year 2	Ordinary Time
Mon 22 Jun 2026	Year 3	Ordinary Time
Mon 29 Jun 2026	Year 4	Ordinary Time
Mon 6 Jul 2026	Year 5 & Reception	Ordinary Time

### Family Mass Schedule 2025–2026

Date	Liturgical Season / Notes	Location	Lead
Sunday 5th October 2025	Ordinary Time	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 9th November 2025	Ordinary Time	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 7th December 2025	Advent (2nd Sunday)	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 11th January 2026	Christmas Season	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 1st February 2026	Ordinary Time	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 1st March 2026	Lent (2nd Sunday)	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 29th March 2026	Palm Sunday	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 3rd May 2026	Eastertide	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 7th June 2026	Ordinary Time	St John's Church	RE Lead
Sunday 5th July 2026	Ordinary Time	St John's Church	RE Lead

### Class Assembly Schedule with links to Catholic Social Teaching

Date	Class	CST Principle	Saint Focus	Activist / Book	Assembly Theme
TBD	Reception	Preferential Option for the Poor	St Mother Teresa of Calcutta	<i>The Little Red Hen</i>	"Helping others shows love — we put those in need first."
TBD	Year 1	Stewardship	St Francis of Assisi	David Attenborough / <i>The Snail and the Whale</i>	"Caring for God's creation — even small actions make a big difference."
TBD	Year 2	Human Dignity	St Bernadette Soubirous	Rosa Parks / <i>Elmer</i>	"Everyone is special and deserves respect — we all belong."
TBD	Year 3	Solidarity	St Óscar Romero	Malala Yousafzai / <i>Paddington Bear</i>	"We stand together as one global family — education, safety, and welcome for all."
TBD	Year 4	Subsidiarity	St Katharine Drexel	Greta Thunberg	"Everyone has a voice — even children can lead change."
TBD	Year 5	Distributive Justice	St Kateri Tekakwitha	Marcus Rashford	"Everyone deserves a fair share — of food, care, and opportunity."
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6	Participation	St Josephine Bakhita	Martin Luther King Jr.	"We build peace and justice when everyone has a voice."

## Part 2: Daily and Weekly Prayer Provision

Daily prayer takes place in every classroom and is adapted to age and ability. EYFS and KS1 pupils use simple sung responses, short prayers, and visual focus points, while KS2 pupils increasingly take responsibility for leading prayer, reading Scripture, and writing intercessions.

- **Morning Prayer:** Said in every class to begin the day.
- **Angelus Before Meals:** Shared in classrooms before lunch.
- **After Meals:** Shared in classrooms after lunch.
- **End of Day Prayer:** Reflective prayer or examen to conclude the school day.

Weekly provision includes:

- **Monday:** Whole-school Gospel assembly led by SLT.
- **Tuesday:** Hymn practice with theological formation/Open the Book.
- **Wednesday:** Class Prayer and Liturgy using *The Wednesday Word*.
- **Thursday:** Whole-school assembly (Mass or liturgy where scheduled).
- **Friday:** Celebration Assembly with prayer and thanksgiving.

## Part 3: Formation of Pupils and Staff

Pupil involvement in prayer and liturgy grows progressively. EYFS and KS1 pupils set up prayer spaces and lead responses. Lower KS2 pupils begin reading simple prayers and setting intentions. Upper KS2 pupils lead bidding prayers, prepare music, set up sacred spaces, and help to plan and deliver class liturgies. The Faith Council support this work across school.

Phase	Pupil Role in Prayer & Liturgy
EYFS	Join responses, explore prayer space
KS1	Set up prayer table, lead short prayers
Lower KS2	Read Scripture, write simple intentions
Upper KS2	Plan and lead liturgy, prepare music
Faith Council	Support whole-school liturgy

Staff are inducted into prayer and liturgy expectations when they join the school and receive ongoing professional development. CPD opportunities are provided in partnership with the diocese. Staff and governors are also given opportunities for shared prayer and liturgy throughout the year.

## Part 4: Resources and Environment

Every classroom has a prayer table with cloths, candles, symbols, and artefacts reflecting the liturgical season. The school also has communal sacred spaces in corridors and the hall. Central resources include the Roman Missal, Lectionary, altar, ambo, vestments, sacred vessels, hymnals, and liturgy boxes in each class. Music is chosen in line with the Prayer and Liturgy Directory, prioritising liturgical texts such as the Gospel Acclamation, Eucharistic Acclamations, and settings familiar to the parish.

## Part 5: Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting

The Prayer and Liturgy Coordinator regularly monitor provision through observation, feedback, and review of pupil involvement. Evaluations take place termly and include the perspectives of pupils, parents, staff, clergy, and governors. Outcomes from monitoring are used to shape future provision and are reported annually to governors.

Term	Activity	Who	Evidence
Termly	Liturgy observation	RE Lead	Observation notes
Termly	Pupil voice	RE Lead	Questionnaires

Annually	Staff feedback	SLT	CPD review
Annually	Parent feedback	RE Lead	Survey
Ongoing	Parish feedback	Headteacher	Meeting notes

The Annual Plan of Provision is a working document. As events take place, notes will be added to record evaluation, pupil voice, and areas for development. This ensures that prayer and liturgy at St John's remain dynamic, meaningful, and central to the Catholic life of the school.