

# What does being a Catholic school mean to us?

## MAPLE

- We love one another like God loves us.
- We all follow Jesus and try to be like him.
- We are Jesus' people and he loves us.
- We always spread the Word.
- We have a church named after us.
- We have a day to celebrate our saint.
- Looking after the community and the environment.
- We raise money for charities.
- We have harvest time.
- We do RE twice a week because we have a stronger religion.
- We give food to homeless people.
- We respect other people's beliefs.
- We give to charities like HITs and do the shoe box appeal.
- We are respectful to one another.
- Some schools barely do RE but we do it twice a week.
- We have a stronger relationship with God.

## WILLOW

- We learn Christian things and all about God.
- We are nice and helpful and good at things.
- We are good.
- We are very lucky children because we can go to school.
- We think about other people who are poor and can't learn.
- We give our things to charity.
- We pray to God. We carry the Gospel and have readings.
- We sing.
- We celebrate when we have done something good.
- We carry the cross and the Good News and we have the candle.
- We have assembly.

## ELM

- We pray before lunch and home time.
- We have the cross displayed around the school. We have the bible and lots of things we have in church.
- We accept our differences and we know that everyone is different and we love one another.
- We are a more creative school.
- We try to be more like Jesus.
- We have different assemblies.
- We see lots of RE around the room in our classes.
- Visitors will know because they will see us acting like Jesus in how we behave towards each other.
- We accept differences.
- We respect the Catholic religion.
- We try to do good like Jesus taught us to.
- We respect our learning and all the different lessons.
- We try and get to church whenever we can.
- We discuss things as a community.
- We don't throw the bible around and make fun of it.
- We try to be friends even if we are in different year groups.
- We respect Jesus.
- We respect peoples beliefs and views of things.
- Anyone is welcome no matter what religion.
- We respect the opinions of others.
- We learn about the saints.
- We respect what other people say and do.
- We try to be good role models for younger ones to learn.
- We try to teach people more about God and Jesus.
- We don't make fun of people if they say an answer wrong.
- We try to think about what people say.
- We try to encourage people to learn more things.
- We respect people that aren't Catholic.

## ASH

- We are kind
- We care in our Catholic community
- We all have different ideas.
- I can learn with all my friends and it makes me feel comfortable. It's special to me to learn with my friends.
- We respect people in the school. We respect everybody.
- Some of us don't know as much as other people.
- We help each other
- All of us are doing 'live, love, learn'.
- We help each other when we are feeling sad.
- We are caring.
- We are caring to God and Joseph.
- We pray to God and Jesus.
- Jesus died on the cross for us so we can live.
- We help people to respect and know other things.
- We never give up.
- We don't snatch.
- We don't just respect people who are Catholic, we respect normal people who are not Catholic.

## BIRCH

- We do what God wants us to.
- If we don't respect God's creation, he might send another flood.
- We do prayers.
- It means a lot to me. The assemblies mean a lot to me. Now you teach me about singing, I'm really good at it now.
- We are special and happy, whatever we do.
- Jesus is our light.
- When we pray all of the beads on the Rosary, we need to pray to God.
- When Jesus died for us.
- When we do art and it's a bit tricky, we never give up.
- We pray about God.
- God always forgives us no matter what we do.
- If we do something naughty, we can go home and put our Rosary on our thumbs and pray to Jesus.
- We represent God when we pray.
- We are nice to each other.
- God loves us and we love God.
- We respect our school.
- We believe in God and Jesus.
- We always help other people.
- We do our harvest for the poor.
- God can help us if we are not making good choices. When we hurt each other we can always say sorry and God will forgive us.
- We do plenty of learning.
- It helps me learn.
- When you hurt someone it hurts their feelings.
- We need to care for other people. We don't do something bad back to people. We forgive them.

# What makes a good RE lesson?

## MAPLE

- We go really really deep into RE.
- I like using the bibles.
- We pray about other people and think about what they've been through.
- I like it when we read the Gospel because it gets stuck in our minds.
- When we use the bibles the teacher always challenges us to find the place by ourselves. We learn to use the bible.
- We don't just learn about Christianity we learn about different religions as well.
- We use the Chromebooks to find things out.
- We don't just learn about things for ages we change.
- I like it when we go deep into RE.
- I like drawing.

## WILLOW

- I like writing with the teacher.
- I like learning about church.
- We do our big book.
- Reading and drawing.
- Learning loads of stuff.
- When the whole class has fun and learns new things that we don't know yet.
- Using pictures to tell the story.
- Acting out stories.

## ELM

- Acting things out not just listening to the teachers.
- Learning about different religions.
- Hot-seating – Jesus before Judas – asking questions.
- Needs to be fun but stick to the idea.
- Listening to each other's ideas.
- Going on trips to temples and stuff.
- Doing art and drama in RE.
- Story-mapping.
- Actually finding out facts on Chromebooks and books.
- Making posters.

- When we draw pictures and write about them. When we watch videos.
- Reading more.
- Working in groups – freeze-framing and taking pictures to stick up in the classroom.
- Making Powerpoints.
- When we go to church and sing and do readings.
- Involvement of the priest on Ash Wednesday.

## ASH

- You never know what it is exactly going to be about. It's fun not knowing.
- When we learn about God.
- When we listen to each other's ideas.
- Working in partners to help each other.
- To draw pictures of things related to Christianity.
- We had pictures and made towers.
- We learn about lots of characters and important people in Christianity.
- We learn even more when we get something wrong and try again.
- We write.
- I like learning about the Lamb of God.
- When we learnt the differences between Christians and Hindus.

## BIRCH

- We listen to the teacher so we can learn more.
- Learning about Muslims and Islam.
- Having good ideas and writing it down.
- Learning about other people.
- We do plenty of learning.
- We learn about the disciples and everyone who is special.
- We need RE to make us learn better.
- I like drawing pictures.
- When it's fun.
- I like learning about different saints.
- I like RE because we learn about Jesus and it is really fun.
- Every single time we learn about God and Jesus.
- I can make it better each time.
- I like learning about something new.

## How can we improve?

### MAPLE

- We need to go to church more.
- We should buy more bibles so we can read it yourself.
- We pray in the afternoon and at lunch but we should pray in the morning as well.
- We have too much fun in RE.
- I don't like when you have to write words around a picture. I don't like drawing I would rather write.
- We do work on lots of sheets of paper, I'd rather do it straight in my book.
- We should be able to 'free read' the bible.
- We could put a big poster in our entrance about our mission statement.
- Each class could do a Big Write about what we do in RE to put up in the entrance.
- We need new RE books because most of them are wrecked.
- We need RE books like the English books so we can improve our handwriting.

### ELM

- We could do more religious art.
- We could make posters to show visitors - a display about the school RE Catholic thing.
- We could learn more about other people's beliefs. It would help us understand.
- People from classes can write things about our Catholic faith.
- More trips to do with RE to churches and different religious places.
- At the back of the hall we could have an RE display for the whole school to see. I always read what was on the wall.

- We could display pictures of different saints.
- Graffiti art about Jesus in the hall.
- We could do a play during Easter about when Jesus died.
- Whole school collaborative art.

### ASH

- Make lessons more challenging so we can learn more.
- We could make Powerpoints to remind us of things.

### BIRCH

- Do more things in RE

## What should our next Big Conversation be about?

- Science and History
- Art
- Grassy area and outdoors
- Environment
- Clubs
- Playground and playtimes
- Class Pets
- Maths
- Behaviour for Learning
- Fundraising