



Jubilee Year 2025

Bringing Hope to Others

On Friday 24 January, we joined schools across England and Wales to celebrate the start of the Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has declared 2025 a year of Jubilee, with the theme '*Pilgrims of Hope*'. This Jubilee invites children, staff, parents, and parishioners to embark on a journey of faith, rediscover the hope that comes from God alone, and look confidently toward a future filled with hope and healing. We celebrate a Jubilee every 25 years. It's a very special, holy year of forgiveness and mercy, a time to reset, to renew our relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

To mark the Jubilee launch, our children came together for '*The Big Draw*,' a reflective activity of collective worship, during which children created artwork inspired by the theme of hope. As part of this special moment, the children designed a '*Door of Hope*,' now displayed prominently at our entrance as a powerful symbol of hope. The scripture chosen for the door comes from the prophet Jeremiah:

"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord... "plans to give you HOPE and a FUTURE." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Children have posted their personal hopes for the year on this door. Each time we pass through it, we are invited to pause and quietly pray, "*I have hope for the future.*"

As part of our Jubilee Year celebrations, we are excited to mark this special year with:

- **Significant Prayer Days** highlighted in our school calendar
- **Charitable acts** within our local community
- **Inter-House competitions** that foster teamwork and unity
- **Fundraising initiatives** to support those in need

Our mission is to spread the message of **Hope** far and wide, inspiring one another to make a positive difference in our school, our community, and beyond.

Jubilee Events

- Jubilee Launch Day - 24 January 2025
- Big Lent Walk - 25 March 2025
- Pilgrimage to St George Cathedral - Summer 2025
- Jubilee Pledge Day - Summer 2025
- Jubilee Celebration Day - 21 November 2025

The Jubilee Pledge

We have made our '*Pilgrims of Hope*' pledge, and we are excited to embark on this meaningful journey of faith and hope throughout the year.

We are pilgrims of hope. We walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers worldwide, sharing challenges and celebrating joys. We promise to be agents of change, working together for justice, love and peace, locally and globally. We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

May the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer

throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

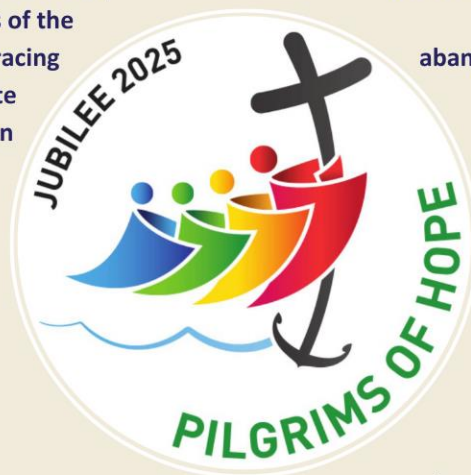
Luce - The Jubilee Mascot

The mascot for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee is Luce, an anime-style character that represents a Catholic pilgrim. The name Luce is Italian for "light". Luce represents hope and positivity, and is a symbol of the bridge between faith and the digital age. Luce is depicted wearing a yellow raincoat, boots, a missionary cross, and a pilgrim's staff. Her glowing eyes symbolise hope.



The Jubilee Logo

The figures represent humanity from the four corners of the world. They are embracing each other to illustrate the solidarity between the people, as the first holds onto the cross.



The cross of Christ is the hope that cannot ever be abandoned because we are always in need of it, especially in the most difficult moments.

The rough sea is a reminder of the difficulties of the pilgrimage of life. Often, personal events as well as those of the world, press on us more intensely, demanding a greater hope.

The Cross, in the shape of a sail, is transformed into an anchor that imposes itself over the waves in motion. A universal symbol of Hope.