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Our Live Simply Journey



In Pope Francis' letter, Laudato Si', he said, "The earth is God's gift to us; it is full of beauty and wonder and it belongs to everyone."





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Live Simply Launch with pupils
November 2023

Live simply, sustainably and in solidarity

In Holy Family, we are committed to caring
for our common home – we look after our
wonderful world and everyone who lives in
it.





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Live Simply Launch with pupils
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In November 2023, we launched our Live Simply plan with pupils in our Key Stage assemblies.

We discussed ways we can live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with our local, school and global communities.

Children and staff were excited to continue this journey together, living simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with those in need.

"We only have one Earth, so we have to take care of it. And when we help others, it's like we're all working together to make the world a better place." Farrah, Year 6

"It's important to help others because some people don't have the things we take for granted, like food or clean water. If we can make a difference, we should." Evie, Year 6





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Live Simply Pledges

Children came together to create a powerful pledge that emphasises the importance of the Common Good, Stewardship, and Solidarity.

This display reflects our commitment to caring for our environment and each other, recognising that our actions have a direct impact on the world around us.

By pledging to take meaningful action, we aim to inspire one another to live in a way that promotes social justice, protects our planet, and fosters a sense of belonging and shared responsibility. Together, we can make a difference!





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Live Simply Pledges

Pledge display in Holy Family Church.



LiveSimply Pledges

Back in November, parishioners at Masses were invited to make a LiveSimply Pledge on a leaf. Thank you – your response was amazing - around 100 pledge leaves were collected!



Lots of you pledged to undertake more than one action with many pledges to undertake a specific action (e.g. 'Buy less clothes') and others focusing on a wider area to develop personally (e.g. 'Be kind to the environment')



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Eco-Warriors

We created a group of Eco Warriors who are our school ambassadors for climate change.





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Eco-Warriors



Toy and Jumper Swap

November 2023

Live sustainably

In November 2023, we organised a toy swap where children were invited to bring in a toy from home and swap it for another.

During this time, we also hosted a Christmas jumper sale.

We were delighted to see families come along to reduce, reuse and recycle items,

Children learnt about the benefits of recycling and how items do not need to be brand new to bring us joy and we can be stewards of creation.



LIVE SIMPLY - CHRISTMAS JUMPER, WINTER COAT AND TOY SALE - 1ST DECEMBER 2023

We invite all families to join us for a pre loved Christmas Jumper, Toy, and Winter Coat Swap as part of our live sustainably initiative for Live Simply.

This is not only an opportunity to embrace the spirit of giving and sharing, but also a fantastic way to promote sustainability.

In the week beginning **Monday 27th November**, please bring any used Christmas jumpers, toys, or winter coats in good condition that your family no longer needs to give to our donation station.

Then on Friday 1st December, you are invited after school to take any item/s from our donation station. We would ask that you make a small donation to the collection for what you take. All money will be donated to Shelter, a homeless charity who urgently need help this winter. Let's come together as a community to recycle, reduce waste and help the environment, whilst helping some of the most vulnerable in our community.





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LIVE SIMPLY CHRISTMAS APPEAL

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Live Simply event earlier this month, through clothing, toy and monetary donations. The event helped towards our goal of living sustainably and in solidarity with others.

We raised £100.57, which has been donated to Shelter, to help those who are facing life on the streets this Christmas. We also had some donations left over. The leftover toys went to Claire house and winter coats went to a refugee charity. We have definitely fulfilled our holy Family Mission of 'Reaching out to All.' Thank you so much,
From Shelter:

Thank you for your kind donation of £100.57 and for supporting Shelter this winter.

It's an incredible gift - one of power and solidarity for people in the moment they need it most. Your generous gift will help ensure that we can keep fighting the devastating impact the housing emergency has on people's lives every day.

"To throw old things in the bin would be a waste when there is somebody else who can enjoy it" Eva, Year 3

"I felt really happy and really proud because I was helping the environment and other people" Phoebe, Year 5



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Food Bank *Live* in solidarity

In December 2023, we engaged with our local communities Food Bank Scheme during our Advent fundraiser.

We wanted children to understand why we were raising money for our Local Food Bank and how it links to our Mission Statement
- 'Reach Out to All'



Families and staff were generous in their donations and the Foodbank took away 20+ crates away on the last day of term!



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Food Bank December 2023 *Live* in solidarity

We wanted children to understand why we are raising money for the **Local Food Bank** and how it connects to our Mission Statement: '**Reaching Out to All.**'

Donating to the food bank is a practical way to help families in need, ensuring that everyone has access to food, a basic human right. This action reflects **Catholic Social Teaching**, especially the idea of the **common good**, which calls us to care for others and build a just community.

By supporting the food bank, we live out Jesus' teachings to love our neighbours and stand in solidarity with the vulnerable. It shows that our mission is more than words—it's something we practice every day.

"I am going to make sure I do it ever year."

"I felt happy because we were helping people who don't have enough food."



"We learned that everyone deserves food, and we can help make that happen."

"It made me proud because we are doing what Jesus asked us to do—love and help others." "



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World Day of Peace

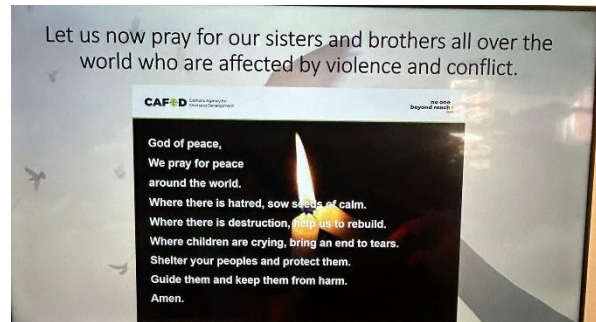
January 2024

Live in solidarity

On our return to school in January, we celebrated World Day of Peace with a special focus on communities and countries currently affected by war and conflict around the world.

Through prayer and reflection, we came together as a school to remember those suffering from violence, and we expressed our hopes for peace and reconciliation.

This day allowed us to deepen our understanding of global issues and reinforced our commitment to being peacemakers in our own lives, promoting understanding, compassion, and unity both within our school community and beyond.





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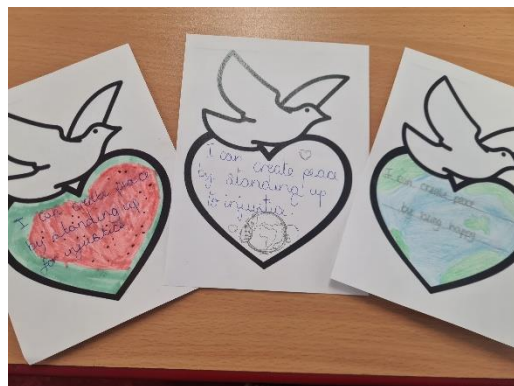
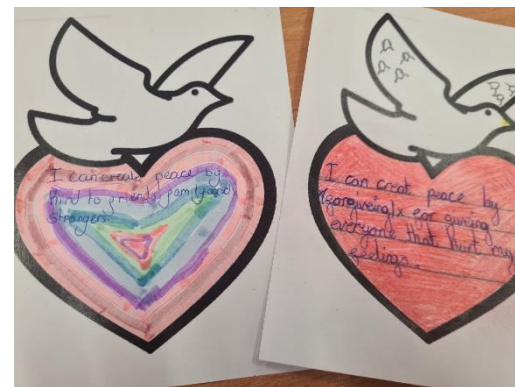


World Day of Peace

January 2024

Live in solidarity

After the Collective Worship, all pupils made a peace promise.



Earth Day

To celebrate **World Earth Day** on April 21st, we held a special assembly to raise awareness about caring for our planet, our **common home**. Using resources from CAFOD, we talked about the importance of protecting the environment and how small actions can make a big difference.



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Earth Day Live in

Children created beautiful and thoughtful posters that showed ways we can look after the earth. From recycling and reducing waste to saving energy and planting trees, the posters reflected the children's understanding of how we can all contribute to making the world a better, greener place for everyone. We took these posters home to share the important message with our families.





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CAFOD World Gifts

Live in solidarity

We recently welcomed a **CAFOD visitor** to our school to share more about the incredible work they do to support communities around the world.

The children learned about the importance of **practical gifts**, such as clean water, farming tools, and education, which make a real difference to families in need.

They also heard about **Catholic Social Teaching principles**, which encourage us to live in solidarity with others and promote justice and fairness for all.





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CAFOD

This week we had visitors from CAFOD to speak to all the children all about World Gifts highlighting to the children the importance of their fundraising and charity work and how this helps children and families across the world less fortunate than ourselves.



CAFOD World Gifts Live in solidarity





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CAFOD World Gifts

Live in solidarity

To support CAFOD's work, we hosted a *coffee morning* where parents were invited to join us. At the event, we raised money for CAFOD World Gifts.

We also sold produce grown in our *Well-being Garden*, further supporting our mission to live sustainably and in solidarity with our global family.





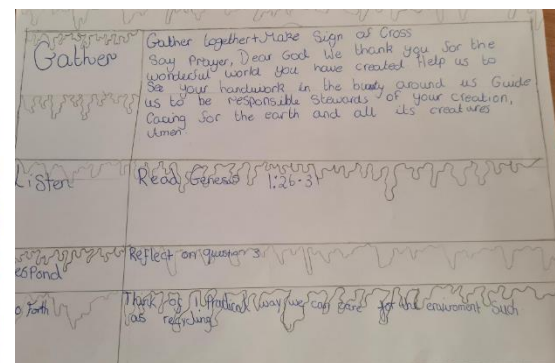
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Collective Worship Live simply

We were excited to incorporate our Well-being Garden into our class collective worship sessions, Each class had a designated time to engage with nature while participating in these worships.

The children took an active role in leading the collective worship, writing their own prayers, and reflecting on the beauty of God's creation.





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Collective Worship Live simply

This initiative aimed to deepen their understanding of the significance of connecting with the environment, expressing gratitude for the world around them, and recognising their responsibility as stewards of creation. Through these meaningful experiences, we hoped to inspire a sense of wonder and a commitment to caring for the planet, fostering a nurturing relationship with both God and nature.





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Fairtrade Fortnight

We engaged in Fair Trade Fortnight with enthusiasm, starting with an assembly designed to raise awareness among our pupils. Our goal was to help the children understand why these principles matter and how they directly relate to our school's value of justice. Through these activities, we aimed to foster a deeper appreciation for fair trade practices and encourage our students to consider their role in promoting equity in the world around them.



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Fairtrade Fortnight

Following the assembly, we utilized CAFOD's resources in the classroom to facilitate further discussions on the importance of fairness and equality for all.

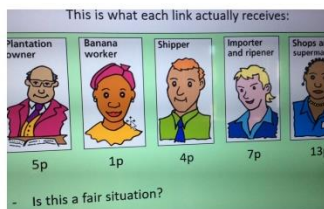
"I didn't know that some chocolate was made in unfair ways." *Oliver, Year 3*



"It makes me want to buy Fair Trade stuff to help the farmers." *Meadow, Year 3*



"I learnt all about the banana trade." *Harry, Year 3*





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Big School Clean Up

We liaised with Knowsley Council to collect rubbish in the local area to improve our local community. Inspired by Laudato Si' to be stewards of creation, Year 6 pupils took part, demonstrating their commitment to caring for the environment.

Children understood that small acts make a big difference to all in the community.

"We can't just expect other people to do it, we have to take action."



"A cleaner, nice place to live makes people feel prouder of where they live."



"One little thing can build up to big things and make a change."



"People have got to realise they are harming the environment."



"Lots of people saw us. Maybe we will inspire them to do the same."





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Big School Clean Up

After the activity, they discussed their experience and findings with younger children, sharing the types of litter they found and explaining the impact of waste on local wildlife and ecosystems. They emphasised the importance of keeping our surroundings clean and respecting the planet. As a result of these discussions, they proposed next steps, such as setting up regular litter-picking sessions and encouraging the whole school to reduce waste.



This initiative not only fostered a sense of environmental stewardship but also empowered younger students to take responsibility for their community, reinforcing the values of teamwork, respect, and sustainability.