

St Elizabeth's Catholic Voluntary Academy

"To provide a high-quality Christian education for all children, enabling them to achieve their full potential in a safe and caring environment."

Called

Our Big Question

What does it mean to be called and chosen?



Key Knowledge

- God **calls** people in different ways.
- When God chooses people, he looks inside their heart.
- God blesses those he has chosen.
- Through the **Sacraments**, the **Holy Spirit** helps us to grow closer to God in love and guide us in our lives.
- Through Baptism we become a new creation are invited to share in the life of God.
- **Confirmation** strengthens our relationship with God and the Church.
- It is usually celebrated by a **bishop**. He wears a **mitre** and carries a **crozier**, a symbol of caring for all the people like a shepherd cares for their flock.
- The candidate renews their baptismal promises.
- The bishop extends his hands over the candidate to call down the **Holy Spirit**. This is the 'laying on of hands'.
- The candidate is **anointed** with the oil of **Chrism** as a sign of being called and marked for God's service. The **bishop** says, "Be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit."
- A Saint's name is chosen as someone who they can look up to. Saints are an example of witness in their lives.
- The **Holy Spirit** can help us in making the right choices. It fills Christians with the love of God and provides strength to be followers of God.
- Sean Devereux lost his life helping others as a Christian **witness** to his faith.



Key Vocabulary and Definitions

anointing	Make holy by applying oil.
bishop	A bishop is in charge of a diocese and is a successor of the Apostles so has power to confirm people. Our Bishop is Bishop Patrick.
called	To feel drawn to live a particular way of life.
catechist	Someone who teaches you and prepares you for the Sacraments.
Chrism	A special oil used as a symbol of being marked out for service as a Christian.
Confirmation	One of the 7 Sacraments. It is the meeting point with God that makes you strong through the Holy Spirit.
crozier	A staff shaped like a shepherd's crook, carried by a bishop as a symbol of caring for his people like a flock.
Holy Spirit	The Holy Spirit is God. It works through people and is often described like a mighty fire or like a dove.
mitre	The tall hat worn by Bishops.
Sacrament	Church celebrations that are personal meeting points with God. A sacrament is God saying "I am with you and I love you."
sponsor	A believing, confirmed Catholic who supports the candidate to become a convinced and convincing Christian.
witness	Someone who 'lives out' their faith.

Key Skills



- I can **make some links** between Scripture and the call to holiness. AT1 (i)
- I can **give reasons** for the actions and symbols used at Confirmation e.g. Crozier, Chrism etc. AT1 (ii)
- I can **give some reasons** for why Christians respond to God's call. AT1 (iii)
- I can **begin to make some links** to show how feelings and beliefs can affect the response I and others might make to being chosen. AT2 (i)
- I can **compare** some of my own and others' ideas about questions linked to the call of God. AT2 (ii)
- I can **express a point of view and give a reason** for it. AT3



Scripture

- 1 Samuel 2: 11, 3: 3-10, 19 (The call of Samuel)
- 1 Samuel 16: 4-13 (David is chosen)
- 1 Corinthians 12: 31; 12: 1-8 (Love is...)
- Mark 1: 14-20 (The call of the Apostles)
- 1 John 1: 5-7 (Light and Darkness)
- John 14: 15-17, 26 (Spirit of Truth)
- Romans 8: 26 (How the Spirit helps us in our lives)
- Acts 1: 8 (How the Spirit helps us in our lives)
- Acts 2 (The Story of Pentecost)



Other Sources

Hymns

Do Not Be Afraid
Come Holy Spirit (Taize)

God's Spirit is in My Heart
Christ Be Our Light

Prior Knowledge and Skills

- I have started to describe and give reasons for the actions and symbols used in the Rite of Infant Baptism.
- At Baptism, the parents and godparents make **promises** to help the child grow up to be a good Christian. Each time they have to say they believe in the **Trinity**. The child is anointed with the oil of Chrism as a symbol of service.
- The story of Pentecost.

We are in Ordinary Time

The colour for Ordinary Time is green. It is a time when we continue to grow in God's love.

