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Jubilee 2025
Pilgrims of Hope

Dear Parents/Carers

2025 is a Year of Jubilee! The word 'Jubilee' comes from the Hebrew word for a ram's horn, which was blown to announce the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible.

We celebrate a Jubilee every 25 years. It is 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. Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It is an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are. Pope Francis says: "Pilgrimage is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life." Even if we can't travel far away, the Jubilee Year will still be a journey for all of us - a journey of hope.

Pope Francis asks us to be signs of hope for others, by putting Catholic Social Teaching into action through caring for our common home and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger or poverty.

Friday 24th January, we, along with millions of others, will be celebrating the official launch day; starting with a live stream assembly. Following on from this, the children and parish will take part in activities to action the Jubilee Year of Pilgrims of Hope within our local and wider community. As a pilgrim of hope, we want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth can flourish.

The live stream assembly will replace the KS1 celebration assembly on Friday 24th January.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Statham

Head of School

