

Guidance for the Pope Francis Faith Award (PFFA)

2025-2026

Approximate Pope Francis Faith Award Timeline

Planned Activity or Assessment Point	Date Planned	Date Achieved
Discussion with parish	August P6	
Information to pupils & parents	August / September P6	
Enrolment Service	September P6	
Gathering Point 1: 7 Gifts of the Spirit	October P6	
Gathering Point 2: Knowledge	November P6	
Christmas P6		
Gathering Point 3: Piety /Reverence	February P6	
Parish Check-in 1	February P6	
Gathering Point 4: Wisdom	March P6	
Easter P6		
Gathering Point 5: Fortitude /Courage	May P6	
# Progress Checkpoint 1	May P6	
Gathering Point 6: Fear of the Lord /Wonder & Awe	June P6	
Summer P6		
Gathering Point 7: Counsel /Right Judgement	September P7	
Gathering Point 8: Understanding	October P7	
Summary & Review	November P7	
# Progress Checkpoint 2	November P7 – Catholic Education Week	
Christmas P7		
P7 Profile: Connecting Learning	January P7	
Parish Check-in 2 (submission of Parish Commendation)	End of January/Beginning of February P7	
Pupil presents final evidence	February P7	
# Assessment and Verification	February – March P7	
Easter P7		
School sends results to SCES	February P7	
SCES confirms & issues certificates	June P7	

What is expected from **pupils**?

- Participate fully in class lessons (Gathering Points)
- Write and reflect upon actions in their Faith Journal
- All pupils will complete the 'At Home' and 'In School' sections to receive school commendation
- Pupils who wish to achieve Parish commendation should complete the Parish sections
- Refer to success criteria (see inside front cover of Faith Journal)
- Collect a variety of evidence e.g. texts, photos or illustrations
- Complete final reflections in your Faith Journal as part of your P7 profile (e-portfolio)
- Regularly check the PFFA timeline of events
- Speak with the Parish priest about how they can help in the Parish and community
- Attend the regular check-ins with their Parish Priest

What is expected of **parents/carers**?

- Participate in pupil enrolment service
- Encourage your child to respond to the lessons in class
- Encourage your child to show the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their actions
- Report on the completion of the Faith action at home e.g. sign/annotate their journal for evidence
- Help your child to collect evidence of their actions e.g. texts, photos or illustrations
- Encourage your child to check the PFFA timeline of events
- Accompany your child (if Catholic) to mass in their local parish.

What is expected of the **school**?

- Organise an enrolment service for pupils
- Communicate with Home and Parish
- Use Gathering Points to further explain and reflect on the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Monitor School activities e.g. 'buddying' and sharing what they have learned
- Monitor and continually assess the use of Faith Journals
- Attend SCES meetings to ensure a consistent approach across the diocese.

What is expected of the **Parish**?

- Agree to participate and support pupils
- Lead Enrolment Service
- Suggest suitable Parish activities
- Some appoint a Parish co-ordinator
- Monitor Parish activities
- Keep Parish informed
- **Award Parish Commendation**

For more information, please visit <https://sces.org.uk/> and follow award schemes, Pope Francis Faith Award.