



The Friday Message

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
This week was the first week for Reception pupils. Pupils have learnt how to build relationships with their new friends and became familiar with their learning environment. Pupils also learnt about some of the symbols in the RE area. We have learned how to make the sign of the cross and started to learn our school prayers for the morning and the end of the day.	In RE this week, we began our topic of Judaism. We started by talking about what a religion was and the children were keen to share their knowledge of different religions. We learned about all about a Synagogue. We talked about how some things were the same as in a church and some things were different and then the children had a go at designing a stained-glass window with the Star of David on.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE this week, we began learning all about Judaism. We have learnt an abundance of facts through information packs and videos. Year 2 worked independently to create their own mind maps which they will add to over the topic. Later in the week, we explored the various parts of a Synagogue. Year 2 designed their own Star of David stained glass window and applied their knowledge by adding labels to key parts of the Synagogue.	In Year 3 we have started our Judaism learning where we have discussed what is our special place. We also spoke about who we might see at this special place and how we feel when we are there.
Year 4	Year 5
This week, Year 4 have begun their new topic: Judaism! The particular focus for this week was on the importance of the Torah for Jewish people and its link to the Old Testament. Year 4 have enjoyed looking deeply at the role of a scribe and have found certain facts fascinating with regards to the process of scribing the Torah Scroll. Well done Year 4 - a very productive week of RE!	This week we began by reminding ourselves of what a RE lesson should be like. We explored how we can really let ourselves think deeply about our faith and have the chance to discuss our thoughts and ideas freely among in a supportive and caring environment. We then explored the faith of Judaism and had a brief outline of some of the differences and similarities with our faith. We then went on to explore the Torah – the holy scripture of the Jewish faith.
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friendship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">What makes a good friend?</p>
In R.E this week, we have launched our new theme 'Judaism'. The children have been exploring the Jewish holiday of 'Rash Hashanah', which marks the beginning of the new year in the Jewish calendar. We have been exploring how Jewish people mark the occasion and their beliefs about God during this time. We have also discussed what a Synagogue looks like during Rash Hashanah and the food that Jewish people eat.	