



The Friday Message

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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we have continued learning all about how different cultures around the world celebrate The Epiphany. Mr Lopez taught us all about how it is celebrated in countries such as Spain. She told us all about how The Wise Men are part of a special parade on the evening of the 5th of January. Children then wake up on the 6th of January to presents and sweets, making us reflect on The Wise Men's gifts to Jesus. In the morning, families eat Rosca De Reyes for breakfast, which is a special cake, decorated with candied fruit which symbolises the jewels on The Wise Men's crowns. A small plastic figure of baby Jesus is normally hidden inside the Rosca de Reyes before it is cut and whoever finds it is thought to have good luck.</p>	<p>This week in RE, Year One have continued our learning about families and celebrations. We have been looking closely at the kind of things Jesus might have done in his childhood and compared this to our own lives. We have looked at stories from the bible including Jesus in the Temple which we looked at in depth. We then looked more closely at a church and talked about the different features you might find in a church.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In RE this week, we started our new unit - 'The Good News'. We firstly looked at stories about the Holy Family and learnt about Jesus' childhood. We discussed how this compares to our lives and used a Venn diagram to organise our ideas. Later in the week, we wrote postcards from the perspective of the disciples Simon- Peter and Andrew. We described the moment they first became disciples of Jesus. Within these, we wrote about the miracle that Jesus performed and how this made them feel.</p>	<p>In RE this week, year 3 have discussed that the Sacraments are a meeting with Jesus. We spoke about the different Sacraments that we will take part in during our lives. We spoke about receiving the Sacraments and how it feels to be preparing for the first Holy Communion. We discussed our happiest memories from last year and any disappointments or tough times we had. We spoke about how we can learn from these tough times and sometimes good things come from this. We discussed how different situations can make us stronger and better and more understanding people. We have thought about living a Christian life and have learnt lots about Saint Dominic Savio and how he became a saint.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week, Year 4's RE learning has all been focussed on the Church! We began by looking and comparing how the Church is a family. We reflected on the importance of the establishment creating community opportunities to keep the family bond strong. The second lesson of the week focussed on our own links to the Church – we looked at many different maps, beginning with our school, St Luke's, the Diocese of East Anglia, and our links to the Vatican.</p>	<p>In R.E this week, we explored the special promises God made to the Israelites, called covenants. We discovered that, just like God stayed true to His promises back then, we can trust that He's with us now. Learning about Moses and the Israelites helps us see that even when things seem tough, we can have faith in God's promises, and that is something we can carry with us in our lives today.</p>
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Vale we are exploring is Perseverance When was a time you have had to 'keep on trying?'</p>
<p>In RE we have furthered our understanding of the Offertory at Mass. We have discussed what happens at the altar, and reflected on why it happens. We have looked at the words spoken by the priest when we make offerings to God during Mass and what they mean. We have then used this to evaluate the importance of the Offertory of the Mass.</p>	