



# The Friday Message

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### Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)



Reception	Year 1
This week we talked about belonging. We all belong to St John Henry Newman Primary School. We also belong to God's family. We learnt that those people who belong to God's family and who follow Jesus are called Christians. The first Christians were those people who followed the Good News that Jesus had risen, shared by Jesus's disciples many years ago. As Catholics we also belong to the church, and we are excited to start learning in our new Godly Play church over the next few weeks.	In RE this week, Year One have been looking at the stories of Pentecost and the Ascension. We learned about the stories from the bible and wrote a brief retell of the story. We then thought about some of the key images and symbols from the stories, talked about the similarities and differences of these before drawing our own symbols.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE this week, we read about the Pentecost in the Bible and discussed how this had been described and its significance. After, we discussed what the Holy Spirit is and looked at how it can be represented in different ways such as a dove, wind, and fire. We then used a variety of art resources to replicate these. Next, we looked at Fruits of the Holy Spirit and how they are the visible signs that a person is led by the Holy Spirit. We created beautiful stain glass windows showing how we demonstrate the Fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.	In RE this week, year 3 have listened to Acts 1:12-14 through Godly play. We discussed Mary's role and her presence among the apostles. We had a copy of Hail Mary and discussed what each line means. Around Hail Mary we wrote and drew ways that we can show how to be a good friend to someone. We thought about how through Mary, the Holy Spirit guided the first disciples, and she continues to guide our prayers. We wrote questions and responded to these based on how the disciples felt after Ascension and before Pentecost.
Year 4	Year 5
This week in RE, the children have been reflecting on the story of Peter, sharing their ideas about his life, and listening to the ideas of others about what his life teaches Christians today. The week began by the children responded to a variety of "real life" scenario slips in which a Christian child had made some wrong choices. The children shared their ideas about how they can seek forgiveness from those around them and God. The second half of the week saw the class comparing both Matthew and John's portrayal of Peter. To conclude, they compared what both Matthew and John had said to Peter's role as leader of the Christian Church and made links to which aspects are still important today.	In our Religious Education sessions, we have been delving into the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and what they mean for us personally. As we explore gifts like wisdom, understanding, courage, and fortitude, we are discovering how they influence our lives and guide us on our spiritual journeys. Through reflection and discussion, we considered the gifts we could give to others and are beginning to see how these gifts empower each other to face life's challenges with grace and compassion.
Year 6	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">...</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Compassion</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>How can you help this week?</b></p>
In RE, the children have considered what it means to be a good witness. We explored the gospel of John and discussed why Thomas may have had doubts about Jesus' return. We shared ideas about the meaning of faith, and how we can use this to help us share the Good News of the Lord.	

