



# The Friday Message

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### The Baptism of the Lord



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
<p>This week we have been learning all about 'The Wise Men visit Jesus' (Matt 2:1-12) and that this is known as The Epiphany. We started the week using Godly Play to retell this very special part of the Christmas story and comparing it to our own Nativity we performed. In provision, we designed a picture of The Wise Men travelling to Bethlehem following the star. We also counted jewels onto The Wise Men's crowns, and we have been using our phonics knowledge to match key words such as 'camel', 'gold' and 'gift' to the props in our Godly Play area which has been out for us to revisit for ourselves.</p>	<p>In RE, we've begun looking at the Presentation of Baby Jesus to Simeon and Anna in the Temple. To demonstrate our comprehension of the story, we had to work in groups of three and pretend to be asking Simeon and Anna questions about meeting baby Jesus for the first time. There were some excellent questions, acting and replies.</p>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
<p>This week Year 2 have been learning about the life of John the Baptist in more detail. We recalled all the things we could remember about him. The children remembered he was a prophet and was sent to prepare the way for Jesus. We then focused on the story of him baptising Jesus through a Godly play. The children listened carefully and then demonstrated their understanding of the story, and the significance of water in Baptism, through individual story boards.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	<p>Over the course of this first week back, we have really focused in on the Gospel of Mathew. We used scriptures to read through this important part of the New Testament and explored why this is so rewarding and informative for all Catholics. We recognised how this connects with the Old Testament and how Mathew explains Jesus' life from birth through to death and ultimately resurrection. We used our learning of Mathew to create an informative overview of Mathew's Gospel.</p>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
<p>This week has marked the beginning of our new topic, 'Galilee to Jerusalem'. In lesson 1, we were fascinated to learn the meaning of the word 'Christ' and explored Jesus' question to his disciples: 'Who do you say I am?' (Matthew 16:13-20). We reflected on who Jesus is to us, and His role as a servant king. In the second lesson, we read the Nicene Creed and linked this to our understanding of the incarnation, considering the role of Jesus as both God and man.</p>	<p>This week, we began our new topic by diving into the Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12). The children did a fantastic job exploring how these teachings guide us to live a blessed life. They made insightful connections between the Beatitudes and the Ten Commandments, discovering how both help us reflect Jesus' love through virtues like hope and charity. Great work, Year 5!</p>
<b>Year 6</b>	
<p>This week, Year 6 started their new 'branch' Galilee to Jerusalem. As part of our learning, we explored who St John was and why his gospel is unique. We discussed to significance of the number 7 throughout the bible and identified different areas where this can be seen such as 7 days of creation, 7 trumpets and the 7 Heavenly Virtues. In our second lesson, we studied the Wedding at Cana (Jn 2:1-12). We considered why this was Jesus' first miracle and what it tells us about his Divine Power, before comparing artwork representations of the wedding and the Last Supper.</p>	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b>  <b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</b>  <b>.... PERSERVERANCE</b></p> <p><b>What are you going to try hard on?</b></p>