



The Friday Message
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2nd Sunday of Easter
The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.



<p>Reception</p> <p>This week, we discussed the good news in the Easter Story about the rising of Jesus and likened it to good news that we have seen/heard in our lives. We discussed how we received the good news and how we felt when we heard it. We thought of our own good news to share with a partner and then the rest of the class such as invitations to parties, being given certificates and blue stars in assembly, starting swimming lessons or even little brothers and sisters being born! Following this, we had the opportunity to make our own newspapers to write down our good news.</p>	<p>Year 1</p> <p>We have created our own story map version of the Road to Emmaus, where the newly risen Jesus joined two friends without revealing his identity and shared a meal with them. Once the friends realised who he was, they went on to share the good news with others that Jesus had risen. We also explored other stories and reflected on how it might feel to be told something amazing, considering how we might react and express our emotions.</p>
<p>Year 2</p> <p>This week in Y2 we began our new topic ‘To the Ends of the Earth’. We learnt about what happened after Jesus’ resurrection (Luke 24: 36-53) up to the Ascension and discussed how the apostles felt. The children then produced some brilliant storyboards showing their understanding of the events. In our second session we discussed what the Holy Spirit is. The children recalled it is part of the Holy Trinity and when we make the sign of the cross, we invite it into our prayers to get closer to God and fill our hearts with God’s love. We then thought about how we could show that we have God’s love in our hearts in our actions at home and the things we say. The children came up with some thoughtful and caring ideas.</p>	<p>Year 3</p> <p>Starting our new branch of study this week, The Ends of the Earth, has been enjoyable as we spent a lot of our time exploring parts of the Bible. We looked at parts of the Gospels, Acts, Letters and Revelations and discussed how they are all different pieces of writing. We went on to show that the Bible is a collection of writings, and this helped us understand how to read and understand scriptures. We also read the stories in the Bible that follow the events on Easter Sunday with Mary Magdalene and the disciples’ discovering Jesus has Risen. Using drama and freeze framing, we showed and told the story from Luke – The Road to Emmaus. It helped us understand more about Jesus being very humble and caring to us all.</p>
<p>Year 4</p> <p>Year 4 have explored and reflected on the story of Jesus’ resurrection, focusing on Simon Peter’s point of view and emotions. The children took on the character of Simon Peter and interviewed each other on their experiences, thoughts and feelings during this time. We read the scripture of Jesus by the sea of Tiberias (John 21:1-19). We then reflected on Peter’s declaration to Jesus and Jesus’s commands to take care of his lambs. We considered the significance of Jesus’ words and linked this back to Peter’s denial of Jesus.</p>	<p>Year 5</p> <p>Year 5 have had a fantastic week exploring the power and presence of the Holy Spirit! They retold the Pentecost story, learned new key vocabulary like Advocate, Trinity, and Tongues of Fire, and reflected deeply on what this means. Pupils explored how the Holy Spirit is active in Jesus’ life, in sacraments like Baptism and Confirmation, and even in our own lives today. They showed great curiosity when discussing the mystery of the Trinity and responded thoughtfully to beautiful artistic representations of the Spirit using symbols like wind, flame, and dove. Their creativity, insight, and respectful discussions truly shone—well done, Year 5!</p>
<p>Year 6</p> <p>This week in RE, we began our fifth branch of learning, ‘To the Ends of the Earth.’ We focused on John 20:1-18 — The Empty Tomb. As part of our learning, we completed a comparative task exploring the different emotions and actions of Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter in response to discovering the empty tomb. Following this, we wrote diary entries from each of their perspectives. Later in the week, we carried out another comparison task, this time examining different artistic depictions of the resurrected Jesus revealing himself to Mary Magdalene. We discussed the important symbols and messages within these artworks, and reflected on how different artists have captured this significant encounter through their use of symbolism and imagery.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Gospel Value The Gospel Value we are exploring is ... COMPASSION How can you show COMPASSION to those around you?</p>

A Prayer for Pope Francis

Eternal Father,

We thank You for the life and service of Pope Francis,
Your humble shepherd and faithful servant.

Grant him rest in Your eternal peace,
And welcome him into the joy of Your Kingdom.

May his words, witness, and love for the poor
Continue to inspire Your Church.

Comfort all who mourn, and strengthen our hope
In the resurrection and life everlasting.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

