



**The Friday Message**  
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
*The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*



<p><b>Reception</b></p> <p>This week in RE, we have been learning about Pope Francis. The children explored who Pope Francis is, the important impact he has had on the world, and how he shares God’s love with others. We also discussed the tradition of the Conclave, helping the children to understand what happens when a new Pope is chosen. The children reflected thoughtfully on Pope Francis’ life and legacy, and wrote beautiful prayers, thanking God for his leadership and kindness. Their prayers show a deep understanding of compassion, service, and faith.</p>	<p><b>Year 1</b></p> <p>This week in RE we have listened to the story of the Pentecost. We then sequenced 3 pictures from this story and wrote about what was happening in each of them. We also talked about special religious days. In particular we thought about two days – Pentecost and The Ascension. We discussed that these are Holy Days and about how important these are to the church. We drew pictures to show our understanding of Pentecost and The Ascension.</p>
<p><b>Year 2</b></p> <p>This week in RE we explored what happened at Pentecost (Act 2:1-9 and 12-13). We then discussed how the Apostles might have felt, the children came up with some thoughtful ideas. They then wrote a diary about the event from an Apostle’s point of view describing the event and their feelings. In our second session we looked at some artwork representing the Holy Spirit. The children made windmills inspired by the Holy Spirit artwork we had looked at. We then prayed the ‘Come Holy Spirit’ prayer to get closer to God and invite his love into our hearts.</p>	<p><b>Year 3</b></p> <p>In Year 3 we have focused on scriptures regarding The Road to Emmaus again. We looked at famous artwork which shows this important event in which Jesus reveals Himself after His resurrection. We reflected how Jesus is depicted in each of the artworks and how His message is shown. We went on to create our own art to show this part of scriptures and how we could show Jesus giving guidance on how we should live our lives. This week we also discussed the events that follow the sad death of Pope Francis and reflected again on his important messages for the world. We looked at the way the next Pope will be chosen and the people who will be making that important decision.</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p> <p>In RE this week, Year 4 have been learning about forgiveness and the importance of making things right when we fall short of living out our Christian values. We looked again at how Jesus forgave Peter and thought about what that means for us today. The children discussed real-life situations and considered how we can seek God’s forgiveness and show mercy to others. In the second lesson, we explored Peter’s special role in the Church by reading Matthew 16:18 and revisiting what we’ve learned from the Gospel of John. We talked about how Peter, despite his mistakes, was chosen by Jesus to be the leader of the early Church, and how the Pope continues that role today. The children made some brilliant links with previous learning, including the Prodigal Son and the Corporal Works of Mercy.</p>	<p><b>Year 5</b></p> <p>Year 5 have continued to impress with their thoughtful and creative learning about the Holy Spirit this week. They explored how the Spirit helps us to know and follow Jesus, using key vocabulary like wisdom, discernment, faith, and mission to deepen their understanding. Pupils reflected on how the Holy Spirit gives each of us unique spiritual gifts, just like the early Christians in 1 Corinthians 12, and created beautiful “Spiritual Gift Cards” showing how they might use their gifts to serve others. In their second lesson, they learnt about the Fruits of the Spirit and how living with the Spirit helps us become true disciples of Jesus. Their personal prayers were full of sincerity, hope, and kindness—well done, Year 5, for such heartfelt and faith-filled work!</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p> <p>In RE this week, we began by looking at the story of Jesus appearing to His disciples in John 20:19-31. To help us understand the feelings and reactions of the disciples, we took part in a drama activity in groups. One person took on the role of 'Thomas,' who doubted the news of Jesus’ resurrection, while the others played disciples trying to explain how they had experienced seeing Jesus alive. This activity helped us explore themes of belief, doubt, and faith. We also explored Christian beliefs about the Resurrection, focusing on 1 Corinthians 15:14. After this, we completed an activity where we discussed and shared the different roles the Trinity played in the Resurrection, and how the Holy Spirit continues to bring this Resurrection life to us today through the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b>  <b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</b>      ....  <b>Wisdom</b>  <b>Draw what it means to be wise?</b></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.

