



The Friday Message

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Pentecost Sunday



Reception	Year 1
This week, we explored why the parish church is a very special place for the parish family. We learned that it is a holy place where people come together to pray, celebrate, and feel close to God. The children looked at key features of a church, including the altar, font, lectern, and tabernacle, and talked about their purpose. We discussed how the church is a place of welcome and worship, and we shared our previous own experiences of visiting a church. The children drew pictures and talked about what makes the parish church special to them, showing great respect and understanding.	This week we have thought about prayer and why it is an important part of the life for many people. We listened and said the Glory Be and joined in with this. We played a game where we had to find all the words of Glory Be and put them in order. We thought about different ways to show love to God and drew these in our book. We also thought about different ways we can show being kind in school.
Year 2	Year 3
This week we have studied the parable of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 25-37). The children recalled what a parable is and why Jesus told them. After hearing the scripture, watching an animation of the story and discussing it as a class, the children demonstrated their understanding through storyboarding. In our second lesson we discussed what the parable teaches Christians about how they should treat their ‘neighbour’. Through ‘hot seating’, we explored the Samaritans thoughts, feelings and motives. The children then wrote what they thought the Samaritan could have been thinking when he helped the injured man. They came up with some thoughtful and insightful ideas.	Mary the mother of Jesus has been our sole focus this week. We explored her importance in our faith by recalling her within scriptures. We recognised how she developed the sacredness of prayer and how we know she ‘intercedes’ in conveying our thoughts and requests to God. We spent some time finding her in parts of the school, looked at images of her in a church and sculptures and artwork of her around the world. With this knowledge, we asked her to intercede in our own prayer which we displayed near our classroom altar. We then created our own mini rosary beads to use to help with our reciting of the Holy Rosary which we completed as part of our classroom collective worship. The prayer was very calm and restful as we prayed together and we all felt Mary was indeed listening to Year 3.
Year 4	Year 5
In RE this week, Year 4 have been learning about the life of St Paul and why he is an important figure for Christians. They explored his early actions as Saul, his dramatic conversion on the road to Damascus, and how he went on to spread the message of Jesus. Using scripture from Acts and Galatians, pupils reflected on themes of forgiveness, hope, and personal change. They also studied different artistic representations of Paul’s encounter with Jesus, discussing how his emotions were shown. It has been a thoughtful week, with many pupils connecting Paul’s journey to their own understanding of faith. It has been a thoughtful and reflective week of RE, with many pupils making connections between Paul’s journey and their own understanding of faith and change.	Year 5 have had a brilliant couple of lessons diving into the amazing story of the Bible! They explored how the Bible isn’t just one book, but a whole library of 73 books written over more than a thousand years. Using timelines, videos, and group activities, pupils learned how the Old and New Testaments tell one big story about God’s love and His plan for humanity. They were full of wonder when discussing why God chose different people—like shepherds, kings, and fishermen—to write the Bible, and showed fantastic teamwork as they built their very own “Bible Blueprints.” It was lovely to see their curiosity come alive as they asked thoughtful questions and made real connections to their own faith—well done, Year 5!
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value</p> <p>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is</p> <p>...</p> <p>JUSTICE</p> <p>How can you seek JUSTICE for others?</p>
This week in RE, Year 6 had a great opportunity to review everything they’ve learned throughout the unit of work. The children created detailed PowerPoint presentations, reflecting on key topics such as John 20:1-18, Catholic beliefs about the role of the Trinity in the Resurrection, and the idea of Jesus as the ‘new Adam’. We also explored the work of Christian charities supporting those facing injustice, like Aid to the Church in Need, and shared examples of saints who bore witness to Christ through their actions. It was a fantastic chance to showcase our understanding and reflections.	