



The Friday Message

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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



| Reception | Year 1 |
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| <p>This week in RE, we spent time reflecting on Day 6 of the Creation Story, when God created people. We thought deeply about how God made each of us with care and love, giving us the special role of looking after the wonderful world He created—especially all the things we were thankful for last week. We learned that we are all uniquely made by God and that each one of us is truly special. We celebrated this in a very meaningful way during our Welcome Ceremony. To help us remember this special moment, our teachers introduced us to our new Godly Play area, where we can re-enact the Welcome Ceremony and continue reflecting on what it means to be part of the world God created and the St John Henry Newman School family.</p>  | <p>This week the children explored how caring for the world is one of the ways we show love for one another. They thought about how our actions affect others — for example, dropping litter makes everyone live with the mess, but recycling helps everyone enjoy a clean world. We also learned that Pope Francis taught us that the Earth is our common home, and that God wants us to share fairly so everyone has what they need. To finish, the children created a Class Chain of Hope, with each link showing their own hope for God’s world, such as clean water, safe animals, peace, and kindness. Together, our chain shows that God’s family cares for His world and hopes for a better future.</p> |
| Year 2 | Year 3 |
| <p>This week Year 2 have started looking at the 1st sacrament, Baptism. They learnt that sacraments are living signs that Jesus loves us and there are 7 in total. The children made some fantastic Baptism cards and were able to explain inside their cards that Baptism is where a person joins the Christian family and promises to love God. In our second session we started to look at the symbols of Baptism. The children learnt that the Holy water is poured over the head of the person being baptised 3 times and represents their sins being washed away. We then looked at how the oil is used and that this represents strength in God’s love.</p> | <p>In RE this week, we explored the words of St Francis and thought about how his message of peace, care for creation, and love for others can be connected to our world today. The children created thoughtful posters about stopping pollution, linking this to Pope Francis’ teachings on caring for our common home. In our second lesson, we discussed why all people should be treated fairly. The children reflected on how, sadly, children around the world are not always treated with fairness and respect. Our conversations reminded us of the importance of kindness, justice, and standing up for what is right.</p> |
| Year 4 | Year 5 |
| <p>In RE this week, Year 4 learned about the story of Joseph’s rise to power in Egypt. The children considered how Joseph trusted in God’s guidance to interpret Pharaoh’s dreams, which led to his being given great responsibility to help Egypt prepare for famine. Together, the class reflected on how Joseph’s faith and perseverance helped him move from slavery to a position of leadership. The children acted as news reporters, announcing Joseph’s new role in Egypt and exploring the impact of his actions on both Egypt and his family. Through this, we explored the themes of forgiveness, faith, hope and love.</p> | <p>As we continued our journey on RE lessons this week, the children reflected on the theological virtues of faith, hope, and love. They created a ‘Virtue Tree’ to illustrate how these virtues can be lived out in their daily lives. Their reflections on what makes them truly happy and how they can grow in virtue were well-considered and thoughtful. Keep up the wonderful work, Year 5!</p> |

Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children have been studying the Nicene Creed. Together, we explored each section carefully, discussing the key messages and what they mean for Christians today. The children then reflected on which part they felt was the most important and shared their reasons with the class. This led to a very thoughtful discussion: some pupils said the Nicene Creed is important because it strengthens our faith, deepens understanding, and unites Christians in a shared statement of belief. Others suggested that reading the Bible is a more personal way of connecting with God. It was wonderful to see the children engaging so maturely with these ideas, listening to one another, and offering respectful opinions. To finish, the class wrote their own simplified versions of the Creed, which they will share with their Reception buddies.

**Monthly Gospel Value
Our Gospel Value we are exploring is**

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Trust**How can you build up TRUST with
someone?**