



# The Friday Message

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### 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time (C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>During our Harvest Festival reflections in class this week, we thanked God for His wonderful creation — for the sunshine, the rain, the rich soil, seeds, plants, animals, and everything that helps food to grow. In our Godly Play sessions, we helped the ‘farmer’ prepare for harvest — planting, watering, looking after animals — to show how we care for God’s gifts. We also had the opportunity to sort things into two groups: what God made (plants, soil, animals) and what people made (like tractors, buckets, barns), which helped us to see how people (including farmers) can work with God’s creation and help to look after it.</p>	<p>This week in Year 1 we have recalled the learning we have completed throughout our studies of branch 1 – creation and covenant. We have discussed what God made and how we can praise God. We then went on to think about how we care for the world and what Pope Francis taught us. We talked about how God’s world is special. We ended the unit with expressing our understanding of God’s creation through personal prayer, we had the opportunity to write our own prayer and then share it with a friend in the class.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week in RE Year 2 concluded their learning on creation and covenant by reflecting on all they have learnt. The children have developed a strong sense being effective stewards of the Earth and can explain lots of ways they can carry this duty out. They have all become experts on Baptism and, thanks to Father Jeffery’s visit, can explain clearly what it means to be Baptised and what lots of the symbols mean. Also, this week the children looked at the history of the Harvest Festival, why it was celebrated historically and what it has evolved into. They were brilliant at creating a vocabulary bank of Harvest Festival ideas. From this, they wrote individual Harvest poems that they practised and performed to each other. A few of them performed their poems to parents.</p>	<p>This week Year 3 have been recalling and explaining their learning for this term on our topic creation and covenant. We reflected on Psalms, as well as the knowledge that Pope Francis and Saint Francis have given us on being grateful, respecting and looking after the world around us. They have shown a clear compassion for nature and have shown excellent understanding of the Laudato Si. It has been lovely to teach Year 3 this topic and we look forward to building on this next term. We have also been learning all about the Harvest Festival - the children reflected on the many things we have to be thankful for, creating beautiful harvest baskets filled with words and pictures representing their gratitude for family, friends, food, home, and much more. They also wrote thoughtful and heartfelt thankful harvest prayers, which showed great care and creativity. We are so proud of their reflections and the way they have celebrated this special time of year.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 spent time thinking about how the virtues of faith, hope, and love can guide the way we treat others. We began by recapping the key moments in Abraham’s story and how his trust in God shaped the generations that followed through Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The children then reflected on what it truly means to be a “good neighbour,” discussing real-life scenarios where faith, hope, or love might guide their choices. They created thoughtful posters and action plans showing how they could help those in their families, school, and wider communities through faith, hope and love.</p>	<p>This week, Year 5 continued to build on and refine their lesson plans from last week’s learning. The children worked hard to improve their presentations, adding thoughtful explanations of scripture and making meaningful links to learning from previous year groups. Their confidence in sharing ideas and teaching others really shone through, as they demonstrated a deep understanding of the topics they had explored. It was wonderful to see the creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm that went into each group’s work. Year 5 truly made an excellent set of budding young teachers – well done on all of your fantastic effort and dedication throughout this topic!</p>
Year 6	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b></p> <p><b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ....</b></p> <p><b>Trust</b></p> <p><b>How can you build up TRUST with someone?</b></p>
<p>This week in RE, Year 6 continued exploring how science and faith can work together. Through discussion and examples, they considered how scientific discoveries can deepen, rather than challenge, religious understanding. The children demonstrated thoughtful engagement, showing growing confidence in expressing their own ideas respectfully. In the final lesson, they consolidated learning by creating knowledge organisers, summarising key concepts, vocabulary and examples from across the unit. This activity helped to reinforce prior learning and highlighted strong understanding of the connections between belief and evidence. Overall, pupils showed excellent reflection and recall, demonstrating good progress in both knowledge and reasoning skills.</p>	