



## The Friday Message

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### The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (C)



Reception	Year 1
<p>We have started our new branch of learning, <i>Prophecy and Promise</i>, this week in RE. A big thank you to all our families for sending in such lovely photos of the children during past special celebrations, including birthdays, Eid, Christenings, weddings, and nursery graduations. The children loved sharing their photos with their friends and talking about what made these occasions special — the people they celebrated with, the clothes they wore, the delicious food they enjoyed, and the beautiful decorations they put up. It was wonderful to see how proud and excited the children were to recall these happy memories together. We will be using these photos to help us to reflect on the upcoming celebration of Christmas and the birth of Jesus — a very special time.</p>	<p>This week we have started our second branch – prophecy and promise. We started the unit by looking at the bible and discussed the following questions: What books are special to us and why? Why do you think the bible is special? What makes it special? Where would see it? We then went onto read the bible story The Annunciation (Lk 1: 26-38) After listening to this story we thought about how Mary felt when the angel Gabriel first appeared to her and why God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. We role played this bible reading in pairs.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>The children have commenced the new unit ‘Prophecy and Promise’ with enthusiasm by writing about how they can show God’s love. The children came up with lots of ideas including being kind to others and helping out at home with tasks including washing up and making their beds, and making others smile. We read through passages in the Bible which led up to the birth of Jesus, and the children were able to re-tell the story using sentences and pictures to show what they had learned.</p>	<p>This week in RE, we began our new topic – Prophecy and Promise. The children learned why Sunday is a special day for Christians. They enjoyed recapping what God made on each of the seven days and discovered that Sunday is a holy day—a time to rest and give thanks, just as God rested on the seventh day. The children created colourful posters reminding others to keep Sunday as a special day. We also began learning about how Catholics celebrate Mass. The children talked about what happens during Mass and shared what they already know. We then explored the four main parts of the Mass and made our own mini booklets using pictures and key words. It was lovely to see how thoughtful the children were when reflecting on why Mass and Sunday are important to Christians.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 began their new topic, ‘Prophecy and Promise’. We started by exploring the terms ‘prophet’ and ‘prophecy,’ sharing examples of prophets we already knew and discussing how they were called to share God’s message. The children then learned about the prophet Elijah, placing his story in context by looking at the time of King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, when many people had turned away from God to worship false idols and those who remained faithful were often persecuted. We talked about how Elijah’s courage and faith helped him during this time. In our second lesson, we took part in a Godly Play session about the Miracle of the Flour and the Oil. As we moved through the story, the children made thoughtful ‘wondering statements’ and reflected on how Elijah and the widow showed trust in God’s provision.</p>	<p>This week, the children began their new topic, “Prophecy and Promise”. We began by looking at David and his unlikely selection by God. We studied the scripture (1 Samuel 16:1-13) and began to answer ‘What if...?’ questions, such as “What if God had chosen one of David’s brothers?” to create an idea tree. The children came up with some excellent ideas altogether and thought very carefully about how differently the story could have ended.</p>
Year 6	
<p>In our RE lesson this week, we began our new topic, Prophecy and Promise. To introduce the unit, we started by talking about significant women in our own lives and the important roles they play. This helped us think about how women have influenced and shaped the lives of others throughout history. We then explored six key women from the Old Testament, learning how each one played a vital part in God’s story and the fulfilment of His promises. We discussed how the lives and experiences of women in biblical times were very different from those of women today, considering changes in roles, rights, and opportunities. Finally, we began researching four of these women in more detail — Sarah, Ruth, Deborah, and Esther — to understand their faith, courage, and leadership.</p>	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b></p> <p><b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ....</b></p> <p><b>Compassion</b></p> <p><b>How can you show COMPASSION to someone?</b></p>