The Friday Message
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Reception	Year 1
This week in RE, the children explored *Share God's Story 1 (p.12)*, inspired by *Psalm 139*, and learned that God knows and loves each of us from the moment we are born. We talked about how a birthday is the special day we were born — a celebration of the wonderful gift of life that God has given us. We enjoyed making birthday cards and role playing a birthday celebration with party props, helping us to appreciate the happiness new life brings. As we look ahead to the birth of Jesus at Christmas, we are beginning to understand that His birthday is the most special celebration of all.	This week we have focused on the Annunciation, we thought about how we honour Mary. We have discussed that Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. With partners we thought of ideas of how we can show love or honour Mary today. We wrote a message to Mary to honour her as she said Yes to God. We also thought about why she said yes to God and how we can say yes to God in our lives.
Year 2	**Year 3**
This week in Year 2 we have been learning about the story of Zechariah; how he was visited by the Holy Spirit and told his wife Elizabeth would give birth to a baby called 'John' (who would grow up to be 'John the Baptist'). We read Zechariah's prophecy of what John would go on to do, preparing the way for Jesus. In our second RE session, we read Isaiah's message about light and darkness. We discussed that darkness was about sin and light was related to Jesus being the light of the World and guiding us to live a life without sin. The children enjoyed creating a piece of art about light over our world.	This week in RE, Year 3 have been learning all about the Liturgy of the Word and the special signs, symbols and actions that take place during Mass. The children explored how Catholics use prayers, symbols and responses to show their faith, and they enjoyed listening to different bell sounds to understand how they can act as signs for something important. We also practised parts of the Mass as a class. Children showed great enthusiasm, respect and understanding as they acted out the Introductory Rite. We have also discussed why signs and symbols matter in our faith. Well done, Year 3!
Year 4	**Year 5**
In RE this week, Year 4 continued their work on 'Prophecy and Promise' by learning more about the prophet Elijah and the spiritual context of his time. We explored how many Israelites, influenced by King Ahab and the worship of Baal, had drifted from their covenant with God, and discussed why Elijah's call to return to God was so important. The children imagined the scene on Mount Carmel through diary writing, thinking about how the Israelites might have felt as they witnessed God's power. We then learned about Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb and his encounter with God in the gentle breeze, reflecting on how God can speak to us in quiet, subtle ways. After spending time in stillness and listening, the children shared thoughtful ideas about how we can listen for God in our daily lives and trust in His presence.	Year 5 students explored the theme of leadership in Religious Education this week through creative activities and reflection. In Lesson 1, the class engaged in a Godly Play session, where they listened to a story at a gentle, reflective pace, encouraging them to ask "wondering questions" to deepen their understanding. For Lesson 2, the children created a "Shepherd's Guide to Leadership" booklet. Each student was given a key leadership word, found a Bible quote about David illustrating this quality, and added their own advice on how to be a good shepherd in today's world.
Year 6	
In RE this week, Year 6 explored the lives of Hannah, Deborah, and Sarah in greater depth, focusing on how their choices and faith connect to our school values. We discussed the courage, kindness, and perseverance each woman showed, and how their actions can inspire the way we live today. The children engaged thoughtfully with the stories and made meaningful links to their own experiences. One pupil reflected, "Jesus teaches us that God is in all of us, so if we are kind to one another, then we are kind to God." Another commented, "When we say this with our heart, we can see it through our actions rather than our words. So when Hannah was praying, she was using her actions to show how much she means it." Their reflections showed a deep understanding of how faith can guide our behaviour and shape our values.	**Monthly Gospel Value** **Our Gospel Value we are exploring is ....** **PEACE** **How can you show PEACE to someone?**