



# The Friday Message

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>During our RE learning, we found out about Ash Wednesday and why it is special for Christians. We learnt that it comes before Easter and marks the beginning of a time called Lent. We discovered that Ash Wednesday is a time to say sorry for the things we have done wrong and to try to make good choices. We talked about how saying sorry can help us feel better inside and how we can show kindness and love to others as we get ready for Easter. We also learnt that the ash used on Ash Wednesday comes from burning palm leaves from the year before. We drew self-portraits and added our own ash crosses to our foreheads using charcoal.</p>	<p>This week we started our learning based on branch 4 – Desert to Garden. We listened to the story Jesus is tempted in the desert for 40 days (Lk 4:1-13). We discussed how Jesus might have felt in the desert, what He did when he was hungry and tempted and who helped Jesus to stay strong. We sequenced this story and discussed what was happening in each image. We ended the session by discussing what we could do for Lent to be like Jesus. In our second lesson we discussed Ash Wednesday in depth which followed on from our first reflection within Lent. We went on to write a sorry prayer and drew an image of ourselves with ashes on our forehead.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week, Year 2 have recapped their learning from Year 1 about Holy Week, re-reading Jesus Entering Jerusalem (Lk 19:28-38*) The Last Supper ((Lk 22:7-23*, 28-34) and The Crucifixion and death of Jesus (Lk 23:33-46*) They have looked at some art work and ordered the pictures and talked about their likes and dislikes. We discussed the meaning of the word ‘sorry’ and why saying sorry is important. We made a mind map of this information for our books. Our second lesson looked at Lent and we made a Lental pledge about what we will give up of aim to do more of during this time. Most of the children wrote about being kind to their brothers and sisters and helping more at home!</p>	<p>This week in RE, Year 3 have been learning about the story of Manna in the Desert. We explored how God provided food for the Israelites when they were hungry and travelling through the wilderness. The children reflected on what this story teaches Christians about trust, provision and God’s care. We then moved on to the story of The Feeding of the Five Thousand. We discussed what a miracle is and why Christians believe miracles show God’s power. The children enjoyed retelling the story and thinking about the similarities between this miracle and the story of manna. It has been lovely to see the children making thoughtful links between the two stories and asking big questions about what these events mean for Christians today.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 began learning about the significance of Lent and why it is an important season in the Church’s year. We read the Gospel account of Jesus being tempted in the desert and reflected on how His faithfulness to God, even in difficult moments, is an example for us. The children discussed how Lent is a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving, helping us to turn away from sin and grow closer to Christ. We also talked about how acts of mercy and kindness towards others, especially those in need, are an important way of living out Lent in our daily lives. The children then wrote letters explaining what Lent means and why we observe it, showing a growing understanding of how this season prepares us for the joy of Easter.</p>	<p>This week, Year 5 children have shown fantastic reflection and maturity at the start of our new topic as they explored the significance of Ash Wednesday. They learned about the symbolism of the ashes and how Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and giving. Through thoughtful discussions and activities, they deepened their understanding of repentance and how Christians prepare for Easter. Well done to all in Year 5!</p>
Year 6	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b></p> <p><b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring</b></p> <p><b>is ....</b></p> <p><b>GENEROSITY</b></p> <p><b>How can you be generous with your time?</b></p>
<p>This week in RE, Year 6 began an exciting new unit titled <i>Desert to Garden</i>. In our first lesson, we explored what we already knew about the events leading up to Jesus’ crucifixion. The children thoughtfully shared their prior knowledge and asked insightful questions about the important time of Holy Week. We also examined key symbols found in the Gospel of John and discussed how they connect to other, more familiar aspects of Catholicism, helping us to deepen our understanding of scripture and tradition. In our second lesson, we focused on the Anointing at Bethany. The children worked collaboratively to create freeze frames of this powerful moment, carefully considering the actions and reactions of each person present. They then reflected on how each individual might have been feeling, showing empathy and a mature understanding of the Gospel message. We are very proud of their thoughtful contributions and engagement.</p>	