




# The Friday Message

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in Reception, we learned about Palm Sunday and why it is an important part of the Easter story. We explored how Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem with joy, as people waved palm branches and shouted “Hosanna,” feeling excited and full of hope because they believed he was God’s Son. During our Godly Play session, the children listened carefully to the story and then had the opportunity to retell it themselves using props and figures. Through this, we reflected on how we can welcome others with kindness and joy, just as Jesus was welcomed, and how we can continue to show love and care to those around us in our daily lives.</p> 	<p>This week we have focused on the story The Crucifixion and death of Jesus (Lk 23:33-46). We cut out a cross and decorated this with images we had seen from Alfobras. Once our crosses were cut out and decorated we created a procession – we walked from our classroom to the prayer hall and respectfully we walked past the stations of the cross in order while holding our crosses. In our second lesson we recognised that the Church teaches that Jesus suffered, died and rose again. During this session we had the chance to ask wondering questions about the story of the last week in Jesus’ life. We shared thank you prayers for Jesus’ life.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>In our first lesson this week, we looked at the Crucifixion, death of Jesus and the Resurrection. (Lk 23: 33-46 and Lk 24: 1-8). The children wrote about what Jesus teaches us to be, for example, brave, loving, kind, forgiving and gentle, and how we can show our love like Jesus through being helpful at home, sharing our toys and using our manners. In our second lesson, we talked about the Stations of the Cross and looked at images depicting each of the 14 stations. The children listened to some calming music and reflected on how they felt while being told what happened in each Station. They thought about what they could do as kind acts, how they can be helpful, and they drew or wrote about their feelings and thoughts.</p>	<p>This week, year 3 have been learning about the Eucharist and Holy Communion. The children enjoyed solving the anagram challenges linked to the key vocabulary . They showed great teamwork and enthusiasm while working out the words and discussing their meanings. We’ve also explored the words from St Teresa of Avila’s poem, “Christ has no body but yours.” The children reflected on how their hands, feet, eyes and actions can show Jesus’ love to others. In the second lesson, the children shared thoughtful ideas about how Jesus cared for his disciples during the Last Supper and why this event is important for Christians. It has been wonderful to see such thoughtful discussion and engagement as the children continue to deepen their understanding of this important part of our faith.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 explored the events of Holy Week, focusing on key moments from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. We began by learning about Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem and the different reactions people had to Him, before moving on to the events of Maundy Thursday, including the Last Supper, the washing of the disciples’ feet, and Jesus’ time in the Garden of Gethsemane. The children thought carefully about how Jesus showed humility, obedience, and trust in God, even in moments of fear and suffering. We then continued to explore the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday, reflecting on Jesus’ sacrifice and the hope of the Resurrection. Throughout the lessons, the children considered how people responded to Jesus at each stage and what these events mean for Catholics today, recognising that we are called to live lives of love, service, and forgiveness in response to His example.</p>	<p>Year 5 demonstrated wonderful creativity and focus as they explored different types of prayer, including the Rosary. They researched the Sorrowful Mysteries and learned how prayer helps Christians feel closer to God. They also explored different positions of prayer and discussed with one another which of the positions allowed for most focus and stillness. Overall, a great week of RE Year 5, well done!</p>

**Year 6**

In Year 6 this week, we explored the Stations of the Cross, taking time to reflect on the key events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion. The children carefully studied each station, discussing what was happening and considering the thoughts and feelings of those involved. Through these conversations, they developed a deeper understanding of the significance of this important part of the Christian story. To bring their learning to life, pupils worked collaboratively to create thoughtful freeze frames for each station. This allowed them to express emotion, empathy and meaning through drama, helping them to connect more personally with the events. The children showed great respect and maturity throughout the lesson, demonstrating both excellent teamwork and reflective thinking.

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

**How can you show FORGIVENESS**  
**to those around you?**