



# The Friday Message

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### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (A)



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in RE, our EYFS children explored the events of Holy Week, revisiting last week’s learning about Palm Sunday as well as learning about the Last Supper and Good Friday. We sequenced these important events by drawing them and retold the story using Godly Play props, helping to deepen our understanding of the events leading up to Easter. The children also enjoyed creating their own Easter cards!</p>	<p>In this final week of branch 4: Desert to Garden we have listened to the bible story The angel’s message (Lk 24:1-8) and recognised that angels bring God’s message and are a sign that Jesus is the Son of God. During our first lesson we had the opportunity to listen to music and see artwork that reflects how Christian communities in another part of the world celebrate Lent and the last week of Jesus’ life. We matched Holy Week traditions around the world. In the final lesson we sequenced the events of the last week of Jesus’ life. We had the opportunity to recap our understanding of the Last Supper, Crucifixion and the Resurrection. At the end of the session we thought about which event we thought was the most important event and why.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week in Year 2 we have looked at the Easter Vigil Mass. We learned that this starts on the Saturday evening before Easter Sunday, when people will light their own candles from the Paschal Candle and enter the Church for Mass. We looked at the symbols on the candle, Alpha and Omega, and where they were positioned on the candle, above and below the cross. We designed our own candle with these symbols. In our final lesson of Branch 4: Desert to Garden, the children recapped their learning by looking through their books and reflecting on what they had learned. They answered some quiz questions both verbally and in written form.</p>	<p>This week in RE, our children have been exploring the meaning and importance of the Eucharist as part of their preparation for First Holy Communion. The children developed their understanding that the Eucharist is a special meeting point where God gives Himself to us, and that by receiving Holy Communion, we are united as part of the Body of the Church. In our second lesson, the children took part in a meaningful experience of the Stations of the Cross. This provided a valuable opportunity for prayer and reflection, helping the children to deepen their understanding of Jesus’ journey and sacrifice. Overall, the children have shown enthusiasm, respect, and maturity in their learning, and we are very proud of their engagement throughout these important lessons.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week, Year 4 have deepened our understanding of key scripture surrounding Holy Week, from Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane to the death of Jesus. In our first lesson, we read the story of Jesus in the Garden, and considered how it relates to three statements: ‘it is important to spend time alone with God,’ ‘God is with us in our suffering,’ and ‘trust that God has a plan for all of us.’ We found evidence to support these statements in the scripture, and considered how Christians could live out these statements during the period of Lent. In our second lesson, the children listened to the story of Jesus’ crucifixion and wrote and drew meaningful reflections about their feelings, the feelings of Jesus, any questions they had, and how it could relate to their lives today. Brilliant reflection this week, Year 4!</p>	<p>This week, our thoughtful Year 5s discussed what Catholics believe about life after death. They tackled big questions with maturity and curiosity, creating some excellent artwork and group discussions on Heaven, Hell, the concept of judgement and purgatory. For the second part of the learning, the children worked on deeply unpicking Corinthians 15:1-8, 20-25, 54-57 through two lenses: What was St Paul teaching, and why is it still important to Catholics today? Well done Year 5 for a great week of RE learning.</p>
Year 6	
<p>This week in RE, we explored the death of Jesus and reflected deeply on the thoughts and feelings of those who witnessed this powerful moment. The children considered the perspectives of key figures such as Mary, John and members of the crowd, thinking carefully about how each person may have felt. They generated thoughtful questions, including, “Was it hard watching Jesus go through this even though you knew it was God’s plan?” and “Did you feel honoured when Jesus asked you to see Mary as your mother?” The children then used their ideas to imagine possible responses, showing empathy and understanding. To conclude the lesson, they applied their learning by creating detailed newspaper reports, capturing the events with sensitivity and insight.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b> <b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring</b> <b>is ....</b> <b>FORGIVENESS</b> <b>How can you show FORGIVENESS</b> <b>to those around you?</b></p>