



## The Friday Message

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#### Third Sunday of Easter



<b>Reception</b>	<b>Year 1</b>
In our first RE lesson of our new branch, we have been learning about Jesus rising from the tomb, known as the Resurrection, and how this brings a message of hope, new life, and joy. After sharing how we celebrated Easter with our own families over the holidays, we then made our own Resurrection pictures using split pins to show the tomb stone rolling away.	In RE this week, Year 1 have begun their new branch, 'To the ends of the Earth'. In our first lesson we listened to the story of 'The road to Emmaus' Luke 24:13-35. We discussed the main points from this story. We then created our own story map and retold the story to a partner. In our second lesson we listened to the Promise of the Spirit and the Ascension (Acts 1:1-11). We then completed thought bubbles using the image of Jesus appearing to his disciples.
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Year 3</b>
The children in Year 2 have started their Branch 5 'To the Ends of the Earth' learning by recapping their Year 1 learning by ordering the events of the resurrection, the ascension and Pentecost. The children learned about St Luke and listened to Luke 24: 36-39. We created a story map to show the sequence of events. In our second lesson, we looked at God's gift of love and how we are filled with love from the Holy Spirit. The children wrote about how they can show God's love at school and at home and how they live with God's love in their hearts. Some of the children managed to write this as a beautiful prayer.	This week in RE, children have been learning about the structure of the New Testament, exploring the different types of writing it contains, including Gospels, Acts, Revelation and the Letters. They considered what these texts are and what kinds of stories and messages they share. We also focused on the story of 'The Road to Emmaus'. The children listened to the story from Luke 24:13–35 and worked in groups to break it into key sections. Through activities such as freeze frames and discussion, they explored the emotions of the disciples and reflected on what it means to recognise Jesus. It has been lovely to see children engaging thoughtfully, asking questions and deepening their understanding.
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Year 5</b>
In RE this week, Year 4 began their new branch, 'To the Ends of the Earth'. In our first lesson, we revisited the events of Easter Sunday, focusing on the disciples discovering the empty tomb. We read the scripture together and reflected on how the disciples may have felt in that moment, considering what they might have thought had happened. The children then took part in a hot-seating activity, asking and answering questions in role as the disciples. In our second lesson, we explored the moment when Jesus spoke to Simon Peter by the lake, after His resurrection. The children considered the questions and commands Jesus gave, and reflected on why Jesus asked Peter three times if he loved Him, making links to Peter's earlier denial. I have been really impressed with Year 4's reflection this week!	Year 5 have had a fantastic week exploring the power and presence of the Holy Spirit! They retold the Pentecost story, learned new key vocabulary like Advocate, Trinity, and Tongues of Fire, and reflected deeply on what these mean. Pupils explored how the Holy Spirit is active in Jesus' life, in sacraments like Baptism and Confirmation, and even in our own lives today. They showed great curiosity when discussing the mystery of the Trinity and responded thoughtfully to beautiful artistic representations of the Spirit using symbols like wind, flame, and dove. Their creativity, insight, and respectful discussions truly shone—well done, Year 5!
<b>Year 6</b>	<p><b>Monthly Gospel Value</b></p> <p><b>Our Gospel Value we are exploring</b></p> <p><b>is ....</b></p> <p><b>COMPASSION</b></p> <p><b>How can you show COMPASSION to those around you?</b></p>
In Year 6 RE, we have begun our new unit, To the Ends of the Earth, exploring key events following Jesus' resurrection. In our first lesson, we examined the story of Mary finding Jesus' tomb empty, comparing her emotional response with Simon Peter's. The children demonstrated their understanding by writing thoughtful diary entries, capturing different perspectives and reactions. In our second lesson, we explored artistic representations of Jesus revealing himself to Mary. Pupils analysed symbolism within the artwork, considering how artists convey meaning through colour, light and positioning. This encouraged deeper reflection on the significance of the event and helped children to interpret religious ideas in creative and meaningful way.	