



The Friday Message

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in RE, we learnt that a parish church is a special place where people come together to meet friends, sing and pray, especially on a Sunday. We explored features of both the inside and outside of churches, including St Luke's Church, which many of us were excited to recognise! Through a fun matching game, we identified different features of a church and paired them with their illustrations. We also made thoughtful comparisons between what we might see in a church and our own RE reflection areas in the classroom, noticing similarities such as candles, a cross, and a Bible.</p>	<p>This week we have looked at a range of stories in the Bible that are about the Holy Spirit. We have listened to Genesis 1:1, Luke 1:35 and Acts 2:1-4. We discussed how the Holy Spirit has been presented within these stories and then drew a picture to represent the Holy Spirit from each of these stories. In our second lesson we heard the Bible readings - The Visitation (Luke 1:39-45) and Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52). We discussed as a class what we remembered from these stories, drew a picture and wrote a sentence about them.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week in Year 2, we looked at the letter St Paul wrote to the Galatians from the Bible (Gal: 5: 22-23). In this we learnt that Paul told them that if they let the Holy Spirit into their hearts, they would bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit (joy, love, patience, self-control, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and gentleness). The children really understood the metaphor Paul was using and were brilliant at remembering all 9 'fruits'. We then looked at the life of St. Therese of Lisieux, who through her 'little acts of kindness' displayed the fruits of the Holy Spirit. The children enjoyed writing about 'little acts of kindness' they had done or will do this week. Look out for them making their own beds, washing up, tidying their toys and helping to wash the car! We have made lovely displays of their acts of kindness in our classrooms.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year 3 have been learning about the Holy Trinity and exploring this important belief through art and discussion. The children reflected on the meaning of the Holy Trinity and began to understand it as God the Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. They looked at the variety of images and symbols used to represent the Holy Trinity including the Celtic Trinity knot and discussed how these help people to understand something that can be difficult to explain. The children enjoyed creative activities, including designing their own Trinity knots, showing great care and imagination. It has been wonderful to see the children engaging thoughtfully with such a complex idea and expressing their understanding in both discussion and artwork.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>This week, we have been learning about the link between the month of May and Mary, and Mary's significance in the Church. We began by discussing why we refer to Mary as the 'Queen of Heaven' and the Mother of the Church. Within this lesson, we explored different artistic representations of Mary and shared our opinions on them. The classes showed brilliant reflection when sharing their ideas. We then listened to songs and sung prayers about Mary and considered which phrases were most powerful. We used these to write prayers for Mary, speaking about her as a role model, and linking springtime to human faith.</p>	<p>Year 5 have had another great week in RE, reflecting deeply on what it means to live as disciples of Jesus. They explored the Seven Keys of Discipleship—from faith and service to welcome and justice—and shared thoughtful ideas on how these values can shape their everyday actions. Through roleplay and group work, pupils worked brilliantly to match real-life scenarios to the keys, showing strong teamwork and understanding. Later in the week, they turned their attention to the Sacrament of Confirmation, learning how the Holy Spirit strengthens and sends us out on our mission to be witnesses of God's love. Their storyboards showing each step of the sacrament were creative, detailed, and full of meaning. Amazing effort all round— well done Year 5!</p>

Year 6

In our RE lessons, we have continued our research into saints and the remarkable ways in which they dedicated their lives to following the teachings of Jesus. We have explored how various saints modelled their behaviour on Jesus's values of compassion, forgiveness and service to others. Many saints chose to give up personal wealth and comfort in order to care for the poor and vulnerable, reflecting Jesus's message of selfless love. Others showed extraordinary courage in standing up for their faith, even in the face of persecution, much like Jesus himself. Through this research, we have gained a deeper understanding of how saints acted as living examples of Catholic values, inspiring millions of people across the world to follow a similar path of faith and devotion.

Monthly Gospel Value
Our Gospel Value we are exploring is

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Wisdom

Draw what it means to be wise?