



The Friday Message
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Seventh Sunday of Easter
The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week we have (enthusiastically!) been creating our box model churches in small groups. We added features such as stonework, stained glass windows and gardens- using the natural materials we had collected during our ‘Nature Catcher’ project. We drew on our knowledge from last week on the outside features of a church, chatting together about what we needed and how to bring our ideas to life. We worked cooperatively, sharing ideas and supporting one another, showing great creativity and pride in our work. We can’t wait to decorate the insides next week!</p>	<p>This week we have listened to a range of stories from the bible. We have completed our timelines which included 2 stories from last week and 6 stories this week. In the first lesson we focused on The Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-22), The Call of the Disciples (Luke 5:1-11) and Jesus and the Little Children (Luke 18:15-17), we drew pictures and wrote a sentence about these. In the second lesson we focused on Jesus enters Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-38), The Last Supper (Luke 22:7-23) and The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (Luke 23:33-46), we drew pictures and wrote a sentence about these.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week Year 2 have been learning about how St. John Henry Newman lived the fruits of the Holy Spirit. We learnt all about his life, his strong faith, his teachings about God and how he believed that God has a special mission for everyone. The children also learnt that he wrote some hymns and prayers. We listened to a prayer read by Alexander Armstrong and sang one of his most famous hymns, ‘Lead, Kindly Light’. The children then reflected on how they could demonstrate some of the fruits of the Holy spirit. We discussed how us living the fruits of the Holy spirit impacts the lives of us and others. The children had some thoughtful and caring ideas.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year 3 have been learning about the Holy Spirit, the Trinity and the role of Mary after the Ascension and before Pentecost. The children explored a range of prayers, including the ‘Glory Be’ and identified references to the Trinity within them. As part of our learning, the children discussed how the disciples may have felt after the Ascension and reflected on Mary’s role in supporting and praying with them. Through discussions and writing activities, the children showed thoughtful understanding and reflective ideas as well as the meaningful connections they are making in their RE learning.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 explored what it means for the Church to be apostolic and how the mission Jesus gave to the apostles continues today. We revisited the Great Commission from Matthew’s Gospel and reflected on how the Church continues Jesus’ work through spreading the faith, celebrating the Sacraments, and serving others. In our second lesson, we learned about the Communion of Saints and reflected on what it means to be a saint. The children discussed how saints are not perfect people, but people who tried to keep Jesus at the centre of their lives, and thought about how we are all united through Jesus as part of one spiritual family.</p>	<p>Year 5 have shown great spiritual maturity and enthusiasm as they deepened their understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation this week. In our lessons, they explored powerful scriptural echoes— from Isaiah to Luke—to see how the Holy Spirit has always been present, guiding and anointing God’s people for mission. Through Bible exploration and thoughtful group work, the children linked these ancient texts to the meaning of Confirmation today. They reflected on the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit, identifying how these strengths and virtues help us live as faithful witnesses of Jesus. From creative discussions about being "anointed" to brilliant teamwork unpacking what it means to grow in virtue, Year 5 have demonstrated a deep and thoughtful approach to living out their faith.</p>
Year 6	<p>Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is Wisdom</p> <p>Draw what it means to be wise?</p>
<p>This week, through gospel reflections, we considered how we how can we celebrate God's love through our words and actions this Eastertide. In lessons, we continued with our research about Saints and their commitment to their faith.</p>	