



The Friday Message

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Pentecost Sunday of Easter

The Lord has truly risen, alleluia.



Reception	Year 1
<p>This week in EYFS, we finished the insides of our box model churches, carefully adding altars, pews and Bibles. We explored how churches are special places for prayer and worship by comparing them to our own prayer area in the classroom. The children enjoyed spotting similarities, including the candles, cross and Bible, and talked thoughtfully about why these items are important in both spaces.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;">   </div>	<p>In our final couple of lessons of branch 5 we have focused on the Glory Be. We discussed why prayer is an important part of life for many people. We played a game which allowed us to build up the Glory Be in our books. During our second lesson we considered how Christians announce the Gospel to others through their words and actions. We focused on the end of mass, when the priest tells us to go and share the good news of the gospel. We discussed as a class what we thought this means. We listened to the story 'Kind' and drew pictures of ways that someone has been kind to us in school.</p>
Year 2	Year 3
<p>This week in RE the children were great at recapping all our learning from this term. They were able to recall all 9 of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, who Saint Thérèse of Lisieux and Saint John Henry Newman were and how they lived out the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The children also showed great knowledge of the events around the Resurrection of Jesus, the Ascension and Pentecost. We completed a short quiz to demonstrate our knowledge.</p>	<p>In RE this week, Year 3 have been learning about Mary's intercession and how Catholics ask for Mary's prayers. The children reflected on the role of Mary in supporting the disciples through prayer and explored how the Holy Spirit and prayer can help people in their everyday lives. The children listened carefully to the words of the <i>Hail Mary</i> and discussed their meaning, showing thoughtful understanding and curiosity. They enjoyed a creative activity - making rosary beads.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;">  </div> <p>As part of our revision work for the branch <i>To the Ends of the Earth</i>, the children recapped key vocabulary and important learning from previous lessons taking part in 'pass the parcel' game.</p>
Year 4	Year 5
<p>In RE this week, Year 4 revisited the Great Commission, reflecting on the mission Jesus gave to His disciples to spread the Good News and continue His work in the world. We also recapped key principles of Catholic Social Teaching, discussing how these guide Catholics in caring for others and working for justice. The children then chose a Catholic charity to research, finding out about its history, purpose, and work today. They created informative posters explaining how their chosen organisation continues Jesus' mission through service, compassion, and support for those in need. It was wonderful to see the children making thoughtful links between the teachings of Jesus, Catholic Social Teaching, and the work of the Church today.</p>	<p>This week, Year 5 ended their current unit by completing a piece collaborative artwork as a year group. The children worked very hard on over 600 wooden tiles to create a reflective piece of art depicting The Eucharist and The Cross. This artwork will be assembled over the May half term and will be only display in school for all to enjoy. Well done Year 5 artists!</p>

Year 6

This week in RE, we explored the work of CAFOD and learned about how the charity helps people around the world who are facing injustice and poverty. The children were given different scenarios and asked to think carefully about the unfair situations people may experience. They discussed how the individuals affected might feel and considered the challenges they may face in their daily lives. We then thought about how charities such as CAFOD can provide support, hope and practical help to those in need. Following our discussions, the children created informative posters to share with others the important work that CAFOD does around the world.

Monthly Gospel Value
Our Gospel Value we are exploring is

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Wisdom

Draw what it means to be wise?