



The Friday Message

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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception In RE this week, we explored different places of worship, such as mosques and synagogues, and learned about other faiths where people believe in God and have their own special days and celebrations too. We talked about how these places are similar to a church because they are places where people pray, come together, show kindness, and think about God. We also thought about how we can be kind and respectful to everyone by learning about and valuing each other's traditions as we drew these places of worship in provision.	Year 1 This week Year 2 have focused on a range of symbols in Christianity. We discussed that the cross is a prayer expressing Christian belief. During the first lesson we looked at a range of different crosses. We then got to make our own cross using lollipop sticks and wool. We decorated the crosses with Christian symbols. In our second lesson we started to look at symbols from Judaism. We looked at a synagogue, Star of David, kippah, tallit, torah and a Rabbi. We finished the lesson with a picture of Jesus and we wrote questions of what we would like to ask him about the world.
Year 2 This week Year 2 have been learning about other religions in our community and school. In our first session they children learnt about the beliefs and origins of the Islamic faith. The classes especially enjoyed listening to children who are Muslims talk about their experiences and knowledge. A demonstration was given by these children regarding prayer. In our second session we learnt about the Hindu faith. Again, there were children in the class who follow this religion and could talk about their experiences and share their knowledge. The children made a 'facts jar' about Hinduism which included some great information given by the children in the class!	Year 3 In RE this week, Year 3 have been learning about Islam and exploring the key features of a mosque. The children discovered the different parts of a Muslim place of worship and labelled and decorated their diagrams which helped them to understand how these features support Muslims in prayer and worship. The children also learned about Eid al-Fitr and why it is such a special celebration for Muslims. They explored the meaning of Ramadan, discussed how Muslims celebrate Eid with family and friends, and reflected on the importance of gratitude, generosity and community. It has been wonderful to see the children showing curiosity and respect as they learned about another faith and the traditions that are important to Muslim communities.
Year 4 Year 4 explored the Sacred Heart of Jesus and what it teaches us about God's deep and enduring love for all people. We began by looking closely at an image of the Sacred Heart, and the children shared their observations and questions. They were curious about the flames, thorns, and the heart itself, and listened carefully as we explored what each symbol represents. We reflected on how the Sacred Heart reminds us of Jesus' love, mercy, and sacrifice. The children labelled a diagram of the Sacred Heart, used Scripture to reflect on how they could respond to Jesus' love, and then wrote letters thanking Him and considering how to show His love through their own actions. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful and reflective learning this week, Year 4!	Year 5 Well done to Year 5 for their thoughtful work in RE this week! In Lesson 1, the children explored the Sacred Heart of Jesus, labelling its parts and reflecting on what they symbolise. They also listened to a scripture passage and answered questions about what it teaches us about Jesus and His love. In Lesson 2, pupils learned all about Catholic Social teachings and all about countries currently affected by conflict. They marked these on a world map and wrote thoughtful prayers for peace. A fantastic effort from everyone!
Year 6 This week we have been discussing our transition through to secondary school and how we can continue our faith as we move on from St John Henry Newman. Our class discussions have led to some incredibly fruitful and important conversations, and we created prayers to help guide us on our journeys ahead. We also continued to work on our projects relating to Common Good and are ready to go out into our school community and spread our support and love to those around us – as Jesus has shown us in the Gospels.	Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is THANKFULNESS What are you THANKFUL for?