



The Friday Message

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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception	Year 1
This week, each class gathered to share a special moment of thankfulness for all of the wonderful creations in our world. We passed a teddy around the circle and when it was our turn, joined in with the words, “Thank you God for creating...”, before sharing something in God’s wonderful world that we are thankful for. Our beautiful ideas were brought together to create special class prayers, which are displayed in our RE areas for us to read, enjoy and reflect on during provision time. We will remember all the wonderful things we have to be thankful for.	This week in RE we have thought about how prayer is a way that people grow closer to God. We discussed that when we pray, we are talking to God, and He is always listening to us. We spoke about where we can pray, the places we thought of are at home, in church and at school. We also discussed that we can pray on our own or with others and we might pray before meals or in our heart. We created a prayer hand; on each finger we wrote what we can say to God. This included “thank you”, “family” and “sorry”. In the palm we drew pictures of what we might say to God. In our second lesson we wrote a prayer to God.
Year 2	Year 3
In our first lesson of RE this week, we learnt what a psalm is. We found where they are in the Bible, and the children were brilliant at recalling what they remembered about the Old and New Testaments. We focused on psalm 139 and listened to it carefully. The children asked wondering questions about the meaning of the psalm and then wrote and drew their ideas reflecting on what the words mean to them. In our second lesson, we learned what a Sacrament is and began our learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. The children designed an invitation to a Baptism and wrote about what to expect during a Baptism.	In RE this week, the children explored stewardship: looking after God’s world. They ran a Creation Care Helpline, taking turns as callers and helpers. Faced with problems such as a thirsty plant, litter or a pet needing water, the helpers suggested practical ways to care. They also explained why their advice mattered, linking their choices to Genesis and its teaching that people have a responsibility for living things. The children then became Care Detectives. They looked closely at a school garden that needed help, matched problems with caring actions and discussed what would improve for plants, animals and people. To show their learning, each child created a rescued garden with cut-and-stick pictures and completed “Genesis teaches us to...” beneath it. It was lovely to see them turn a big idea into small, thoughtful actions they could recognise in everyday life.
Year 4	Year 5
In RE this week, Year 4 learned about the life of Joseph the Dreamer. The children listened to his story and sequenced the key events of his life, before considering which moments showed Joseph’s special relationship with God. In our second lesson, we looked more closely at the choices Joseph made and discussed how his actions demonstrated faith, hope and love, particularly during difficult moments in his life. We then compared Joseph’s actions with key events from Abraham’s life, making links between the virtues they showed and considering how both men placed their trust in God.	This week, we discussed Catholic Social Teaching and what it means to love our neighbour, especially those who are vulnerable, like refugees. The students responded to the headline “Love Thy Neighbour: What Does This mean in the Modern World?”, showing great empathy and understanding of the Church’s teachings on justice and solidarity. They then went on to create a class display of the different virtues we have been learning about. We’re so proud of your thoughtful responses, Year 5!
Year 6	Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is Friendship How can you be a good FRIEND?
After our previous lesson on Original Sin, we focused on the sacrament of Baptism as a way of cleansing and renewal and bringing ourselves closer to God. We explored the symbols involved in Baptism, their meanings and how this is represented in Scriptures. We then went on to look at the ‘New Covenant’ that Jesus gave to us. Through discussion and questions, we learned that it provides us with a ‘blueprint’ for a good life here on Earth and eventually eternal life through the teachings of Jesus. It provides that for everyone and it is written in our hearts. A really fulfilling and rewarding week of RE!	