



The Friday Message

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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)



Reception	Year 1
Looking ahead to our Harvest Festival celebrations next week, we thanked God for His wonderful creation — for the sunshine, the rain, the rich soil, seeds, plants, animals, and everything that helps food to grow. We explored a Harvest-themed Godly Play story in our classrooms using a ‘farmer’ and a ‘tractor’ to work on different fields. As we moved the figures around, we reflected on all the things God has created that were growing there. 	This week, we have listened to the letter written by Pope Francis called <i>Laudato Si</i>. We learnt that this was about the gift of Creation and the importance of taking care of the world. We watched a story about Creation to remind us of the wonderful things that God created. We learnt more about recycling and Fair-trade products. We took part in role play and freeze-framed ways we can look after the Earth including turning off lights, saving water, recycling, planting and caring for nature, and sharing with others. In our second lesson we thought about how we can care for our school community as well as other parts of the world and focused on El Salvador. We saw lots of new trees being planted, which made people feel happy.
Year 2	Year 3
In RE this week, Year 2 consolidated their learning about Baptism. They have all become experts on Baptism and, thanks to Father Jeffery’s visit, can explain clearly what it means to be Baptised and what lots of the symbols mean. They were able to document this learning either by writing or drawing everything they have learned onto a mind map. We concluded the lesson by talking about the harvest and what it is all about. We practised our readings, prayers and songs, and talked about harvest, gathering information to be able to write our poems which they are excited to share with you next week during the festival. Our reflection this week made us think about how we can make others feel welcome. We discussed where we could be making others welcome, how we can do this and what we could say. There were lots of great ideas about how we can make a new child in school feel welcome and what we need to tell them and show them in school. The children wrote or drew their ideas for our class reflection book.	This week in RE, Gandhi and Frank class explored A Prayer for Our Earth, written by Pope Francis and included in <i>Laudato Si</i>. We first listened to the prayer as a whole and discovered that it speaks to God about Creation and the people he loves. We then became “prayer detectives”, looking closely at particular words and phrases to explore what they reveal about Catholic beliefs about God, people and Creation. The children considered how prayer can praise and thank God, as well as ask for His help, using their growing religious vocabulary to explain the meaning behind the words of the prayer. In our class reflection, we listened to Jesus’ parable of the wedding feast and thought about welcome and belonging. We learned that God invites all people into His Kingdom and asks us to respond with open hearts. The children considered what genuine welcome looks like in everyday life — from including someone in a game to making space for somebody who is new. We finished with our mission for the week: notice one person who could be included and make the first kind move.
Year 4	Year 5
In RE this week, Year 4 continued exploring prayer through the stories of Abraham and Joseph. We reflected on how both men showed faith, hope, and love by trusting God, even in challenging times. The children matched extracts from Catholic prayers to moments in their lives, thinking about how prayer can be an expression of faith, or a way of remembering God’s presence. Later in the week, we focused on why Abraham is seen as a model of prayer. Through discussion, the children recognised that prayer is a true dialogue with God, sometimes to give thanks, to ask for help, or simply to listen. Working in groups, they wrote their own prayers inspired by Abraham, expressing trust in God and the virtues of faith, hope, and love.	This week, our Year 5 students had the opportunity to wrap up their RE topic by becoming teachers! They reviewed the topics covered in the whole unit, including the ten commandments, virtues, the Jesuit pupil profile and the Little Way of Saint Thérèse, and devised a lesson plan built around a challenging situation. They made links with relevant scripture, wrote a suitable prayer, selected key vocabulary and reflective questions, and created a task that younger children could use to learn about these topics. Well done Year 5!
Year 6	Monthly Gospel Value Our Gospel Value we are exploring is Trust How can you build up TRUST with someone?
A young saint became our focus in RE this week. St Carlo Acutis was a very inspiring young man and helped us explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit by researching his short but very Holy life. We had a very long and rich discussion about what constitutes becoming a saint and what qualities St Carlo Acutis displayed in the 15 years of his life. Being a 'modern' saint meant we all felt closer to his story and were able to relate to his experiences. In reflection this week, we looked at the parable of the King’s party that Jesus spoke of in the Gospel. We thought about how we can make people feel welcome in the way we treat, care for and love them - both at school and at home. We also began our preparation for Harvest and recalled what this means in relation to the values of our school.	