



The Friday Messenger

6th Sunday of Easter
Friday 12th May



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: *The Resurrection*
- Year 2: *Easter Tide*
- Year 3: *Celebrating Easter and Pentecost*
- Year 4: *Mission of the Church: The Early Christians*
- Year 5: *Life in The Risen Jesus*
- Year 6: *The Work of The Apostles: The Transforming Spirit*



Year 1	Year 2
This week we have been learning about the disciple Thomas and how he did not believe the good news that Jesus had risen from the dead until he had seen Jesus for himself. The children reflected on why Thomas found it difficult to believe the good news and the proof Jesus gave him. They then acted out the Bible story in groups. In the second lesson, the children then reflected on their own experiences and how some things can be difficult to believe. They thought about a time in their life when something had been hard to believe and why.	This week, our RE work has have been discussing the news that the disciples received during Pentecost. We discussed both the good and the bad news that they experienced and thought about what the disciples would have been thinking at the time. We also looked at Jesus' ascension into heaven and discussed this story.
Year 3	Year 4
In our RE this week we talked about how the stories of Easter and Pentecost may make us have questions that we would like to know the answers to. We discussed how there are some questions that are difficult for us to answer and that to answer others we need to use the evidence we have from the Bible and from what we know ourselves about God. As a class, we wrote 'I wonder' questions and then worked in small groups to try and answer them, for example, why did Jesus have to go to heaven? and how did the disciples baptise 3000 people?	Year 4 have been finding out about the life of Paul. They learnt, this week, about his problems with people not liking him and not believing that he had changed and was a follower of Jesus rather than a persecutor. We also discussed how there are still many places in the world where Christians are persecuted for their faith and we decided that it would be a good thing to pray for all those people.
Year 5	Year 6
This week in Year 5 the children recapped on previous learning they had done on Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis' letter to us all. After watching a short video produced by CAFOD explaining another of the Pope's encyclicals, Laudato Si', we went outside and did a role play activity. In pairs, the children took turns to play the role of Pope Francis and a pupil who had never heard of Laudato Si'. Finally, they thought about how they could put their love for the earth into action and recorded it on a sticky note.	Due to it being SATs week, Year 6 have taken a break from their usual RE lessons. They have, however, been diligently praying the Rosary and asking Mary to pray to God on their behalf. As a class, we have said a special prayer every morning, asking God to help us to focus, persevere and complete the tests to the best of our ability.

Gospel Values This month's value is... Humility	Action! This coming Thursday (18th May) we remember and celebrate The Ascension of Jesus into heaven. There are two activity sheets about Jesus' ascension into heaven attached; you can complete one or both of them at home.
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Dear Lord, we thank You for Your mighty power. Lord, we thank you You because You rose to life! During this Easter season, we pray that we will recognise and appreciate what You did for us on the cross so that we could have eternal life. Therefore, we pray that everyone will receive the message of Easter, which is the love of God,

Amen.