



The Friday Messenger

The Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Friday 9th June 2023



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: Holidays and Holydays
- Year 2: The Mass
- Year 3: The Mass
- Year 4: Belonging to The Church
- Year 5: Pentecost and Serving
- Year 6: Anointing of The Sick



<p>Year 1</p> <p>This week we have been focussing on Ascension Day. The children learnt about how after his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples and made a promise to send the Holy Spirit to help them. They learnt that the holy day, Ascension Thursday, celebrates Jesus' return to his Father. The children designed their own stained-glass windows to show this promise that Jesus made, drawing symbols of the Holy Spirit such as fire, wind and a dove. In our second lesson, the children spent time retelling the Bible story, focusing on what Jesus told to his disciples about the Holy Spirit and how it would help the disciples.</p>	<p>Year 2</p> <p>Our RE work this week has focussed on the Mass. We spent time discussing the different parts of Mass and what the significance of each part is. We also thought about what was said and why. We then summarised this.</p>
<p>Year 3</p> <p>We have continued looking at the Mass and, in particular, how we are called to take an active part in the Mass. The children were asked to complete the following sentence 'The reason why we should go to Mass on Sundays and take an active part in it is...' We will refer back to these at the end of the unit to see if the children have changed or added to their answer. As a class, we used our Mass cards to talk through what happens during Mass and how we take part. The children practised the responses and completed a table to record some of these. We finished our lessons by discussing the difference between active participation and observing.</p>	<p>Year 4</p> <p>This week in RE, Year 4 started their new topic 'Belonging to the church'. We started by looking at Cafod's website and St Oswald's parish website. We discussed how the church is not only a building but a community both locally and globally.</p>
<p>Year 5</p> <p>This week we revisited the story of Pentecost and focused on how the power of the Holy Spirit is seen and changes lives. The children practised reading Peter's message (Acts 2: 32-39, 41-42) in pairs and answered key questions in small groups before feeding back to the rest of the class. Individually, they explored Peter's message explaining that the gift of the Holy Spirit is for everyone. They then highlighted the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in his speech.</p>	<p>Year 6</p> <p>The children started their new topic – 'Anointing the Sick'. They began by discussing the question "Who needs healing?" Next, they read an overview of the work which is carried out at Helen House – a children's hospice. The children then applied the same question to this situation and discussed any changes in their understanding of the word 'healing'. In groups, they mind-mapped the different types of sicknesses/needs. The second RE lesson looked at Jesus healing the sick and the reactions of others around, compared to what a modern-day world is like. The children then completed a piece of work which focused on comparing Biblical stories to modern day equivalents, making sure that Jesus' teaching underpinned their reasoning.</p>

Gospel Values

This month's value is... **Tolerance**

Action! This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The Church celebrates the real presence of Christ in The Eucharist: Holy Communion. This week's activity is to design your own Corpus Christi poster- there are some ideas below to help you.

