



The Friday Messenger

4th Sunday in Lent
Friday 8th March 2024



Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: Desert to Garden
- Year 2: Desert to Garden
- Year 3: Reconciliation-Called to Change
- Year 4: Jesus the Saviour
- Year 5: Reconciliation
- Year 6: Jesus, Son of God: The Messiah



Year 1	Year 2
As a class, we listened to the scripture reading 'Jesus enters Jerusalem' (Luke 19:28-28). We discussed how this links to Psalm Sunday and Ash Wednesday. The children then role played the scripture story. We then read the scripture reading 'Jesus teaches in the temple' (Luke 19:47-48) and we discussed how Jesus is feeling, why he was in the temple and why the people were listening to Jesus.	This week in RE we continued with the topic of 'Desert to Garden'. We focussed on Lent this week and thought about we show love as well as what else we focus on during Lent. We then discussed how this can lead to reconciliation and forgiveness and how this is important during Lent. Following on from this we then thought about what forgiveness means to us. We discussed how we should forgive others and that this is sometimes difficult.
Year 3	Year 4
Year three continued to think about the story of Zacchaeus and how it linked to the events leading up to the first Easter. They mapped Jesus's teaching using the bible to help them and then thought about how the people who saw Jesus and Zacchaeus felt about it.	This week in Year 4, we continued our topic of Jesus, the Saviour. In our first lesson, we explored the story of the Last Supper. As a class, we discussed how Jesus shares himself in a special way and the promise he makes us. We explored how this links to our Mass services through the Sacrament of the Eucharist, where we make the Last Supper present again. In our second lesson, we read about the events that happened at the Garden of Gethsemane and how Peter denied Jesus three times. In small groups, the children role played the events and focused on how Jesus and Peter felt during those events and why they acted the way they did.
Year 5	Year 6
This week, Year Five read, watched, discussed and answered key questions about two parables that Jesus told: The Lost Son and The Lost Sheep. They looked at how Jesus teaches about reconciliation in both of the parables and how the father in The Lost Son and the shepherd in The Lost Sheep represent God. They also identified similarities and differences between the two parables.	In our lessons this week, the children have been exploring their understanding of two very important days in the Christian calendar: Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The class produced diary entries from the point of view of Peter and included key words such as Gethsemane, crow and courage. For their work on Good Friday, the children used their knowledge of Mass to make links between the events of Good Friday and the words they hear regularly spoken at Mass. All children showed a solid understand of the importance of the scripture explored.

Gospel Values This month's value is... Forgiveness	Action! <i>As you know, this Sunday is a special day: Mother's Day or Mothering Sunday. It is a special day for mums and also other people in our families who take care of us- Grandmas, Nans, Aunties... Try your hardest to make their day special by giving them some of your time: help around the house, share a story or movie together, go for a walk, play a game together, make them breakfast... I am sure you will have your own ideas too! It is a day when we say thank you to God for these special people in our lives. Please pray the prayer below as a family.</i>
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Dear God,

Thank you for the special people in our lives: mums, grandmas, Nans, aunties. Thank you for their kindness, care and love.

They look after me, spend time with me, listen to me, cheer me up when I am upset and make me laugh.

Please bless them on their special day.

Amen