



# The Friday Messenger

Palm Sunday  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



## Our curriculum themes are:

- Year 1: From Desert to Garden
- Year 2: From 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
This week we have continued to learn about the Easter story. We listened to the scripture reading 'The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus (LK 23:33-46)' and created 'I wonder' questions. We also discussed the importance of the angel's message when Jesus rose again. The children enjoyed creating their own Easter garden to represent the resurrection.	This week in RE we continued with the topic of 'Desert to Garden'. This week our focus was reconciliation. To start with we looked at the themes of reconciliation and peacebuilding in art. We looked at the statue outside of Coventry Cathedral and discussed how it showed reconciliation as well as how the art work linked to Lent and Easter. We then listened to the 'Lord have Mercy' and discussed the message within it. After this we looked at Jesus' resurrection; we first read about it in the scripture and then retold it.
Year 3	Year 4
Year Three learnt about the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. They considered the 5 steps and discussed the importance of each stage. They then thought about their Lenten journey and how they had worked hard to Pray, Act and Give. They reflected on things they could have done differently too.	This week, Year 4 revisited the story of Easter Sunday. We focused on the character, Mary of Magdala, and her reaction and feelings to Jesus' resurrection. We explored what Jesus' resurrection means to us today and how it is the most important event in the Bible and why. The children answered these questions in detail. In our second lesson, the children used scripture to write a summary of each day of Holy week, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. As an extension, the children looked at a painting of Jesus returning to talk to Mary and how she recognised it was him.
Year 5	Year 6
This week we took time to ask and respond to questions which we generated ourselves about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was good to be able to spend time in groups and discuss how this Sacrament affects our relationship with God and others. We then studied various Stations of the Cross in detail, and we tried to explain the reasons behind various people's actions at the time, including Mary, the soldiers, Pontius Pilate, Simon of Cyrene and Veronica. This deepened our understanding of the events by encouraging us to explore why certain people acted the way they did.	We started our lessons this week by recapping Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday as a whole class. The children then had some teacher-set deep questions to answer about the events of Holy Week. As they were answering the questions, they were asked to write down any further questions or queries that came to them. They then asked this new question to their partner and wrote down their partner's answer. The children worked well together on this task and came up with some thought-provoking questions.

<b>Gospel Values</b> This month's value is... <i>Forgiveness</i>	<b>Action! This Sunday is Palm Sunday which is the beginning of Holy Week: Jesus' enters in to Jerusalem. The Gospel Reading is: Mark 11:1-10</b> <b>There is also a Palm Sunday crossword attached for you to complete at home.</b>
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**Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came not as a conquering king but as a humble servant. On this Palm Sunday, we celebrate His victory over sin and death, paving the way for our salvation. Help us to live in gratitude for His sacrifice, reflecting His love and grace in all that we do. Amen.**