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Editor's note

As we come to the end of the Lent Term, we now find ourselves about to pause busy school life and prepare for Holy Week. This has been a busy and enriching term, and in this newsletter, we are delighted to share just some of the many highlights that showcase the excellence, creativity and dedication of our pupils and staff. When we return it will be the joyful season of Eastertide - a time of renewal, hope, and celebration of the Resurrection.

Lent gives us a time to grow closer to God through praying, fasting and giving. Our families have supported the many fundraising opportunities this term; delighting in World Book Day, crazy hair days, a house afternoon and children's choice day. We are delighted in the way our school community has supported those in need locally, nationally and globally.

A highlight of the season was the Passion Play, so beautifully delivered by Year 3 and 4. This serves as stunning reminder of the final week of Jesus Christ.

As we enter the season of Eastertide we reflect on the importance of the resurrection on our faith; without it we simply wouldn't have the Christian community.

Mrs O'Byrne and Mrs Morgan





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As a community we come together to share the word of God and live like Jesus would like us to.

Year 2 Celebration of the word

On Friday 6th March, Year 2 led a beautiful assembly centred on the life and legacy of **Saint Patrick**. The children confidently narrated his journey from captivity to his mission of spreading the Christian faith, highlighting powerful themes of perseverance and answering God's call.



Year 1 Celebration of the word











In readiness for Mothering Sunday, Year 1 celebrated all of those who who care for us including Mary the Mother of our Lord Jesus. We heard about how Mary said Yes to God when the Angel gave her to message that she would be the Mother of Jesus. We are reminded that we should say Yes, to God too.

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Passion Play

On Wednesday 25th March, Year 3 and 4 delivered a moving rendition of the annual production of the Passion Play, portraying the trial, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ. Both classes dedicated themselves tirelessly to perfecting their lines, mastering their lyrics, and memorizing their dance routines to ensure that this profound story was brought to life in a spectacular manner. Their incredible talent in singing and acting shone brightly throughout the unforgettable performance, leaving a lasting impression on all who attended. Their commitment to delivering the important religious message during this special time of the year fills us with immense pride. Well done to Year 3 and 4!









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Art and prayer

Our Art and Prayer sessions run twice during the school year; at Advent and again at Lent. They are a wonderful opportunity for pupils to be creative, grow closer to God and to develop relationships with children in other year groups.

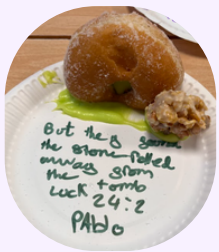


During our time together we have created some individual projects such as our wooden Holy Week storytelling sticks but also collaborated together on some shared artwork. We have created some beautiful stations of the cross.

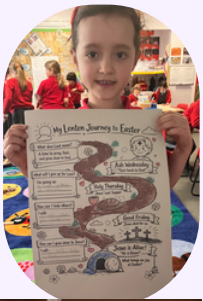


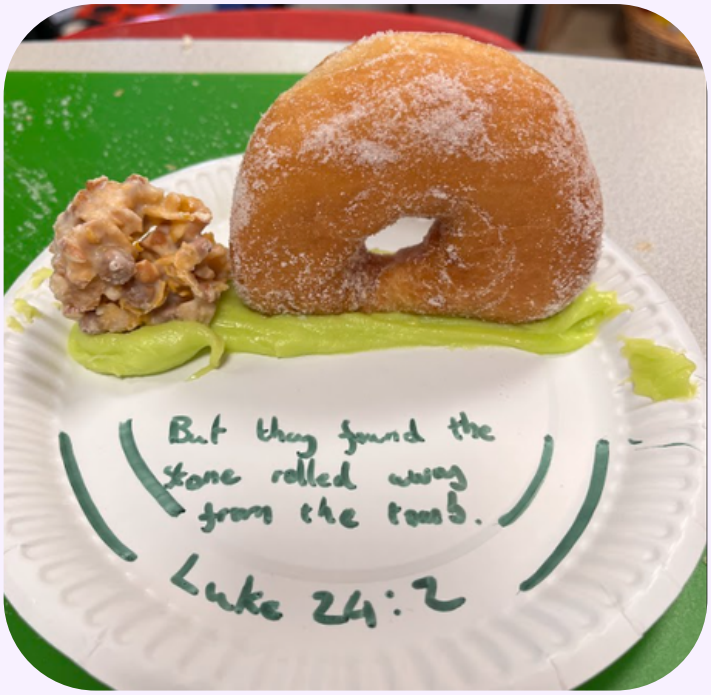


In our final sessiion we created an edible tomb to remind us of the events of Easter Sunday.











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Prayer life

Sacrament of Reconcilliation

Lent is a time of repentance and penance, which ultimately leads to reconciliation. Years 4, 5 and 6 either recently received the Sacrament of Reconciliation or got the chance to talk with Mrs Walker our Chaplain to reflect on the fact that they are all children of God and that this impacts on the way they treat others.Reconciliation is a really important sacrament of healing.

Prayers to remember:

Act of Contrition

O my God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you,
And by the help of your grace I will not sin again.
Amen

Prayer for Forgiveness

O my God, help me to remember the times when I didn't live as Jesus asked me to.
Help me to be sorry and to try again.
Amen



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Faith in action



Our altar serving training program is an exciting way for students to grow in faith and learn how to help during Mass. For the past three weeks, our young altar servers learnt to understand the special role they will play in the church. We are proud to support our students as they take their first steps in serving God and others!

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching tells us how our Catholic Faith guides our actions. Our faith calls us to love God and to love our neighbours in every situation, especially our sisters and brothers living in poverty. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we hope to make present in our unjust and broken world, the justice, love and peace of God.

Catholic Social Teaching comes from scripture, letters written by popes and holy people, and the examples set by Christians through history.

"None of us can think we are exempt from concerns for the poor and for social justice."
Pope Francis

We recognise Catholic Social Teaching in our daily school life and we ensure that children are taught the seven principles. Find out more below:

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Catholic Social Teaching

The Common Good
We speak clearly and show respect and responsibility for our sisters and brothers who are in need. We are called to work for the good of each and all.
Saint: St. Catherine of Siena
Value: Responsibility

Participation and the Dignity of Work
We know that we are all 'Co Workers' and have the right and duty to participate fully in society. Through cooperation we can learn and grow closer to God.
Saint: St. Joseph the Worker
Value: Cooperation & Teamwork

Rights and Responsibilities
We learn about responsibilities and rights, and how we can promote and live these out as brave ambassadors of Christ.
Saint: St Vincent de Paul
Value: Courage and Determination

Stewardship of God's Creation
We believe that the earth is our common home and that we should use its resources wisely. It is our Christian vocation to care for creation, live sustainably and enhance the wellbeing of our planet.
Saint: St. Francis of Assisi
Value: Care for Creation

Life and Dignity of the Human Person
We believe that we are beautifully made in the image and likeness of God and that each one of us is unique. We are called to treat every person with loving respect.
Saint: St Maximilian Kolbe
Value: Respect for ourselves and each other

Preferential Option for the Poor
We believe that all resources on earth should be shared with everyone. We show kindness and compassion to others and put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.
Saint: St Mother Teresa of Calcutta
Value: Kindness & Compassion

Family, Community & Solidarity
God created us as one global family, called to support our brothers and sisters. We are encouraged to ask 'who is our neighbour?' and think how we can serve the local, national and global communities of which we are a part.
Saint: St Elizabeth of Hungary
Value: Service

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Rise Theatre

We were delighted to welcome the fantastic RISE Theatre to our school for a truly inspiring whole-school retreat. Through their captivating 'Treasure Within' performance and interactive workshops, the children embarked on a 'treasure hunt adventure' to discover the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. It was a joy to see the whole school exploring these vital values from the dignity of the human person to caring for God's creation and expressing their reflections through beautiful pieces of values artwork. The day was filled with music, drama, and creativity, leaving the children with a deeper understanding of how they can share their own 'treasures' and live out these values within our community.













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Stations of the cross

The Stations of the Cross is a meaningful way to reflect on the final moments of Jesus' life. From the earliest days of the Church, many believers have desired to walk the same path Jesus walked during His Passion.

For many centuries, travelling to the Holy Land was difficult, expensive, or even dangerous. Therefore, Christians began creating visual representations of the key moments of Jesus journey. Paintings, carvings, and sculptures were placed in churches and homes so that people could prayerfully follow this "Way of the Cross" without leaving their own community.

After Christianity was officially recognised in 313 AD, when Emperor Constantine legalised the faith, pilgrimages to the Holy Land became more common. However, the majority of believers were still unable to make the journey. In the fifth century, the idea emerged to replicate the holy sites of Jesus' Passion elsewhere, enabling more people to make a spiritual pilgrimage.



Today, the Stations of the Cross usually consist of 14 stations, each representing an important moment in Jesus' suffering and death, from His condemnation by Pontius Pilate to His burial in the tomb. The Stations of the Cross are especially prayed during the season of Lent, when Christians prepare for Easter. Through prayer, Scripture, and reflection at each station, we remember the love and sacrifice of Jesus and are invited to walk spiritually with Him on His journey to the cross.





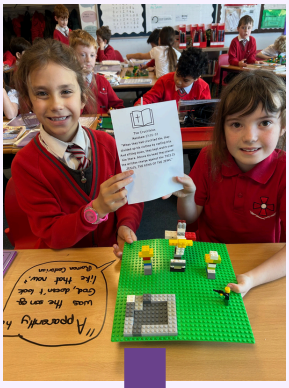


Year 6 took time to walk the Stations of the Cross as part of their RE lessons. They were very prayful and respectful.

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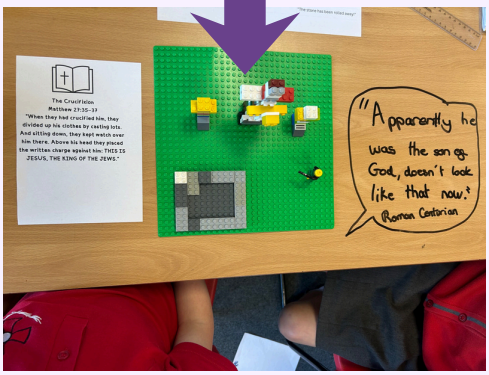
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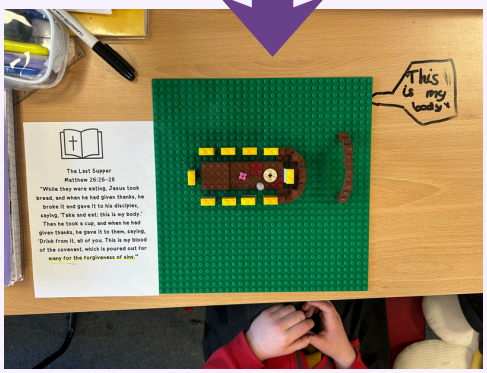
Year 4 have been learning all about Holy Week and all the important events that happened in Jesus' final week. Year 4 loved recreating scenes from Holy Week using Lego and annotated with words from the scripture.

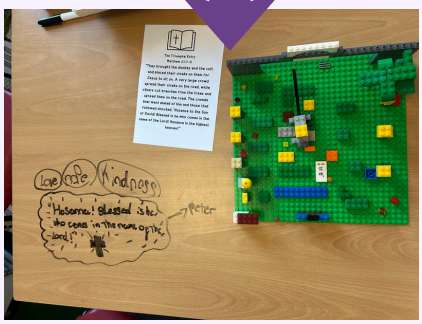








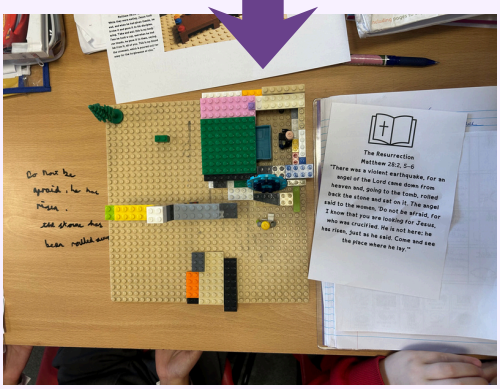


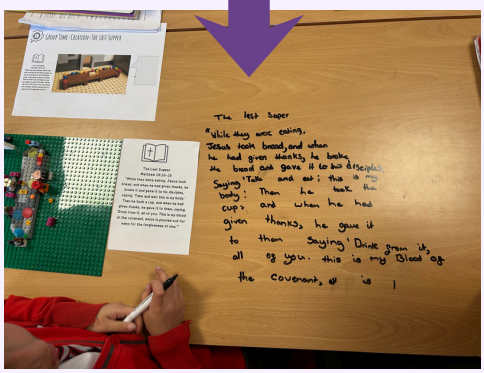


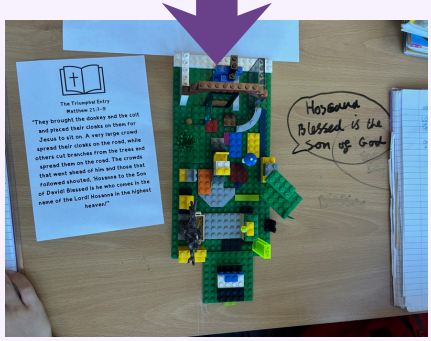












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Reception

Reception have been enjoying learning about Easter. Many storytelling sessions; role play of The events of Palm Sunday and lots of creative activities have helped us reflect on feelings of sadness, joy and hope.



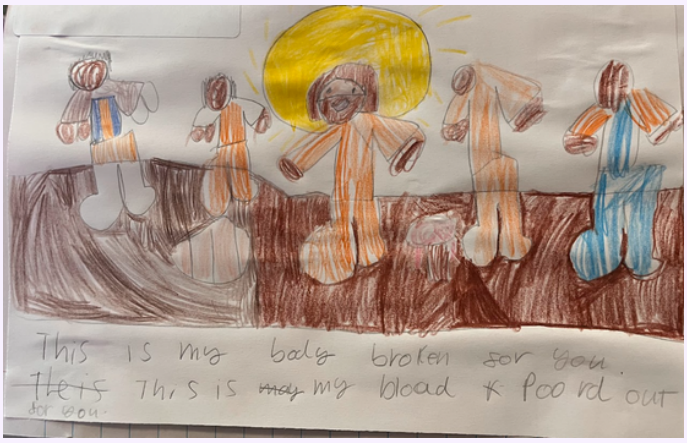






Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about Jesus from the Gospel of Luke. Children started by hearing about the temptation in the desert which encourages us to pray and fast during Lent, and then the story of the Widow's Mite which shows us the importance of giving. We have then begun to explore Holy Week; from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper and through to his death on Good Friday. When we return after the break we will discover what happens next in this narrative. Children have been brilliant at not only retelling the scripture but considering how it encourages to lead our lives during Lent.









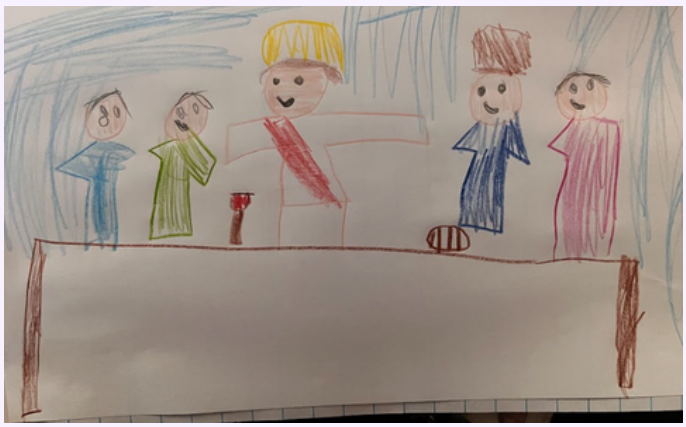
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Year 2

Year 2 explored the connection between Jesus' ministry of kindness and His **forgiveness** at the Crucifixion. Through a prayerful **Stations of the Cross** walk around the college, the children gained a sense of the path Jesus walked, helping them recognise that **God always forgives us.**

As part of their **Lent reflections**, the children were introduced to the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. They gained an understanding of how saying **sorry** helps us make a fresh start and restore our relationship with God as we prepare for the joy of the Resurrection.







Year 3

Our Year 3 students have engaged beautifully and respectfully throughout this term's Religious Education learning, showing great maturity as we explored the importance of Mary and her profound significance within the Catholic Church. This half-term, the children have been focusing on how the Church honors Mary through prayer, thanking her for the wonderful gift she gave the world through Jesus.

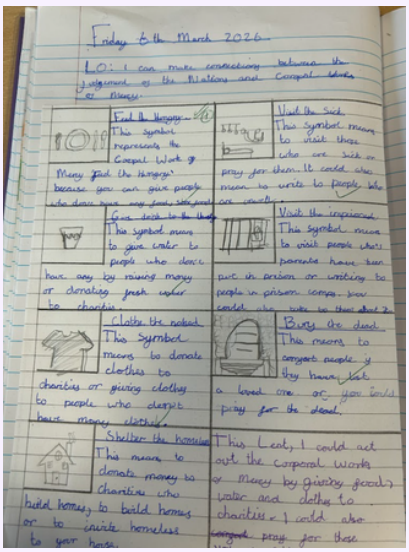
To mark this learning, we celebrated with a special reflection in the prayer garden, where each member of Year 3 shared their own heartfelt prayers with the class. We spent time together in sacred silence, reflecting on the amazing gift of Mary and the grace she represents. We are incredibly proud of the reverence the children displayed during this peaceful time of prayer and contemplation.

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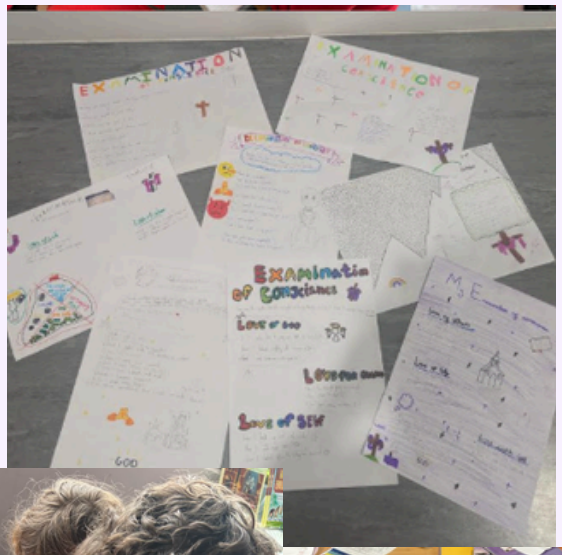


In our "Galilee to Jerusalem" unit, the children have been exploring Jesus' ministry as a healer, linking His miracles to the Anointing of the Sick, Reconciliation, and the truths of the Nicene Creed. As we journey through Lent and move into our "Desert to Garden" unit, we've been reflecting on the significance of Holy Week. The class is making wonderful connections between Jesus' journey to the cross and the Judgement of the Nations, discovering how we can live out the Corporal Works of Mercy in our own lives today.

Year 5

This term in RE, Year 5 have been exploring the period of Lent and how we celebrate/attend mass during lent. We have conducted a deep dive into reconciliation - exploring the steps you take before reconciliation as well as what to do during the event its self, with some of us even taking part in a reconciliation ourselves

As well as this, we have explored important moments in our calander such as Ash Wednesday,and different Lenten Scriptures. We have done some brilliant activities alongside this, such as writing our own poem and creating posters to put up around the school.







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Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been studying the Gospel of John as we journey through Lent in preparation for Easter. A particular focus has been on Jesus' "I Am" statements linked to His promise of new life. Through this, pupils have explored how Christians understand Jesus' death and Resurrection, and how these reveal Him as the Messiah and Saviour.

As part of their learning, the children also took part in a thoughtful class debate considering whether Jesus received a fair trial, encouraging them to engage critically with the events leading up to the Crucifixion. This has helped deepen their understanding of the hope of eternal life and the meaning of Easter for Christians today.







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Fundraising

Mini Vinnies and Caritas Ambassadors have worked together to decide on our Fundraising events during Lent. We enjoyed a house afternoon working together; staying in our pyjamas all day; world book day events ; crazy hair day and finishing off this Friday with Children's Choice Day.

£449 raised from fundraising and Year 6 cake sale.





World Book day was a success and we were able to redistribute hundreds of books to The Children's Book Project to children and their families.

Clothes, toiletries and food has been donated to support homeless and refugess in our local community.





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