



"Now this Lord is the Spirit and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom"

2 Corinthians 3:17

Dear Parents, and carers

As we return to school the Church is celebrating the great feast of Easter - Jesus risen from the dead. This celebration goes on until the solemnity of Pentecost (Sunday 23rd May), the birthday of the Church. At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who empowers and enables us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. The children's learning will be focused on the Holy Spirit, understanding the idea that God is always present in the world and that He is always with us.

Please keep us in your prayers as we support your children in their Religious Education.

Mrs Mitchener

PENTECOST—SERVING
(19th April – 10th May)

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME
ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.
Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis Prayer Request for April

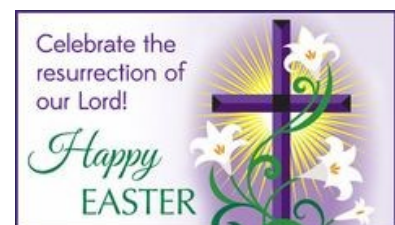
Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.



Special Times This Month
April

1st Maundy Sunday
2nd Good Friday
3rd Easter Vigil
4th Easter Sunday
23rd St George's Feast day.



St George's Feast Day

St Martin de Porres class, in Year 4 led the school in celebrating the Feast day of St George. They shared with us many important facts about this special saint, including the fact that St George was a man of excellent character and he exemplified the qualities of courage, devotion, piety, leadership, truthfulness and dedication.

St George remained devoted to God, throughout his life, even when he face punishment and death .



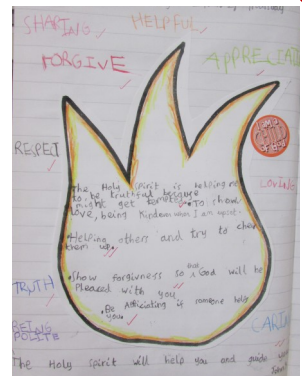
The Holy Spirit

The Spirit comes to me ...

as light as the sun, as praying
he blesses me. When I'm praying
When I'm sad I listen to God
and then I stop crying.

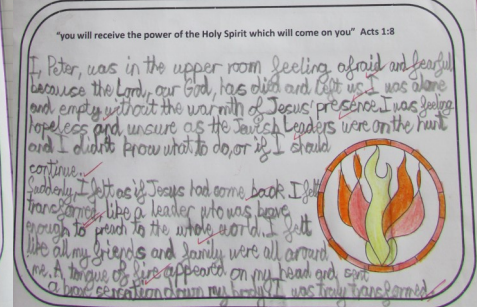
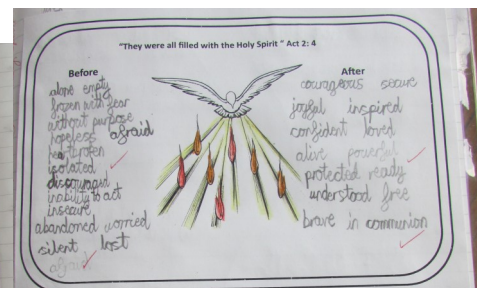
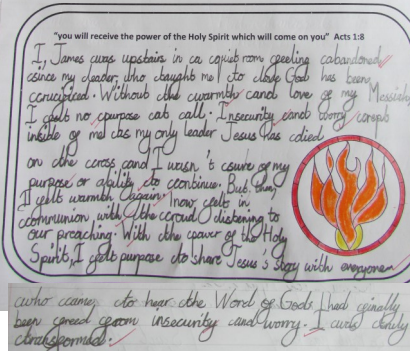
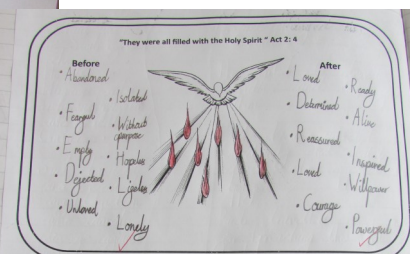
Edward Year 2

As part of our Pentecost topic, the children have been learning about how the Holy Spirit is present in our lives and how it helps us to be a good Christian and live a good life.



How did the Holy Spirit help you today? The Holy Spirit helped me by telling me to forgive someone in the playground who upset me. The Holy Spirit helped me by telling me to Appreciate my family when they help me.

As ever, the children demonstrated a deep understand and were able to personally reflect on how the Holy Spirit helps them, just like it did with the Apostles, after the death of Jesus, 2000 years ago.



Daniel & Samuel Year 5