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Dear St Mary's,

Thank you for your card. We all loved it! Now we will tell you a bit about Rosh Hashanah. In Hebrew Rosh Hashanah means head of the year but we call it the New Year. Our New Year is a religious festival so we attend the synagogue for a service to give thanks for the arrival of the New Year.

We also have a big meal. Before we start the meal we light candles and make blessings over bread and wine. We also eat apple and honey, which symbolises a sweet New Year. Rosh Hashanah is on the 1st & 2nd of a Hebrew month called Tishrei. Some people put a fish head on the table to symbolise the head of the year. We also blow a shofar, which is a ram's horn. We blow it because it wakes us up to tell us to go to synagogue and it sounds like crying. Rosh Hashanah is the "day of judgement" or the "day of remembrance".

Yours sincerely,

Emily and Talia,
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