



# St. John's RC Primary School

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus*  
Love one another, as I have loved you

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

## Head's News...

We started yet another marvellous week with our Mission Assembly about Forgiveness and how it is important, not only to forgive others but to forgive ourselves too. Year Five are stupendous swimmers and they have had a plethora of awards this week. It is an absolute delight to see them becoming more confident, and more importantly to see our children being so proud of their achievements. Our Celebration Assembly today was amazing, we had a good number of parents and families with us today. This is always my favourite part of the week, to see our children beaming with pride.

## Wrap Around Care Provision

To enable me to gauge whether this would be viable and to look at the uptake of this provision, we have sent out a survey to all parents. The link to this is:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yM5A\\_ksoXkWDyUKuTZ5ZPQVF1ekKIBtEk3MiHOuMjIdUOFVWRDhDTDZZTzZGNkcyRzZXTFRHOURWNy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yM5A_ksoXkWDyUKuTZ5ZPQVF1ekKIBtEk3MiHOuMjIdUOFVWRDhDTDZZTzZGNkcyRzZXTFRHOURWNy4u)

We are proposing to run this after the October half term from 3.20pm until 5pm. The cost of this would be £8.00 per session for children in Year One to Year Six and £9.00 per session for children in the Early Years setting. The children will be given a light snack

## Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is 95.9%, our target is a minimum of 97.5% - please do send children in for every learning opportunity. A huge well done this week must go to Years Two and Five – keep up the great work!

Attendance to 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023			
Year One	93.8%	Year Four	92.0%
Year Two	99.1%	Year Five	99%
Year Three	98.1%	Year Six	95%

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Steven, Margaret, Evie

Year 2: Olaf, Millie, Ruby

Year 3: Sanchez, Mollie, Kevin

Year 4: Macey-Rae, Sean,  
Jimmy

Year 5: Zuzanna, Max, Stelios

Year 6: Joshua, Alicia, Sophie

## House Points

Earth: 172 (495)

Water: 190 (499)

Air: 210 (494)

Fire: 205 (504)



With God All  
things are  
possible.



## That's not fair!

Life's not fair, but Jesus promises something better. These lessons are based on the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard, found in Matthew 20:1-16. This passage reminds us that people have always expressed anger for what seems unfair. It also reminds us that God's view of "fair" is not the same as our human understanding, and that's actually quite a positive thing for us. As forgiven people, we don't get what we deserve—and that saves our souls!



# Birthdays

## **An important message about birthdays!!!**

Children can come into school in non-uniform on their birthday. This is so wonderful as everybody within our school community who sees them will know that it is their special day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, on PE day or within a school holiday the child may come in non-uniform on the Friday before or the Monday afterwards.

**This week we celebrate:**

Leo – 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Zack – 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Ruby – 24<sup>th</sup> September



## Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly:

[louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk)





# Early Years Class News

This week in Early Years we made the most of the wind by making kites to fly. We decorated them and made sure that we stuck the string down carefully. This linked very nicely with Reception learning the letter 'k' this week.



# *Year One Class News*

In Forest School this week, Year One helped Ms Betteridge to find her lost woodland friends. The children then made each animal a new home in the woods. Owlle was delighted with his new residence





# Year Two Class News

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Year Two had a wonderful afternoon with Mrs Ryder on Wednesday investigating and creating secondary colours with their primary colour knowledge.

Mrs Avilez was very impressed with their neatness and accuracy and can't wait to see what else they can create.





## Year Three Class News

In RE this week Year 3 have been learning about belonging. The children had the opportunity to bring items in from the special groups they belong to.

Many children brought in family photos, religious items and trophies from sports clubs, it was really amazing and interesting to see and talk about all the amazing items that were brought in.





# Year Four Class News

💖 Thinking back to our Mission Assembly, the children in Year Four led a beautiful collective worship on forgiveness. They read some beautiful prayers and listened thoughtfully to readings from the Bible. 💖

★ The children listened to a song to describe what forgiveness means to them ★

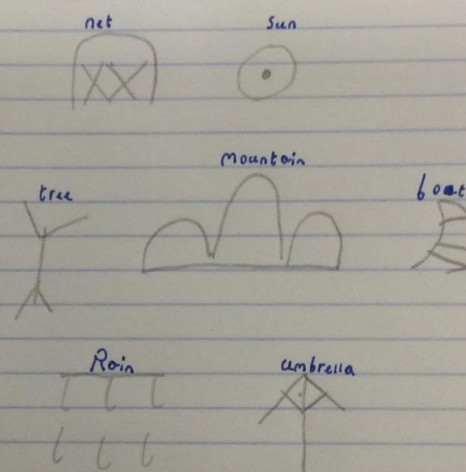




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Oracle bones and what their purpose was



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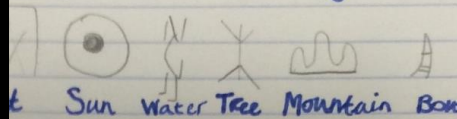
They carved a question, bored and other inscriptions into the bone. Then, they bored into the bone or shaved it in the hollows or against grooves in the bone.

They carved a Oracle bone and talk to the Gods. The King to the King but he often got it wrong.

They are not like the king, I can do excellent work!

20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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of the Shang Dynasty used Oracle bones to communicate with gods and deities. They carved a question, bored and other inscriptions into the bone. Then, they bored into the bone or shaved it in the hollows or against grooves in the bone.

They heated metal rods in the grooves in the Oracle bones.

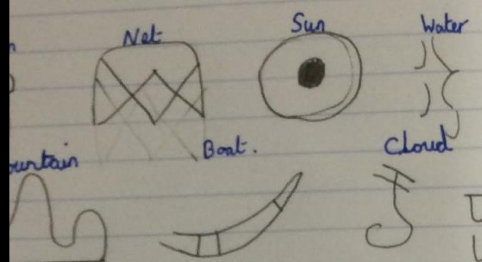
They believed that the gods, ancestors and deities' responses.

They, designer of a king in the past means.

Improvement in your handwriting.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

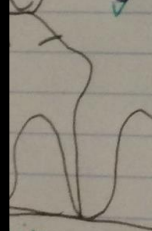
to learn about Oracle bones and what their purpose was for the Shang Dynasty.



The bones were usually animal bones. They bored some hollow into the bone. A Oracle bone was found and then they wrote on it and the bones helped them to make decisions about what to do with their lives.

They placed hollow rods in Oracle bones.

Holly



Beautiful

Like your character representing you!

# Class News Year Five

- In Year Five, we've been immersing ourselves in our history topic, Dynamic Dynasties. This week we have been learning all about Oracle Bones and we have been utterly amazed that the Ancient Chinese used to carve characters into the bones to predict the future. We thoroughly enjoyed learning some of the characters used by those living in the Shang Dynasty and had a go at writing our own! We are proud to share our wonderful work with you 😊



A photograph of four Year Six students in a forest. They are wearing dark blue school uniforms with a crest on the chest. One student is wearing a white hoodie. They are standing on a path covered with fallen leaves, surrounded by trees and foliage. The text 'Year Six Class News' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a blue, cursive font.

## *Year Six Class News*

Year Six have been loving our Forest school lessons on a Thursday afternoon! Provided with a selection of activities, the children can choose to explore and take part in what interests them the most. This week children created homes and shelters for woodland creatures, hunted for evidence of wildlife and guided each other through the woods. A particular highlight was the discovery of the very tip of a badger tail! Despite the soggy weather, they had a lovely time exploring and learning about life on our amazing school grounds.

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## Key Dates

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Inset Days - School Closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	New Term
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception Parents Meetings
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Mass to celebrate the beginning of a new academic year – 10.30am Meet The Teacher Meetings – KS1 3.30pm and KS2 3.45pm
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Strike a Pose</u> Individual and siblings Photograph Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Year Five Bikeability
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October to Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year Six Residential in Kilvrough
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Term Begins at 8.55am

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated - enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. This half term we are::

### Grateful and Generous

**Grateful** for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and **generous** with their gifts, now and in the future... by encouraging them to know and be **grateful** for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be **generous** in the service of others.

During the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches the people those values that build up the kingdom of God. Assembly and reflection themes at St John's Catholic Primary School are rooted in the Catholic Pupil Profile.

