



# 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*

Newsletter: Issue 4  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Head's News...

Wow, that was another jam-packed week that has flown by! It has been wonderful to see the children fully immersed in school life and a privilege to be part of their journey. I have loved every minute of popping into classes across a range of year groups this week.

This week we have seen some of our Year Five and Six children taking part in Bikeability. They will have learnt some invaluable lessons about road safety. Cycling on the road is incredibly challenging and it's often not the cyclist that is at fault but other road users! Our children have demonstrated that they are responsible and sensible on the roads, learning how to use effective signalling and manoeuvring to navigate the roads. This is another memorable learning opportunity for the children.

## Wrap Around Care Provision

We have had a mixed response to this and are currently looking at whether this is viable to run after October half term. If you have indicated that you are interested in this provision you will receive an email from us in the next few days with some more information

## Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is 95.5%, our target is a minimum of 97.5% - please do send children in for every learning opportunity. Our attendance is beginning to dip, every child should be in school for every learning opportunity.

Attendance to 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2023			
Year One	94.3%	Year Four	91.4%
Year Two	93.9%	Year Five	100%
Year Three	95.4%	Year Six	96.6%

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Theo, Sofia, Zena

Year 2: Aben, Helenka, Jackson

Year 3: William, Felicity, JP

Year 4: Aditi, Amelia, Nadia

Year 5: Elaina, Arianne, Jacob P

Year 6: David C, Stefan, Vedith

## House Points

Earth: 130 (625)

Water: 149 (648)

Air: 128 (622)

Fire: 144 (622)



*With God All  
things are  
possible.*

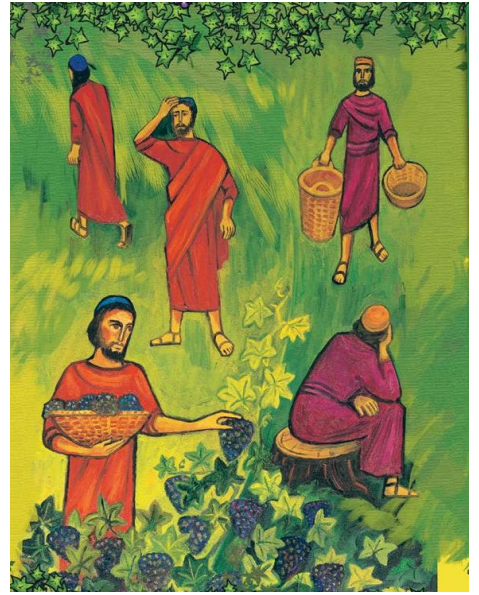


## Change!

Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge.

Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again – God will be there for us.



## 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:**

Lewis – 28<sup>th</sup> September

Axel – 29<sup>th</sup> September

Emilia – 30<sup>th</sup> September

Evangeline – 1<sup>st</sup> October



## 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 Early Years have been finding out about teeth- What are they for and why do we need to look after them?

We watched a video about visiting the dentist which has helped us in our Dentist role play area and we have enjoyed shared tooth friendly snacks.



# Year Two Class News

Year Two have been considering God's creation in many areas of the curriculum: in our Science topic on habitats and our R.E work looking at the story of Noah's Ark. In prayer and liturgy on Wednesday, we thought about how amazing creation is. We listened to the beautiful song "From a distance" sung by Nanci

Griffith. [Nanci Griffith - From A Distance - YouTube](#)

and passed 'the world' around carefully thinking how we pass it from generation to generation. We prayed for the wisdom to know how to care for our world and said sorry for times we have not.

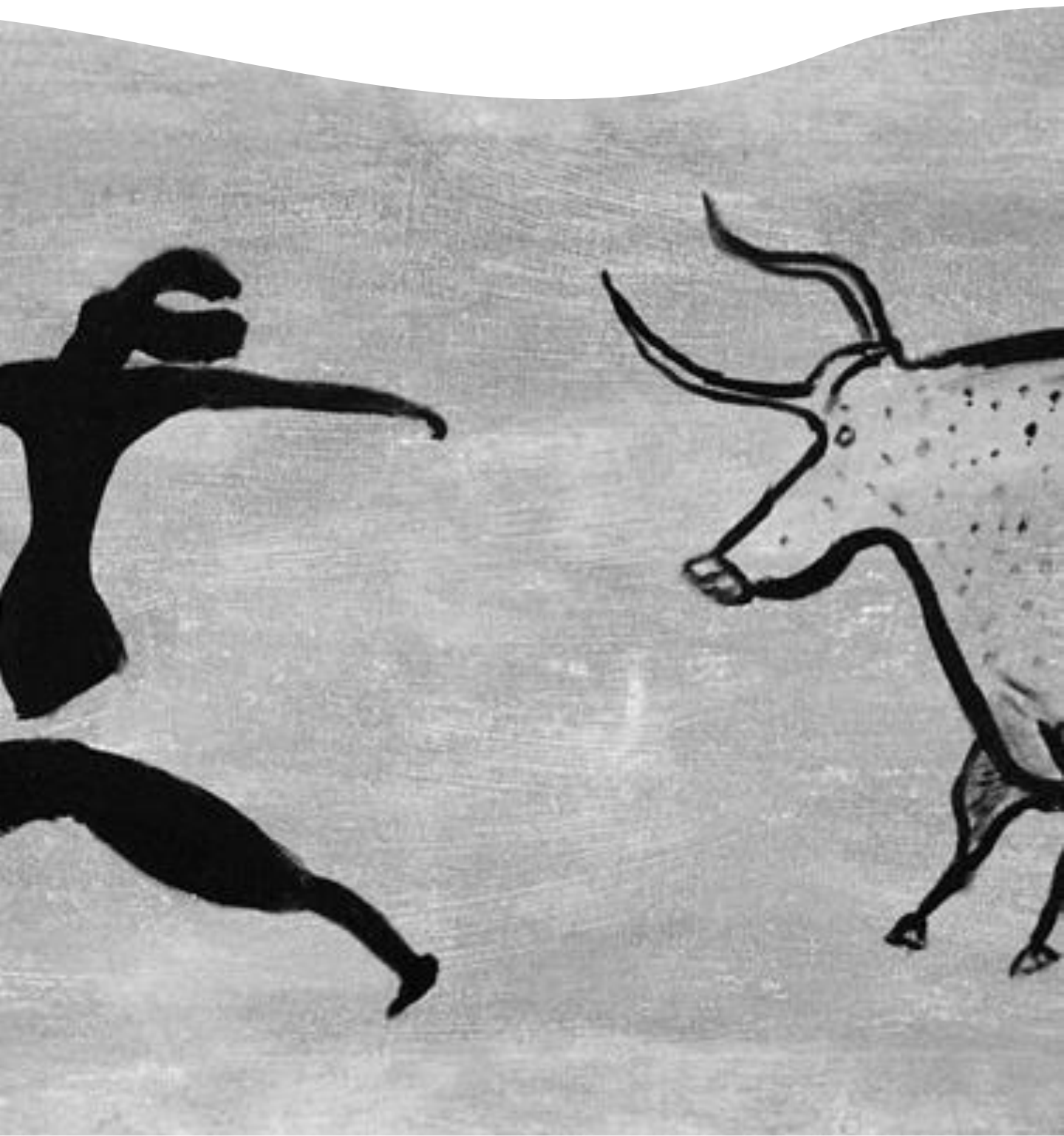




# Year Three Class News

This week, in Year Three, we have continued to look at what life was like in the Stone Age. We have looked at a different settlements, art and much, much more. The children are all really enjoying learning about the Stone Age and have asked some fantastic questions relating to the topic.

Their enthusiasm in this subject will make the upcoming trip even more exciting!!



# Year Four Class News

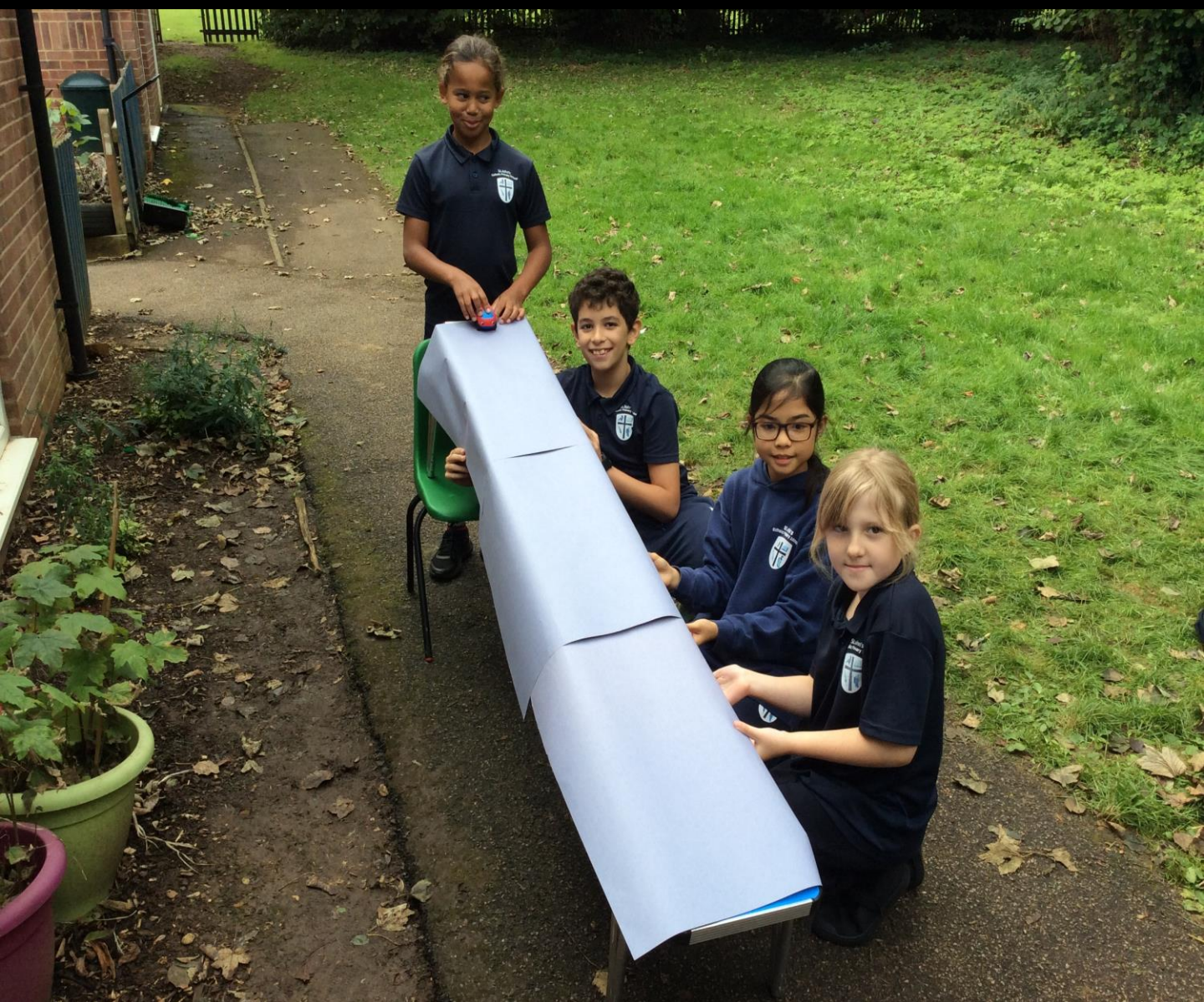


★ Year 4 have AMAZED me this week with their writing. From watching our clip about 'Alien Invasions', the children have created narrative recounts using description, fronted adverbials and some have even included relative clauses! ★

☺ Marking their writing, definitely put a huge smile on Miss Page's face! ☺







## *Class News Year Five*

Year 5 have been in full investigation mode over the last two weeks! We have been learning about friction, and the effect this force has on objects and how it moves. We decided to explore which materials would create the most effective race track, by testing how quickly our 'race car' travelled down ramps with different surfaces. We discovered that materials such as plastic and paper created less friction, so the car travelled much more quickly to the end of the track. Leaves, felt and carpet all resulted in an increase in friction and therefore a much slower race time.



## *Year Six Class News*

In English this week, Year Six have continued our “Survivors” unit by looking at the tale of two men who shared a sandwich at the bottom of the sea. Inspired by the emotions of Chapman and Malinson, we created our own poems about “The Twilight Zone” and worked with our partners to edit and improve our work.



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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.

