



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 20th October 2023

Head's News...

Well what an absolutely fantastic first half term we have all had! I know that I am very bias, but our children, families and staff are the best! As a family we have all enjoyed getting to know the children, parents and new staff and to form those positive relationships to ensure we are creating the best learning environments for our children. With the season of winter nearly upon us please take additional care if you are out over the holidays. The clocks also turn back an hour so the evenings now will be much darker and earlier. Please remind your children to continue to be cautious and to continue to not talk to strangers and to protect themselves.

Wrap Around Care

I am absolutely delighted to share with you that we will be opening up full wrap around care straight after the half term break. Our breakfast club will now be open from 7.15am. Please see the enclosed timings and price list enclosed. If you have any questions, please do ask either myself on the gate or speak to Mrs Jackson in the office.

Change of Seasons

As we are now well and truly in Autumn children must bring a coat into school each day. At break times it is imperative that children go outside for some much-needed fresh air. As long as the heavens haven't opened, we are outside.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **96.1%**, 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 20 th October 2023			
Year One	93.2%	Year Four	90.8%
Year Two	98.3%	Year Five	99.9%
Year Three	99.1%	Year Six	96.1%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Year 1: Nela, Elwis, Charlotte

Year 2: Jakub, Karlee, Kaitlyn

Year 3: Ummayah, Sienna, Ryan

Year 4: Isabella, Leo, Sharon

Year 5: Cailean, Austin, Nathan

Year 6: Ilona, Omera, Benjamin

House Points

Earth: 195 (1061)

Water: 217 (1176)

Air: 165 (1065)

Fire: 214 (1148)



Gratitude

Some of the leaders of the people tried to trap Jesus and get him into trouble. So they sent some of their followers who said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are an honest man and teach God's way with honesty. We also know that you are not afraid of anybody: someone's rank means nothing to you. Then they asked him, "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, the Emperor?" Knowing what they were up to, Jesus said, "Why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin you use to pay taxes." They handed him a coin. He said to them, "Whose head is on this coin, and whose name?" "Caesar's," they replied. "So then," he said to them, "give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God."



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:

Marta – 18th October
Olaf – 19th October
Elias – 20th October
Naia – 20th October
Mariam – 22nd October
Alessandro – 23rd October
Evelyn – 23rd October
Kevin – 25th 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

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Early Years Class News

This week EY have been baking bread rolls like the Little Red Hen. We also enjoyed an afternoon in the mud kitchen creating lots of tasty pies and cakes with natural ingredients and opened up a bakery.





Year One Class News

As the seasons are changing we have been looking at how the landscapes change. In Year one we have had the joy of watching sycamore seeds spiralling down from the trees in the wind.... and then releasing a huge handful high into the air 😊



Year Two Class News

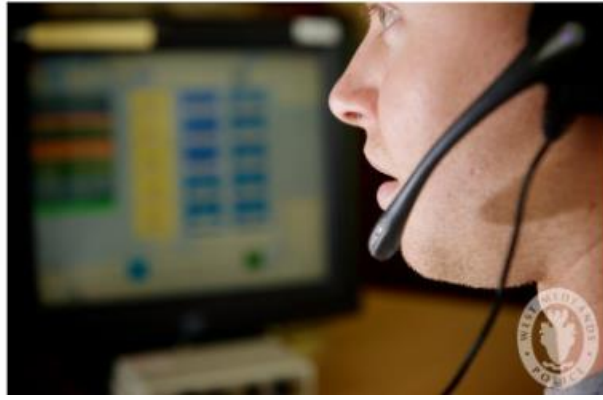
As part of our Science topic on Habitats, Year 2 had a great afternoon in the woods on Tuesday. We used a spotting sheet to identify and check the characteristics of different trees by the shape and colour of their leaves. 🍁

A great website to continue this in any year group is...

<http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/animal-habitats/woodland>

Year Three Class News

This week Year Three have been looking at how newspapers are written. In a twist to the story of The Three Little Pigs, we have been following the news of The Three Little Pigs and the innocent Wolf! Following on from these unexpected new developments in the story, our intrepid journalists will be writing their own newspaper article about the true story and the subsequent trial of The Three Little Pigs.



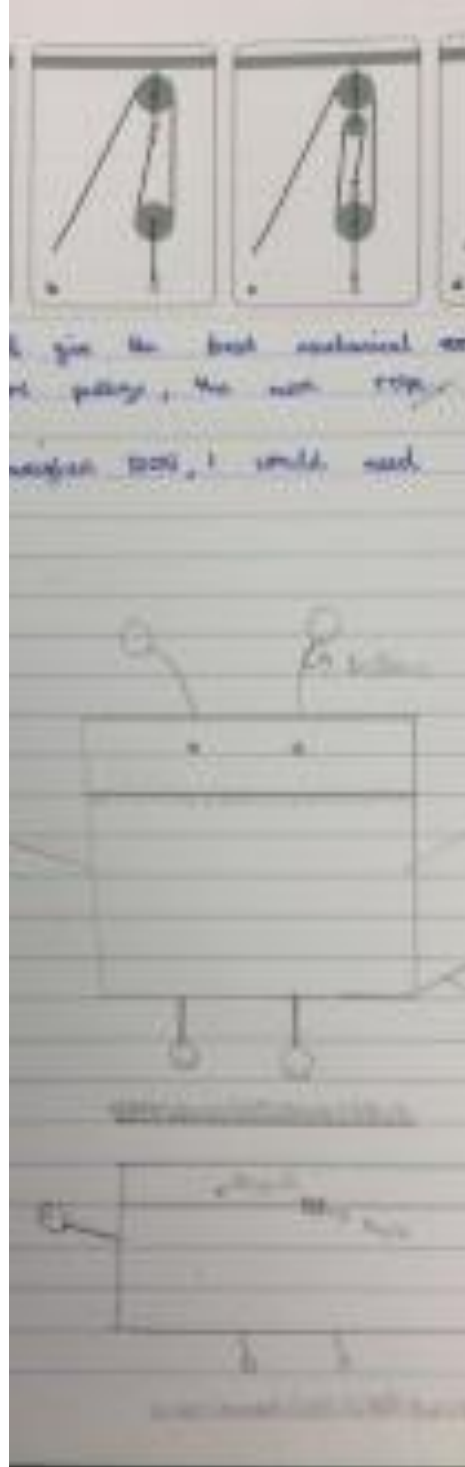


Year Four Class News

♥ Thoughtful Words of Prayer in Year 4 ♥

During R.E lessons this week, Year 4 have listened to and explored the messages within the 'Shema' Prayer. It was very clear to us that the prayer expressed how God's love is EVERYWHERE, all the time! ♥ We also discussed how we are mindful and accepting of God's teachings and because he loves us so much, we can learn to love others as well.

The children spent some time unpicking the words within the prayer and then created their own, beautiful prayers which we have displayed proudly around our prayer area. We started our prayers with 'The Lord is my light and my help...' ★



Class News Year Five

Our super scientists finished off their 'Forces' topic this week by investigating pulleys, levers and mechanisms. We investigated how to manipulate these machines to lessen the amount of effort we needed to use by creating our own mini classroom levers out of rulers, rubbers and glue sticks. For our grand-finale, we put all of our mechanism knowledge together to design our own talking box-monsters.





Year Six Class News

Year Six have enjoyed ending our "Survivors" English unit learning about Brant Webb and Todd Russell - the miners who spent two weeks trapped underground following a disastrous earthquake back in 2006. We worked in groups to identify how different people involved in the incident would answer interview questions from the press, which we then used to write some excellent newspaper reports about the accident.



Farewell Mrs Kenny

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Mrs Kenny! What can we say about this dynamic, kind, caring, knowledgeable woman who has the kindest of hearts. We, as a family of St John's, have been so very, very lucky to have had her here. She has helped countless families and children across our school, and I know that she continues to have a vested interest in the wellbeing of all of our children. I am sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Kenny the very best of wishes for her future. Mrs Kenny knows that she is always welcome here – once a member of the St John's family, always a member of St John's family.



Masses Autumn 1 and 2 2023 – 10.30am

Date	Liturgical Season and Feast Days	Year Group Attending
Autumn One		
12 th Oct 2023	Week 27 in Ordinary Time	Year Five and Six
19 th Oct 2023	Week 28 in Ordinary Time – Our Lady of the Rosary (7 th Oct)	Year Three and Four
Autumn Two		
1 st Nov 2023 10.45	All Saints 1 st reading, psalm and Gospel	Whole School led by Year Six
9 th Nov 2023	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	Years Five and Three
13 th Nov 2023	Remembrance Assembly	Whole School led by MC
16 th Nov 2023	Week 32 in Ordinary Time – St Edmund	Years Four and Two
23 rd Nov 2023	Week 33 in Ordinary Time – St Clement	Years Six and One
30 th Nov 2023	Feast of St Andrew	Years Five and Three
1 st Dec 2023	Advent Art Day in School	Whole School
Sunday 3rd Dec 2023	FHC Commitment Mass 11.15am	All Children and Parents
7 th Dec 2023	Week 1 of Advent	Years Four and Two
7 th Dec 2023	PM KS2 Reconciliation Father Philip and Father Sean	Years Four, Five and Six
Tuesday 12 th December 9.30am	Early Years Nativity Dress Rehearsal Grandparents and children in school to watch	Grandparents and children in school
Tuesday 12 th December 9.30am	Years One and Two Nativity Dress Rehearsal Grandparents and children in school to watch	Grandparents and children in school
Wednesday 13 th December 2023 9.30am	Early Years Nativity Dress Rehearsal Parents in school to watch	Parents
Wednesday 13 th December 2023 6.00pm	Years One and Two Nativity Dress Rehearsal Parents in school to watch	Parents
14 th Dec 2023	Week 2 of Advent	Years Six and One
Tues 19 th Dec 2023 10.30am	Week 3 of Advent	Whole School Mass Led by Year Five
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	KS2 Christmas Carol Concert at St John's Church	All children from Years Three, Four, Five and Six



Masses Spring 1 and 2 2024 – 10.30am

	Spring One	
11 th Jan 2024	Ordinary Time – Baptism of the Lord	Whole School Led by Year Six
18 th Jan 2024	Week 2 of Ordinary Time	Years Four and Two
25 th Jan	Conversion of St Paul	Whole School Led by Year Five
1 st Feb 2024	Week 4 of Ordinary Time	Years Four and Two
Sunday 4 th Feb 2024	Confirmation Commitment Mass 11.15am	All Children and Parents
8 th Feb 2024	Week 5 of Ordinary Time	Years Five and Three
	Spring Two	
Tuesday 20 th February 2024	Year Three – Act of Reconciliation – in Church all day (parents invited PM)	Year Three and Parents
22 nd Feb 2024	Saint Peter's Chair Week 1 of Lent	Whole School Led by Year Six
29 th Feb 2024	2nd week of Lent	Years Four and Two
7 th March 2024	3 rd Week of Lent	Years Five and Three
14 th March 2024	4 th Week of Lent	Years Six and One
21 st March 2024	5 th Week of Lent	Years Four and Two
28 th March 2024	Maundy Thursday – Prayer and Liturgy	Whole School led by MC



Masses Summer 1 and 2 2024 – 10.30am

	Summer One	
18 th April 2024	3 rd Week of Eastertide	Years Six and One
25 th April 2024	Feast of St Mark	Years Four and Two
2 nd May 2024	5 th Week of Eastertide Saint Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor	Years Five and Three
9 th May 2024	The Ascension of the Lord	Whole School Mass led by Year Four
16 th May 2024	7 th Week of Eastertide	Years Five and Three
22nd May 2024 @6pm	Confirmation Mass	Year Six
23 rd May 2024	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest Feast	Years Five and Three
	Summer Two	
6 th June 2024	Week 9 of Ordinary Time	Years Four and Two
Saturday 8th June 2024 @ 10.00am	First Holy Communion	Staff to attend where possible.
13 th June 2024	St Antony of Padua	Years Six and One
20 th June 2024	Week 11 of Ordinary Time	Years Five and Three
24th June 2024	Feast of St John Morning: work around St John, PM invite parents to assembly and picnic	All classes
27 th June 2024	Week 12 of Ordinary Time	Years Six and One
4 th July 2024	Week 13 of Ordinary Time	Years Five and Three
11 th July 2024	Saint Benedict, Abbot Feast	Years Four and Two
18 th July 2024	Whole School Mass – Year Six Leavers Mass	Led by Year Six



Here at St. John's, we are keen to reboot Times Tables Rock Stars and raise its profile to enable our children to enjoy learning their times tables again.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a fun and challenging programme that helps the children to master their tables. Times Table Rock stars works on the premise that World Famous Rock musicians are the best at what they do because they have spent hours practising guitar chords, writing music or playing on the drums. It is just the same with times tables- all Times Tables Rock Stars need to do is practise and practise and practise. In school, the children are going to be practising their tables weekly and we'd encourage your child to participate at home in short bursts.

Your child will come home on Monday 30th October with their log in details. All stats will reset so children can start showing off their times table talents! Any issues, please speak to your child's class teacher. We are rolling this programme out from Year 2 up. Year 1 children will receive their log ins later in the academic year.

In school we are going to be doing lots to promote the use of TT Rock Stars. Each week there will be a school 'Times Tables Superstar'. This is someone who may have shown a lot of improvement in their times table, someone who has been practising regularly or someone who is just incredibly fast! The Rocker will be awarded a certificate and pose for a Rock Star photo. Later in the academic year, we will hold a 'Times Table Rock Star Day'. The children can come into school dressed either as a rock star or their Avatar from TT Rock Stars. On the day there will be various, fun TT Rock Star themed activities. The whole school will take part in this day so that the younger ones can join in the fun. Keep an eye out for the date ready for your diary!

Let's get rockin'!

Miss Bingham 😊



St John's Wrap Around Club **Fees and Timings from October 2023**

St John's Wrap Around Club provides wraparound childcare for children attending St John's School, and it is managed by the school leadership team. All sessions are booked through your child's School Money account. When booking sessions, you will need to select from the drop-down menu; "Breakfast" to book Breakfast Club sessions, "After School" to book an after school session. We do have limited space in each session so it is advisable to book on early.

Fees are payable at the time of booking on School Money.

These charges ensure that we can provide excellent, great value childcare as a sustainable service.

Please contact the school office and ask if you are interested in this.

Breakfast Club:

- Runs from 7.15am-8.45am.
- **£6.00 per session for Y1-6**
- **£7.00 per session for Nursery and Reception**
- A choice of cereals and toast is provided.
- No food is served after 8.30am.
- All breakfast sessions are charged unless 48 hours' notice is given
- Book in advance.
- **OR** there may be some spaces without pre-booking but this cannot be guaranteed. **There is no guarantee of a space and prices are Y1-6 £7.00 and EYFS £8.00**

After School Club:

- Runs from 3.20pm-5.00pm.
- A light snack is provided at around 3.45pm.
- A wide range of age appropriate activities are available.

We offer two types of sessions in After School Club:

Contracted sessions, where you commit to weekly sessions on named day(s). Pre booking and payment in advance is required, and fees are chargeable whether your child attends or not.

- **£8.00 per session for Years 1-6**
- **£9.00 per session for Nursery and Reception.**
- **Flexi sessions – no commitment necessary (but no guarantee of a space).**
 - **Flexi sessions are offered subject to availability.**

Late Collection Fees

This will be implemented if your child is collected late

****Please note: All sessions are charged unless 48 hours' notice is given****

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Key Dates

Friday 1 st and Monday 4 th September	Inset Days - School Closed
Tuesday 5 th September	New Term
Tuesday 5 th and Wednesday 6 th September	Reception Parents Meetings
Thursday 7 th 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 th September	<u>Strike a Pose</u> Individual and siblings Photograph Day
Monday 25 th to Thursday 28 th September	Year Five Bikeability
Monday 2 nd October to Friday 6 th October	Year Six Residential in Kilvrough
Monday 9 th October	INSET Day – School Closed
Tuesday 10 th to Tuesday 17 th October	Book Fair
Tuesday 10 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	End of Term
Monday 30 th 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.

