



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 10th November 2023

Head's News...

This weekend we celebrate Armistice Day and honour those who gave their lives to secure the freedom that we enjoy today. As a whole school we gathered today to have a moment of silence to remember the fallen and all those who have been victims of warfare. We have been very conscious of areas of the world still affected by war, and the children within our school family who have been affected by this, and we remember the importance of praying for peace. My thanks must go out, once again, to staff for educating our children about this very important day and for the stunning entrance display.

Wrap Around Care

There are still spaces for both Breakfast and After School Club – please ask at the office for more details.

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 **92.2%**, 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 3rd November 2023 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	84.7%	Year One	94.5%
Year Two	83%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	93.3%	Year Five	96.9%
Year Six	95.7%	Whole School	92.2%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

EYFS: Zack, Annliya

Year 1: Margaret, Joseph, Esther

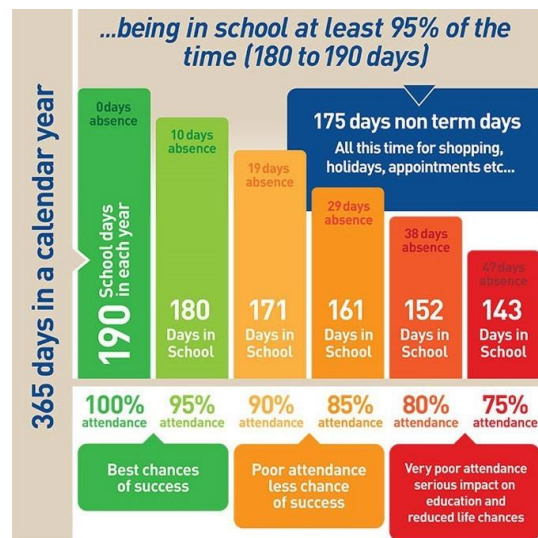
Year 2: Freidda, Ethan, Adriel

Year 3: Johan, Charleigh, Layla

Year 4: Fikile, Amanda, Aibel

Year 5: Matthew, Cailean, Max

Year 6: Kacper, John Joe, Lucy



House Points

Earth: 105(1395)

Water: 107(1496)

Air: 161 (1421)

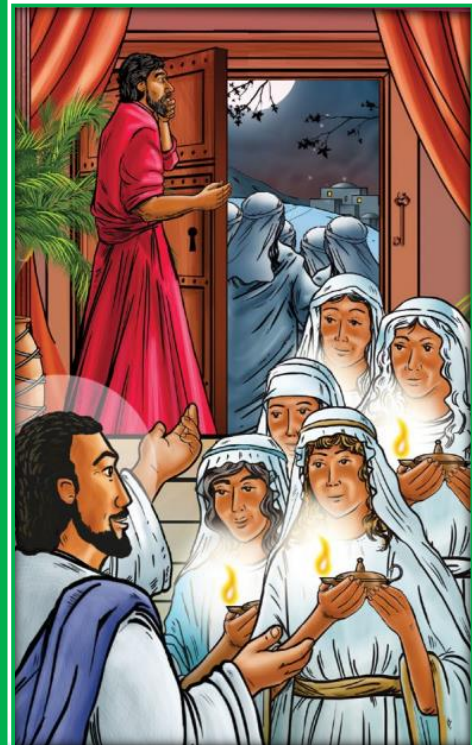
Fire: 91 (1493)

Wisdom

Wisdom is a gift from God which helps us to see things more clearly and make the right choices in life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, five bridesmaids were sensible and wise. The other five were foolish – they were unprepared. The wise bridesmaids' brightly lit lamps – filled with oil – can remind us of the light the bridesmaids brought into the world through their faith and good works. The bridegroom represents Jesus and the wedding feast represents the kingdom of heaven.

Because of their wisdom, the five sensible bridesmaids prepared well for the wedding and experienced all the joys of the wedding feast, that is, the joys of the kingdom of heaven.



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:

Aibel – 3rd November
Adriel – 4th November
Mala – 4th November
Ancelin – 4th November
Stylianios – 5th November
Oscar – 8th November
Elijah – 9th November
Sofia – 10th November



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:

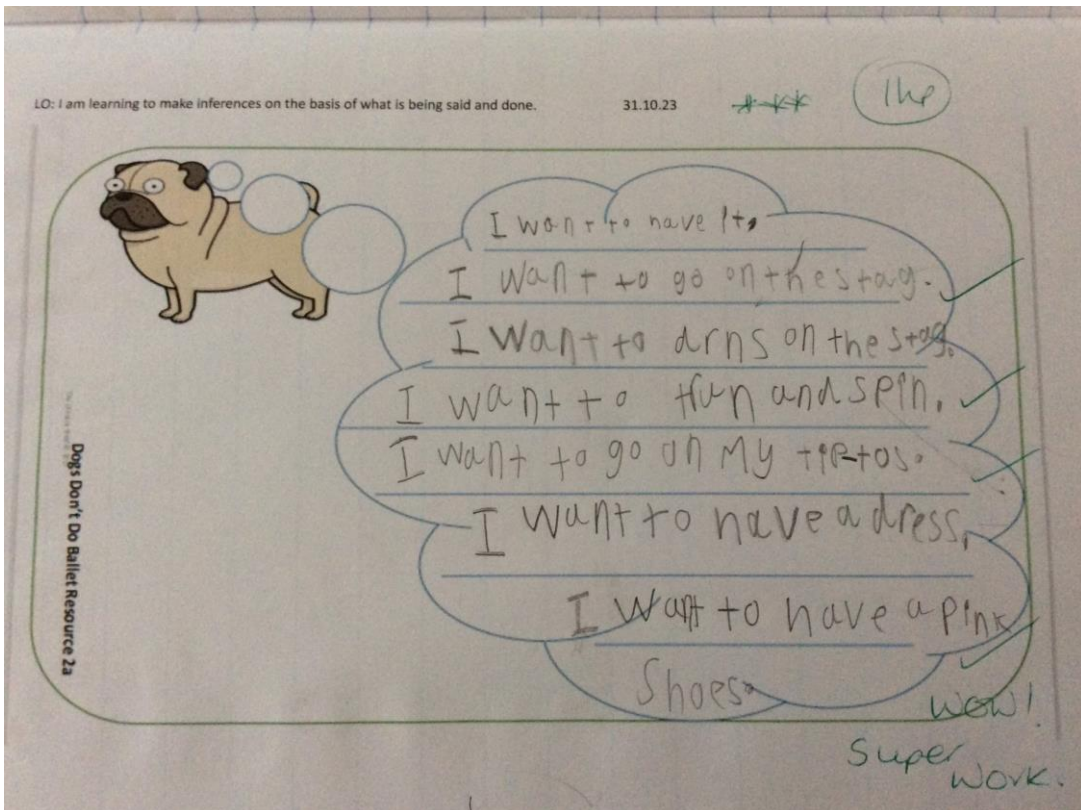
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Early Years Class News

This week Early Years have been begun exploring Autumn... we have dissected pumpkins, made leaf rubbings, prints and patterns.

We continue to share lots of lovely books everyday and everyone particularly enjoyed the pop up book: The Haunted House by Jan Pienkowski.



Year One Class News

In Year One this week, English lessons have been inspired by the book 'DOGS don't do Ballet' by A. Kemp and S. Ogilvie.

I am proud of the writing the children have produced.

Year Two Class News

A great start back after Half term. This week we have been looking at apostrophe's for omission. Finding your partner to create a contraction proved tricky on some words they mightn't have thought about abbreviating.

As apart of our R.E and Worship Learning, we have been looking at the symbols used in the different seasons of the liturgical year. The children used their cutting and colouring skills to match the correct symbols to the Season. We have celebrated, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Ordinary Time all in one afternoon as well as remembering the saints.

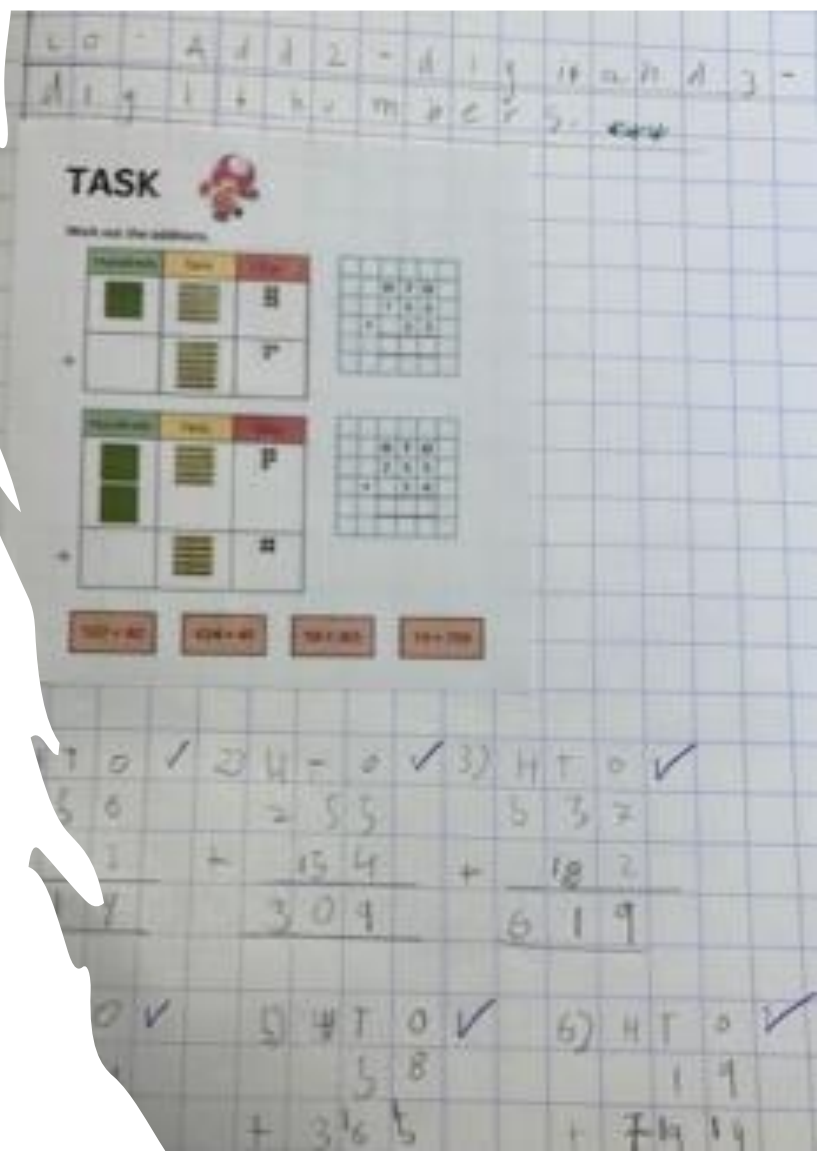
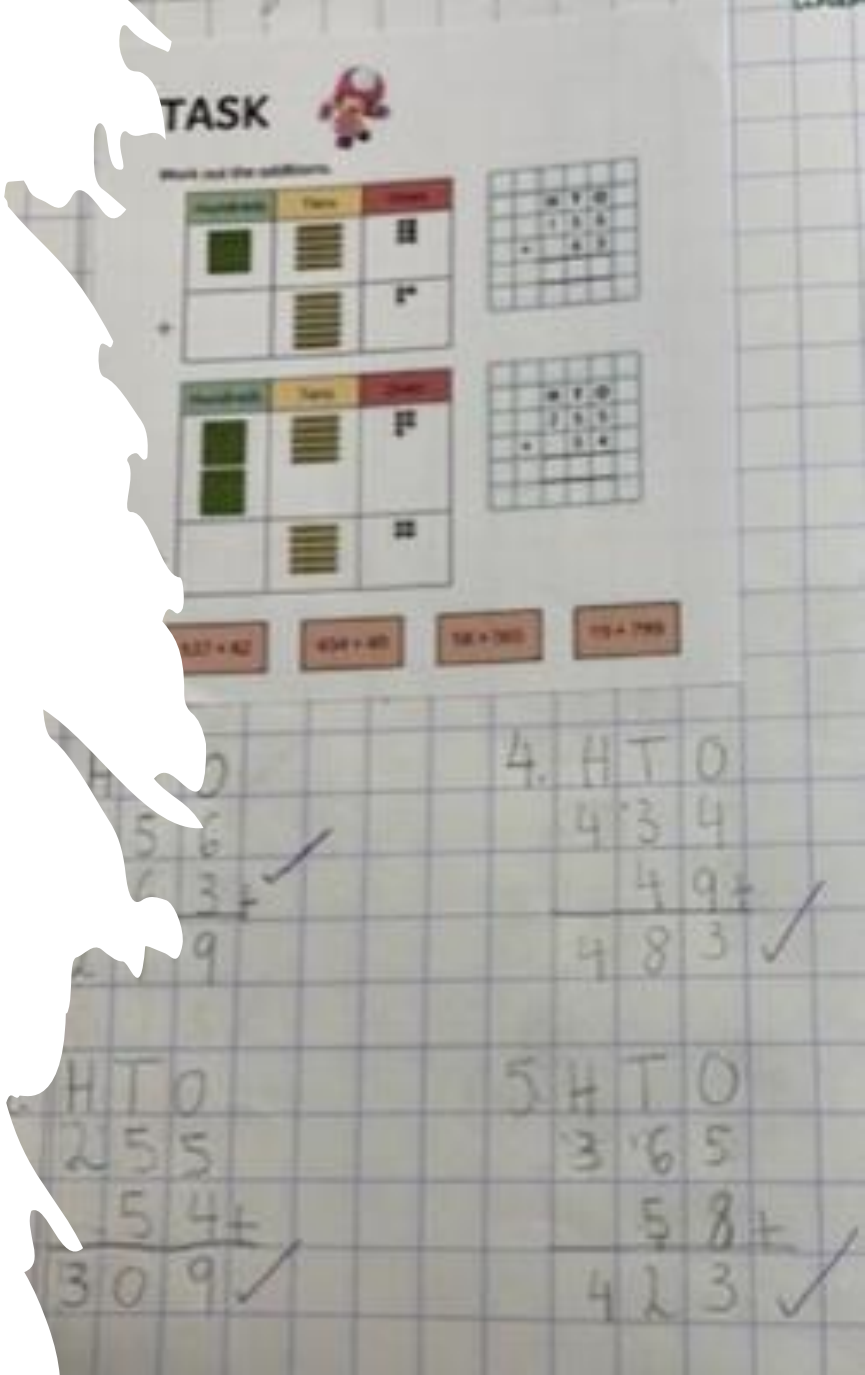


Year Three Class News

This week we have been adding 2-digit and 3-digit numbers.

The children have grasped this concept well and have even challenged themselves further with a tricky challenge.

Mrs Burton is very proud of the effort everyone is showing in Maths this week.





Year Four Class News

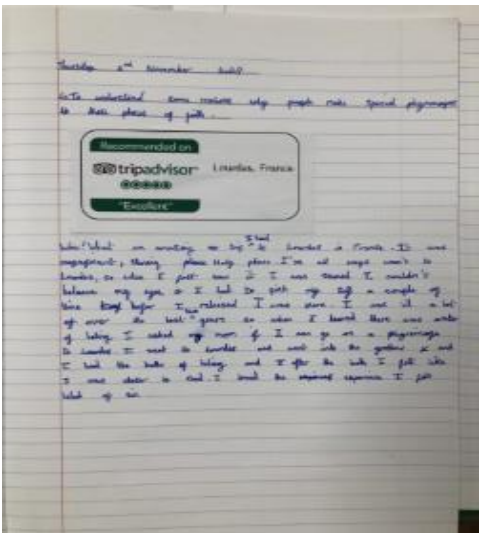
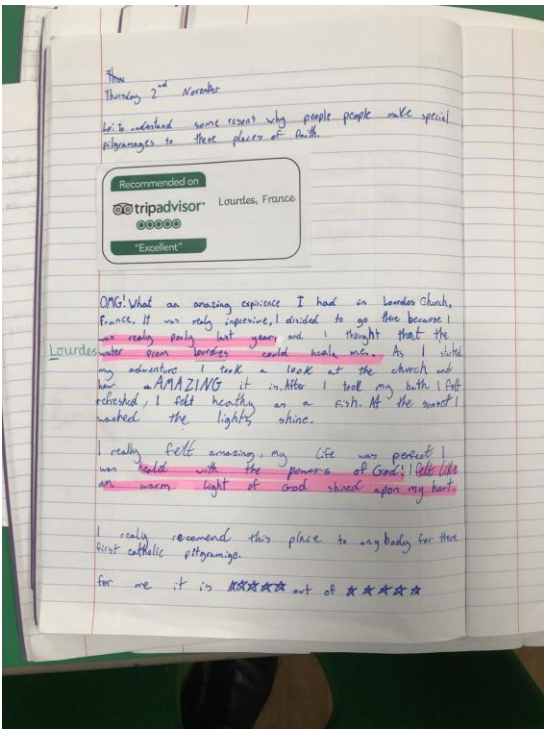
✂ ✂ INVADERS AT BANBURY MUSEUM ✂ ✂

What an amazing trip we had at Banbury Museum this week! Our legs were very tired from walking there and back, but the children were brilliant! The adults were so impressed with their behaviour walking to and from and especially when at the museum. ★

I was SO impressed with the knowledge the children shared whilst at the museum. It is clear they have been very engaged with their INVADERS topic and recalled some marvellous facts and information! ✂ ✂

The children were able to dress up as warriors and use role play, handle mystery objects and guess what they were, use an old flour grinder, look at replica Anglo-Saxon coins and write their name using the Anglo-Saxon alphabetic code!

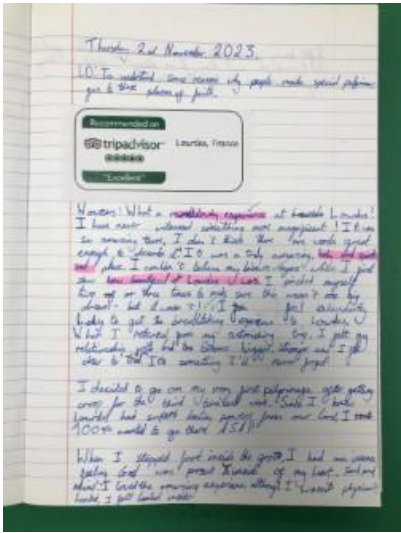
★ A brilliant Tuesday and a huge thank you to our parent (Jimmy's mum) and Miss Bingham who joined us on our trip. ★



Class News Year Five

In our R.E lessons, we have been learning about Miracles and the Sacrament of the Sick. We have been researching and exploring special places people go on pilgrimage. We researched all about Lourdes, France and have been utterly amazed at the wonderful story behind this holy place. We have written our very own reviews of Lourdes, Trip Adviser worthy!

The understanding the children have shown between why people go on pilgrimage and what Lourdes means is impressive! Fantastic work, Year 5!





Year Six Class News



As part of our circulatory system topic in science, Year Six created blood representations to link with our learning about the different components of blood. We used syrup mixed with food colouring to represent red blood cells, milk represented white blood cells and platelets, and oil represented plasma. When we shook our mixture, the different parts separated and showed us roughly how much of each component is in a sample of blood.

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Key Dates

31 st October 2023	Year Four at Banbury Museum
1 st November 2023	Whole School Mass at 10.45am for All Saints
8 th November 2023	Flu Vaccinations
13 th November 2023	Anti-bullying week
15 th November 2023	Nursery Open Morning
24 th November 2023	Break the Rulz Day
28 th November 2023	Online Safety Parent Meeting
29 th November 2023	Parents Phonics Meeting - Reception
5 th December 2023	Years Three and Five trip to Compton Verney
6 th December 2023	Year Four trip from the Dentist
8 th December 2023	Movies and Munchies Night
12 th December 2023	9.30am – EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents 1.30pm – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents
13 th December 2023	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
13 th December 2023	9.30am – EYFS Nativity – Parents 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity - Parents
18 th December 2023	6.00pm – Bedtime Reading Story Event
19 th December 2023	6.00pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
20 th December 2023	School Closes for Christmas Holiday at 1.30pm
Monday 8 th January 2024	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: **Attentive and Discerning**

Attentive: We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations. **Discerning:** We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

A Prayer for Attentiveness

Lord God, Give us a spirit of attentiveness to turn our attention to those who we can help with the gifts and talents you have given us. Show us how, with your assistance, we can learn to draw them closer to you, day by day, through kind acts of service. **Amen**

