



# 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

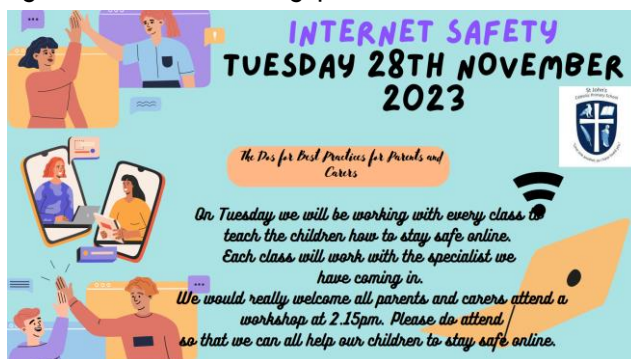
Newsletter: Issue 10  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Head's News...

We have had an absolutely fantastic week with an assembly about badgers – where we looked at live recordings of badgers and their nocturnal habits; a day of football, where every child had the chance to play football with a team of coaches; anti bullying week and our usual learning opportunities.

## Internet Safety

We have had a number of incidents of children using social media across lots of year groups. As a school we do take this very seriously and we are asking parents to attend a work shop so that we can work together to keep All of our children safe.



## Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **93.4%**, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	92.9%	Year One	82.7%
Year Two	89.3%	Year Three	97.1%
Year Four	94%	Year Five	95.4%
Year Six	98.9%	Whole School	<b>93.4%</b>

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

EYFS: Adeife and Kenzo

Year 1: Rachith, Steven, Oran

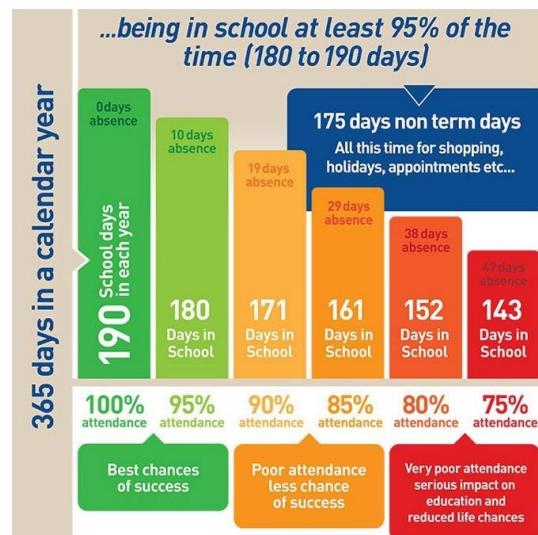
Year 2: Olaf, Aben, Inioluwa

Year 3: James M, Mariam, Jesse

Year 4: Chidindu, Sofia, Geona

Year 5: Jacob P, Cian, Ivy-Bella

Year 6: Nathanael, David D,  
Nathalie



## House Points

Earth: 168(1511)

Water: 200 (1696)

Air: 195 (1616)

Fire: 205 (1698)

## Talent

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us to use our talents well. When Jesus told this parable, the 'talent' he was speaking about was a sum of money – a weight of silver or gold. In our time, the word 'talent' describes the special qualities or abilities which people have.

The marvellous thing about human beings is that everyone has a special talent, something unique, which only that person can contribute to the world. If we think of the talents which people around us have, instead of thinking of their faults, it helps to make the world a more joyful and encouraging place.

Using our talents just for our own enjoyment can be like hiding our talents in the ground. How much better to use them to bring happiness to others! Let's enjoy this week and help spread God's love, through using our talents well.



## 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:**

Kaitlyn – 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Anton John – 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Mollie Teresa – 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Sophia – 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Heron – 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

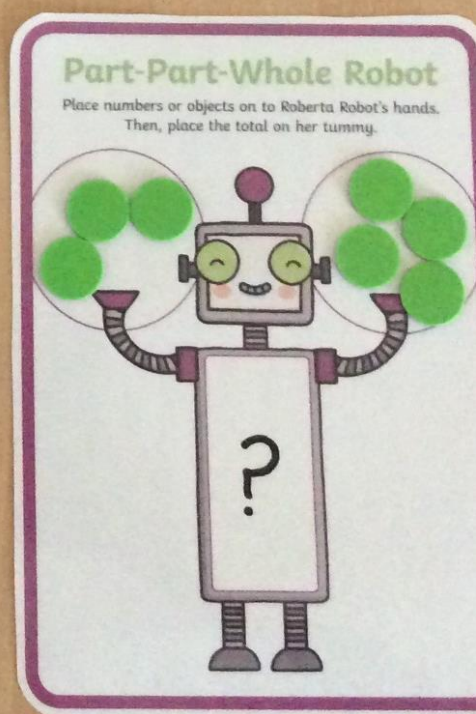
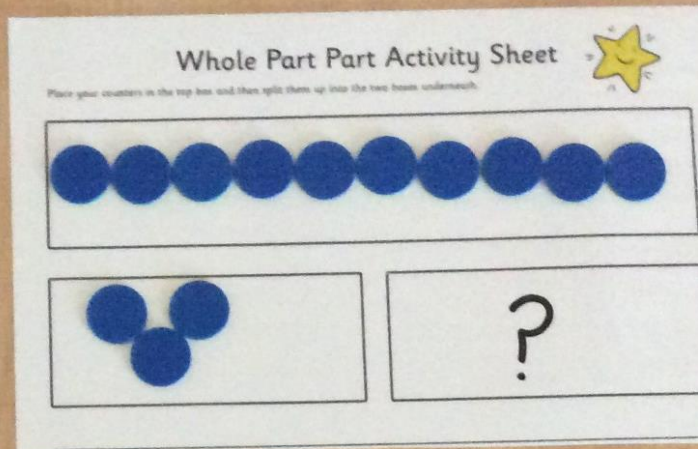
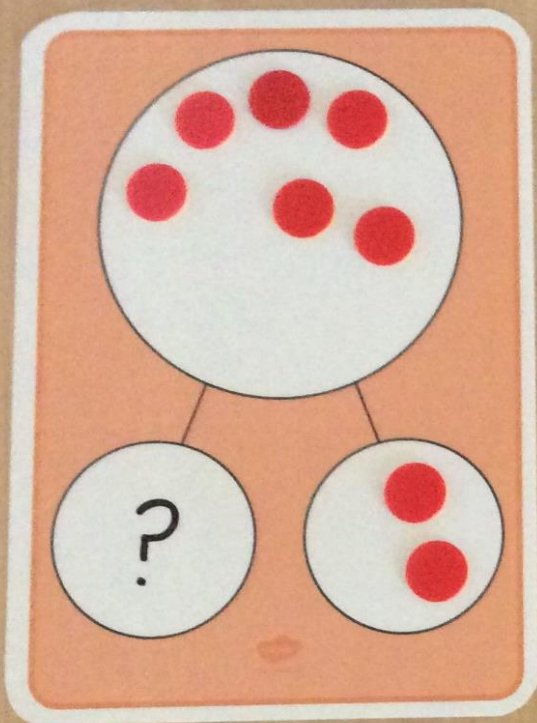
[office.3350@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3350@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk)





## Early Years Class News

This week Early Years have been very busy getting to know our woods and some of the animals that live in them. Our talk on badgers by Irene from Oxford Badger Group was very interesting- the children loved patting the stuffed badger and thoroughly enjoyed watching the videos of badgers and seeing their setts on our walks in the woods. We have also created some lovely hedgehog artwork and have pressed some lime leaves for later artwork.



# Year One Class News

In Year One this week we are using a variety of practical resources to explore the composition of numbers. We have been using our problem solving skills to find 'missing numbers'. 🙋 🙋 🙌 🌟



# Year Two Class News

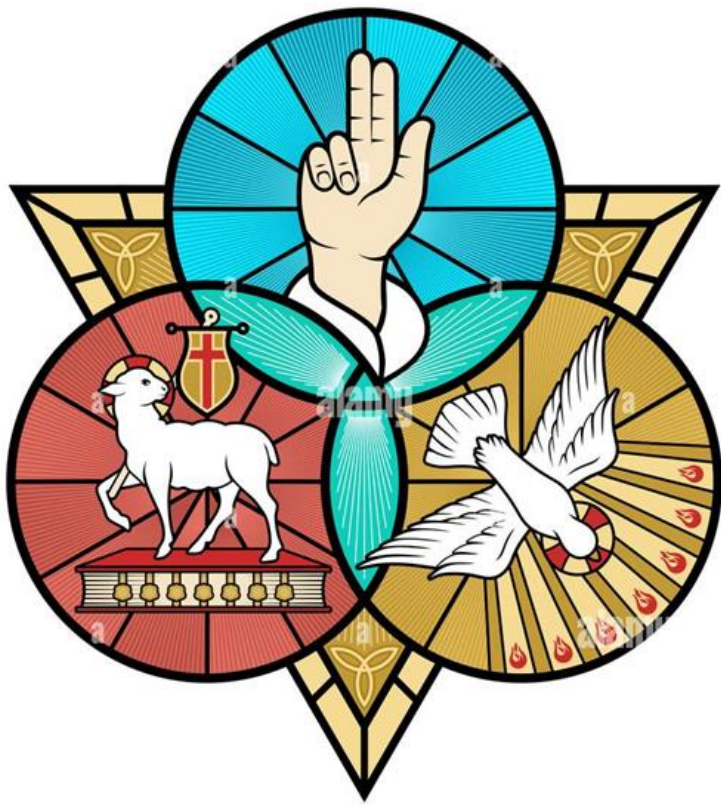


Another busy week in Year Two.

We have made some fantastic posters for Antibullying week. We talked about saying STOP! and looking people in the eye if they are doing something we don't like. We talked about being a good friend by watching out for others who may feel they are not being treated kindly. Our odd sock designs were also very impressive.

We are all very excited about our upcoming Nativity play now that all the parts have been given out, the catchy songs are catching on and costumes are already being cobbled together. Hope you can all come and watch.... Super Star!

# Year Three Class News



This week in year Three we read the story of Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan. We also learned that this was the first time the Holy Trinity was revealed. We then re-enacted the baptism of Jesus using the signs and symbols of baptism we have previously learnt. We have also thought about how different people from this time must have felt during this very special moment.



L.O. to understand that Jesus was describe as a light to the world at the presentation and explore how this can make us feel. ★★

## JESUS The SAVIOUR

Light is a powerful word which Jesus suppos to be.  
I feel joyful <sup>so</sup> when he is with me.

Ghosts are hunting me but Jesus is with me.

Honour Jesus with respect and kindness.

Traps are bad but I felt like light is peace.

Only I have is on light of the world which is Jesus.

Friends are always bright but we should respect the light.

Jesus loves us no matter and his light will shine on us.

Ever lasting love from the Jesus the saviour.

Suffer and pain Jesus had but he rose back again.

Useful is helpful.

Son of God is shining.

### Extension

What do you think Simeon meant when he described Jesus as the "Light of the Nations?"

## ★ Jesus is the Light of our World ★

Year Four have listened to the story of the Presentation of Jesus at the temple. We discussed how Jesus is the light of our world and how light and darkness can make us feel. The children wrote beautiful poems, acrostic poems and reflections on light. We explored how Jesus is our comforter and guider ♥

Year  
Four  
Class  
News



## Class News Year Five

Year Five have been getting stuck into our 'Earth and Space' topic during our science lessons. So far, we have learnt about some famous faces from the past and how these remarkable individuals helped shape what we know about the universe today, as well as finding out about our Solar System. This week, we made our own Moon, Earth and Sun models to help us understand how the different orbits work and shape our days, months and years.





## *Year Six Class News*

This week, Year Six enjoyed their football taster session with “Footy Kids” on the inflatable pitches. They were incredibly excited to spend some time playing a variety of games that developed their football skills. Despite the mud, it was lovely to see the children getting active and taking part in something a little bit different. It was also great to hear some of the less enthusiastic footballers saying they felt inspired to take part in breaktime football matches!

# St. John's RC Primary School

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus*

## Key Dates

31 <sup>st</sup> October 2023	Year Four at Banbury Museum
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	Whole School Mass at 10.45am for All Saints
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Flu Vaccinations
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Anti-bullying week
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Nursery Open Morning
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Break the Rulz Day
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Online Safety Parent Meeting
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	Parents Phonics Meeting - Reception
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Years Three and Five trip to Compton Verney
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Year Four trip from the Dentist
<b>**7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**</b>	<b>***DATE CHANGE ***</b> Movies and Munchies Night
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9.30am – EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal – Grandparents 1.30pm – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	9.30am – EYFS Nativity – Parents 6.00pm – KS1 Nativity - Parents
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	6.00pm – Bedtime Reading Story Event
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	6.00pm at St John the Evangelist Catholic Church – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	School Closes for Christmas Holiday at 1.30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> 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**

