



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 15th December 2023

Head's News...

Well, what another fabulous week we have had here at St. John's, arguably the best school ever! The children in Early Years, Year One and Year Two have raised the roof with their final, packed out performances. They have all been absolutely amazing and have worked so hard. I cannot tell you how proud we are of them all. Every child had a part to play and they all played this with determination, passion and confidence. They told us the true meaning of Christmas and may have brought a tear to my eye. Well done to each and every one of them and the superb team of staff who have worked their magic as always on ensuring every child was successful. Next Tuesday 19th December we see the turn of our KS2 children, with a Christmas Carol Concert in the church at 6.00pm. Please do come along and support our children (and also have a sing along with us).

Christmas Jumpers

We had a marvellous day on Wednesday wearing our Christmas jumpers and all having Christmas lunch together. Don't forget to send in your donations so that we can send this to Save the Children charity. This is a charity that does so much for children

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **94.6%**, 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 8 th December 2023 (we always report a week behind)			
EYFS	93.3%	Year One	94.8%
Year Two	95%	Year Three	96.8%
Year Four	91.6%	Year Five	92.9%
Year Six	96.3%	Whole School	94.6%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

EYFS: Oscar and Naia

Year 1: Sofia, Erica, Evie

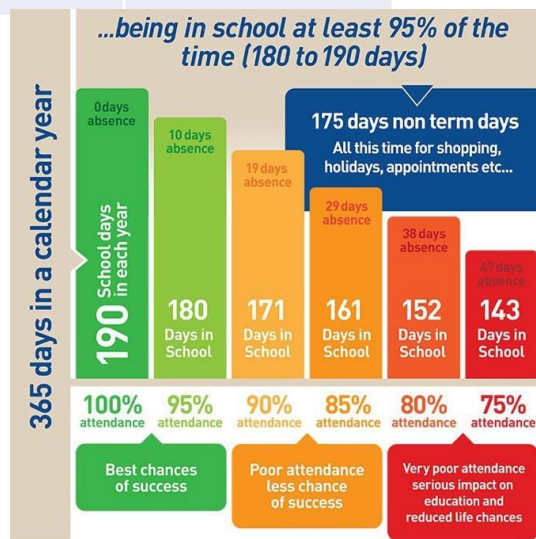
Year 2: Adriel, Shean, Angela

Year 3: Haybel, Kevin, James

Year 4: Amanda, Fikile, Lewis

Year 5: Emilia, Emmanuel, Ryan

Year 6: Keanu, Milly, Amel



House Points

Earth: 470(2927)

Water: 439(3066)

Air: 445(3072)

Fire: 413 (3015)

Joy

A man came who was sent by God. His name was John, John the Baptist. He came as a witness – as a witness to Jesus Christ. Priests were sent from Jerusalem to ask John, “Who are you?” John replied, “I am not the Christ.” “Are you the prophet Elijah then – or the Prophet?” they asked. He answered, “No.” “So, who are you?” they asked. “What have you to say about yourself?” John replied, “I am the voice of the one who cries in the wilderness: ‘Make the Lord’s way straight.’” Finally, they asked him, “Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?” John said, “I baptise with water. But someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am.” This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the River Jordan, where John was baptising.



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:

Jose
Frankie
Thomas
Elsie
Felicity
Kiara
Mourad
Elvis
Harry
Reina

Holly
Charleigh
James
Irena
Darcey
Ella
Ellie
Jakub
Evelyn
Jacob



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

Christmas Holiday Dates



PEACE ON EARTH



*School closes at 1.30pm on Wednesday
19th December and we return back to
school at 8.45am on Monday 8th
January 2024*

Early Years Class News

This week all the children from Early Years, many of them feeling under the weather, performed the Nativity to a very appreciative audience. The children have worked tirelessly over the past few weeks getting to know the events and characters from the Nativity, learning their lines and all the songs and they all looked amazing in their costumes.



Year One Class News

Wednesday was an exciting day for Year One! We celebrated by wearing a Christmas jumper and sharing Christmas lunch together and then, in the evening, we put on our Nativity play for our families.

It was declared to be, "The best day ever!!"

Congratulations, you shone like stars 🌟 🌟



Year Two Class News

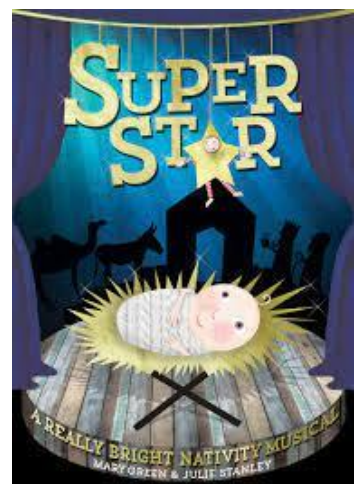


Year One and Year 2 Nativity - Superstar!

★ Year One & Year Two worked so hard to make their final performance of the Nativity story "Superstar" a success.

So many wonderful smiles beaming down from the stage and Irena's solo and Angela's violin playing were beautiful. We really hope all the parents, carers and grandparents enjoyed themselves as much as we did performing.


WELL DONE KS1 ✨ ✨ ✨




Year Three Class News


As part of our Prayer and Liturgy this week, Year Three created a poem about the coming of Christ.


Advent is a joyful time of preparation and Year Three are certainly getting into the spirit of Advent.


Angel Gabriel came down. 

Devoted donkey carrying the precious load

Virtuous mother preparing for the Messiah. 

Elizabeth announcing the joy soon to happen. 

Never ending love starting in Bethlehem. 

Time to rejoice the Saviour will come! 

Year Four Class News

🎄 ✕ It's getting
Christmassy in Year
Four Maths ✕ 🎄

Year Four are busy exploring multiplication in Maths! We have been looking at multiplying and dividing a number by itself, 1 and 0.

On Thursday, children explored multiplying 3 numbers together!! We used counters to visualise groups and arrays. The children even had a challenge of making a Christmas object using 3 numbers multiplied together.

Some fantastic creativity and problem solving!!

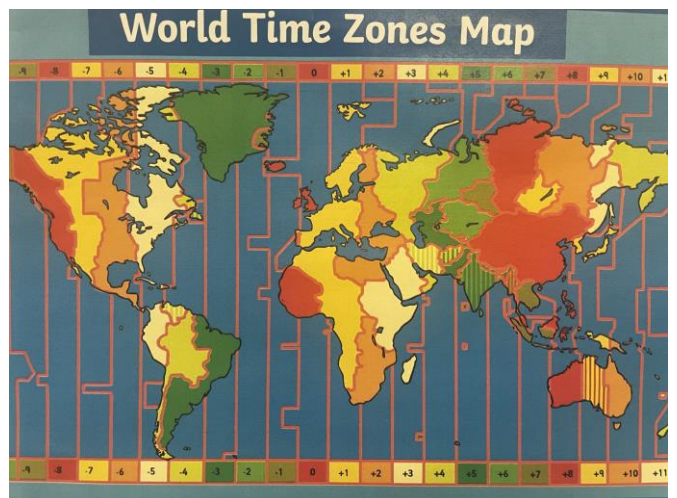


Superb Scientists

This week, we have started to bring our science topic to a close by investigating time zones around the world. We used the iPads to research different continents and what time and day it was in particular countries. We have been finding out about how the Earth's position in its axis effects our seasons and the amount of sunlight we get - ask us why it's cold and dark a lot in England at the moment!



Continent	City	Day of the week	Time (UTC)	Morning, afternoon or evening	Temperature and activities
North America	New York	Monday	08:30	Early morning	1°C to 2°C in the morning and 4°C in the afternoon
South America	Sao Paulo	Monday	06:30	Early morning	1°C to 2°C in the morning and 4°C in the afternoon
Europe	London	Monday	08:30	Morning	1°C to 2°C in the morning and 4°C in the afternoon
Asia	Tokyo	Monday	15:30	Afternoon	1°C to 2°C in the morning and 4°C in the afternoon
Africa	Cairo	Monday	15:30	Afternoon	1°C to 2°C in the morning and 4°C in the afternoon
Australia	Sydney	Monday	17:30	Evening	1°C to 2°C in the morning and 4°C in the afternoon
Antarctica	McMurdo	Monday	21:30	Evening	1°C to 2°C in the morning and 4°C in the afternoon



Class
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Year Six Class News



This week, Year Six enjoyed their final Christmas jumper and dinner day at Primary school! We had a lovely time being served by our teachers and laughing with our friends.

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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
7th December 2023	***DATE CHANGE *** 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	5.00pm – 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**

