



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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Head's News...

Well what a whirlwind of a second week of term we have had! We have had lots of exciting learning going on across the school and I cannot tell you often enough what a privilege it is for me to see how the children engage and work hard every day. Of course, none of this would be possible without the amazing team of staff we have here at St. John's. I would also like to thank you all for your patience and understanding last week when we had no running water. Thankfully, we have had no breaks to the wonderful learning that takes place here this week.

Our Year Four and Year Two children served God beautifully yesterday in their class mass and I, like you will be, am immensely proud of them. They are reverent, respectful and they raise the roof when they sing – a very big well done children.

First Holy Communion

We will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 3.30pm in the Year Three classroom for parents of children who will be making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th June 2024. Please do let us know that you will be attending. This won't be a long meeting and of course the children are very welcome to attend too.



Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **93.5%**, 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 12 th January 2024 (we always report a week behind)			
EYFS	97.2%	Year One	96.7%
Year Two	92.1%	Year Three	98.4%
Year Four	86.7%	Year Five	94%
Year Six	92%	Whole School	93.5%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

EYFS: Ella and Nassar

Year 1: Jeron, Rocco, Anliya

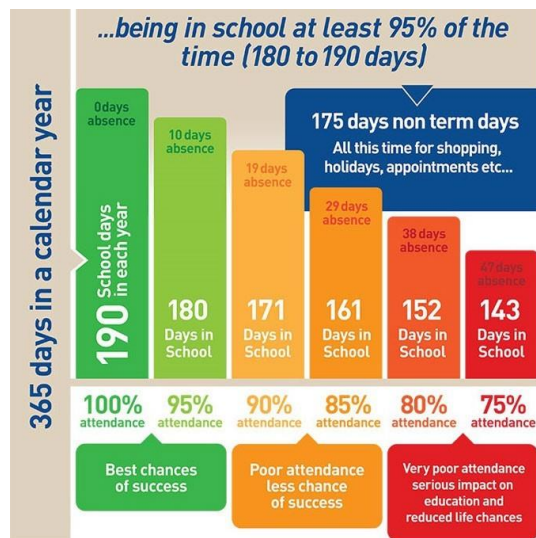
Year 2: Joe, Freidda, Helenka

Year 3: Andrea, James Mc,
Mollie

Year 4: Aibel, Jimmy, Liliana

Year 5: Ivy, Nathan, Aishe

Year 6: Elliot, Keanu, Charles



House Points

Earth: 327

Water: 343

Air: 339

Fire: 348

Community

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about Jesus starting to gather together the first Christian community. Christian communities (just like families) are never perfect – even Jesus' closest disciples weren't always the ideal set of people. However, everyone works better with others in community.

Our schools and parish communities were founded to be places of love, friendship, security and inclusiveness.

People in the past answered Jesus' call to form our Catholic school communities which now welcome and support us and our children. Now it's our turn to continue the work, to build on and develop the warm and loving community of our school – together.



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:

Josineyde – 18th January
Anuoluwapo – 20th January



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 (Maureen Collier) directly:

office.3350@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Early Years Class News



This week Early Years have been enjoying singing our Snowman song for shake and wake and enjoying lots of wintery stories. Despite the cold winter weather, we all went outside to see if we could see any signs of bulbs peeping out of the ground- there were several which was very exciting. We also planted out some (late) daffodil and tulip bulbs and will watch with interest to see how quickly they can make up for lost time and give us a beautiful display in the Spring.

All the children have worked incredibly hard this week. In collective worship we talked about how to be a good friend and how we can talk to God to receive peace. They all astounded me with their lovely ideas.

Year One Class News



Year Two Class News

We have been learning about all the coins and money that is used in England, making sure we recognise them all, so we can begin to add and subtract amounts. Sadly, we only have plastic money in school; so, If you get a chance to share with your child what real money feels like that would be a great learning experience.

We would love to know what £50 pound notes feel like so please feel free to put any spare you have in an envelope with my name on. 😊

In Religious Education this week, Year Three have been learning about making choices and how we are all free to make choices, as it is a gift from God. We have looked at The parable of the Prodigal son and how each character of the story made a choice and the consequences of that choice.

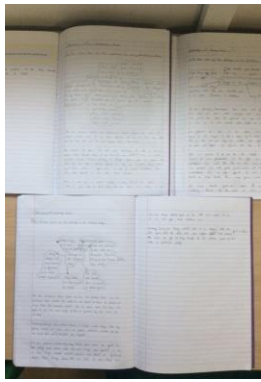


Year Three Class News

Year Four Class News

🕯️⭐ Year Four celebrated a lovely Mass alongside Year Two - the first of 2024! The children were, as always, respectful, reverent and took time to reflect. We explored why Jesus got into a boat on the water to speak - everyone wanted to listen to him preach and the children also shared their brilliant knowledge of the many miracles of Jesus. Thank you to the children who read aloud during our Mass and to Sean for brilliant altar serving - you all did fantastically! ⭐🕯️

Fantastic writing in Year 5 this week as we wrote accounts from the perspective of the Three Wise Men's journeys to meet the newborn King, Jesus! Well done Year 5!



Year Five Class News

Year Six Class News

This week in Year Six; we have finished our Algebra unit of learning in Maths. At first, we were a bit nervous to be working with letters and numbers at the same time, but we have worked really hard and have grown more and more confident by the day. Now, we can even solve equations with two unknowns! We are really proud of what we have been able to achieve.

Algebraic Expressions

An algebraic expression is a single term or a set of terms that are combined using addition (+), subtraction (-), multiplication (x) and division (÷)

Examples

$3x$ $2x + 3y$ $2 - 5y^2$ $2x + 3y - 5$

An expression that contains two terms is called a binomial.

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Key Dates

8 th January 2024	Spring Term begins
10 th January 2024	Reception Open Morning
11 th January 2024	Wizard of Oz Trip
11 th January 2024	Whole School Mass – The Epiphany 10.30am
15 th January 2024	Year Six SATs meeting for parents – Year Six class at 3.30pm
25 th January 2024	Year One to Blessed George Napier for Multi Skills
2 nd February 2024	Number Day
4 th February 2024	Choir to lead singing at St John the Evangelist at 11.15am Mass
7 th February 2024	First Holy Communion Meeting for Parents in Year Three classroom at 3.30pm
9 th February 2024	Valentines Disco led by the PTFA EYFS and KS1 4.30pm – 5.30pm KS2 6.00pm – 7.00pm
9 th February 2024	School closes for half term
19 th February 2024	Spring Two term begins 8.45am
23 rd February 2024	Year Five Safety Workshop
8 th March 2024	World Book Day and Author Visit
19 th March 2024	Parents Evening 2.30pm – 7.00pm
28 th March 2024	School Closes for Easter Holidays at 3.20pm
15 th April 2024	Summer Term Begins at 8.45am

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: **Compassionate and Loving**

Compassionate: We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away. **Loving:** We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.

A Prayer of compassion (St Teresa of Calcutta)

Lord, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters. Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, the oppressed. Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us. Renew in us your spirit. Lord, free us and make us one.

Amen

