



St. John's RC Primary School

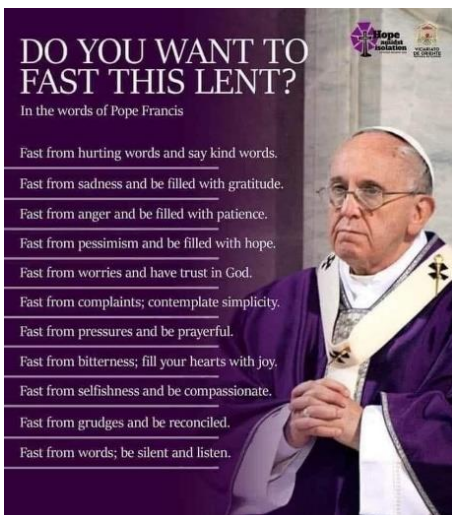
Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus
Love one another, as I have loved you

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Head's News...

We have had a fun-filled, action packed week this week and it has been wonderful to see so many happy faces. The children have been very engaged with their learning and thoroughly their time in the library. I love spending time with the children sharing books and seeing how excited they get about that wonderful skill of reading. I cannot thank you all enough for supporting us in raising the profile of reading in our school. There is still much to do and we will continue exposing the children to a range of fiction and non-fiction texts.

This week we were led in prayer by Father Sean and our Year Six class children. The children, as always, read beautifully and reverently in Mass. Our two Altar Servers were superb too, so thanks must go to all of altar servers. Lent is a sombre time where we fast, pray and give more. The children have been thinking carefully about the charity that they would like to donate to and we will reveal this next week, once the votes have been counted. During this season of Lent, each class will be doing something to raise money for a charity that we choose as a school. This will take place each Friday and each class will lead this. Again, more information will come out about this separately.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

EYFS: Jacob and Selene

Year 1: Charlotte, Zena, Evie

Year 2: Ayaan, Kaitlyn, Friedda

Year 3: Andrea, Ruwa, Felicity

Year 4: Sean, Isabella, Sofia

Year 5: Zuzannah, Julianna,
Artur

Year 6: Emilia, Nathaneal, Krupa

Mr Higgs

Today we say goodbye to our wonderful Mr Higgs who is moving on to pastures new. What a loss to our school community as he starts a new chapter in his life. We want to say a heartfelt **thank you** for all of the amazing work he has carried out to make our school building safe.

House Points

Earth: 193 (1301)

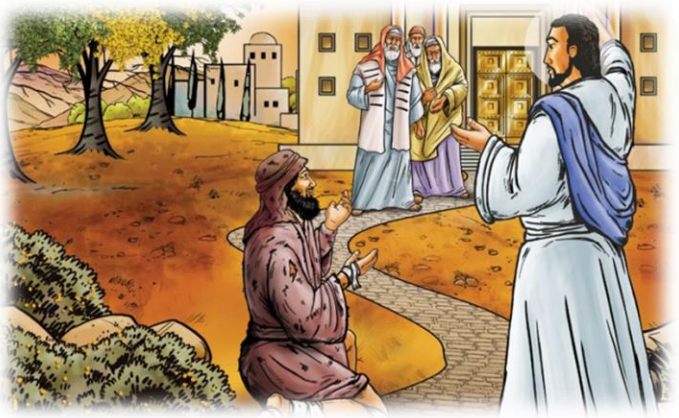
Water: 221 (1350)

Air: 227 (1400)

Fire: 175 (1279)

Compassion

One day a man who had leprosy came to Jesus because he wanted to be healed. The man knelt in front of Jesus and said, "If you want to, you can heal my leprosy." Jesus was filled with compassion and said, "Of course I want to." Then Jesus reached out to touch him and said, "Be healed!" At once the man's leprosy disappeared and he was healed. Before sending the man on his way Jesus said firmly, "Don't tell anyone about this. Just go and show yourself to the priest, and take an offering to the Temple as commanded by Moses, and everyone will know that you have been healed." But, instead, the man went and told everyone what had happened. This meant that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay out in the country. Even so, people would still come to him from everywhere around.



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:

Jeron – 19th February



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

Early Years have been absorbed by the early arrival of frog spawn – (from Mrs Trivett's pond not the wild) and this has started off our Eggs theme in great style. We shall be keeping a close eye on progress in the aquarium, eagerly awaiting the next chapter in the frog life cycle... We have also been delighting all the daffodils and hellebores that have burst into life in our garden in the mild half term weather.



As part of our Geography work this term, we are learning about the Great Fire of London. The children are loving learning all about how the fire started and looking at how things have changed over the years. They were shocked to hear that they didn't have television in 1666.



Year One Class News

Year Two Class News

Year Two had such a great afternoon with Karen who taught us all about the dangers of Carbon Monoxide and how to keep ourselves and our families safe. We were all given a bag of goodies to take home and a few rhymes with actions to help us remember the important stuff.

Year Two learnt how to tell if Carbon monoxide might be coming from appliances and what to do ... Mainly GET OUTSIDE INTO THE FRESH AIR. but most importantly we learned we should all have in our house a CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR. Here is the video the children watched which is super useful for all ages. [youtube.com/watch?v=m5oRQ_4irUE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m5oRQ_4irUE)



Year Three have been to church this week to take the next step of their Sacramental journey. They are preparing for their First Holy Communion and made their First Reconciliation. It was fantastic to see all the children immerse themselves and to be very reverent and prayerful. They showed a great understanding of the importance of saying sorry for what we have done and to learn to forgive ourselves and others.

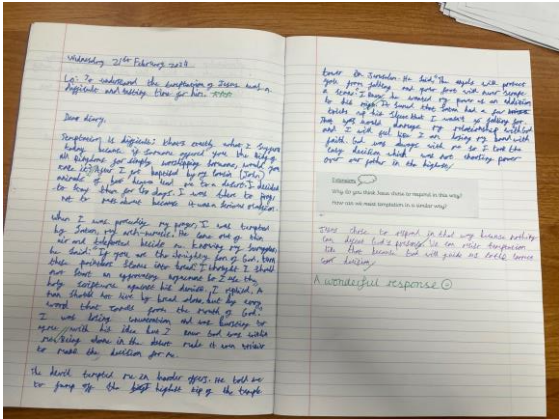
Year Three Class News



Year Four Class News

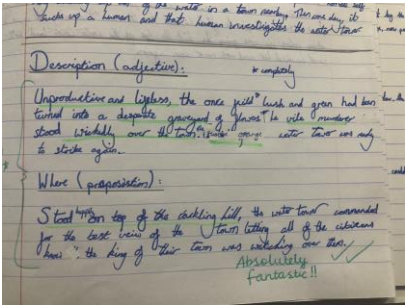
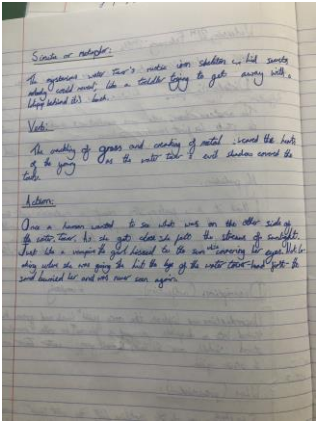
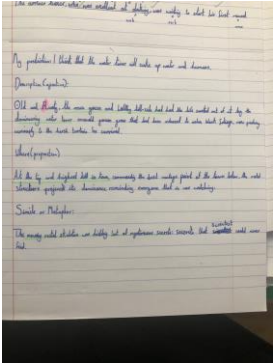
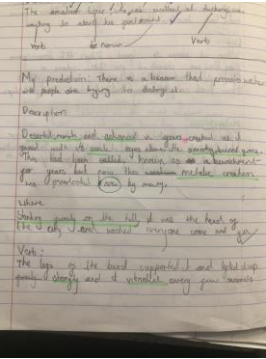
🧡 TEMPTATIONS OF JESUS 🧡

Year 4 have very much enjoyed exploring Lent in our R.E lessons. This week, we have listened to the gospel for the story 'Temptations of Jesus'. We have explored why Jesus was in the desert, how he was feeling there and then identified the ways in which Jesus was tempted. We then spent a second lesson by writing a diary entry to express how this might have been a difficult time for Jesus. There was some gorgeous writing from Year 4 📖



Year Five Class News

In our English lessons, we have started our new book for this half term, the picture book, The Watertower. We kicked off our learning by predicting what we thought our new novel's story line is... we had some very imaginative ideas indeed! We spent time describing the mysterious setting of where The Watertower was located too. Have a look at our descriptive writing...



Year Six Class News

To help us better understand the parable of The Rich Man and Lazarus in RE, Year Six created role plays and freeze frames in role as either the rich man, Lazarus or Abraham. Can you work out who is who?



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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	Confirmation Commitment Mass and 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:

Faith-filled and Hopeful

Faith-filled: We are faith-filled when we are living life as God inspires us to live it, putting the Gospel into action through our deeds. Faith gives us belief and trust in God and in other people. We have to build on it every day through prayer, being part of a faith community and living out the gospel values. Faith gives us hope. **Hopeful:** We are hopeful when we are optimistic about the future, we trust ourselves and others, and we don't give up. Our faith teaches us that God is hope – that Christ walks before us and gives us the courage to follow. Hope makes us unafraid to step into the unknown and face challenges. Hope can deepen or restore our faith.

