



# 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 22

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## Head's News...

We have come to the end of another action-packed week full of the three L's: Learning, Love and Laughter. Life here at St. John's is never dull and despite us being a small (but growing) school, we definitely have children and staff with the biggest hearts. Our children really are the best and for that I thank you as parents for giving us the joy of educating them every day. Crazy Hair and cake sale day has been a magnificent, fun and successful day – thank you to you all for helping us with our Lenten charities for this year. Once we have final figures we will share this with you, but I know that Katherine House Hospice and Father Hudson's home will be very happy with our contribution to them. Can all Father Hudson's envelopes be returned to school on the first week back please.

Holy Week will begin this Sunday with Palm Sunday leading us through to Easter Sunday. Please do take the children to church this Sunday as Palm Sunday recalls the story of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches. It is a reminder for us all to welcome Jesus into our hearts and to be willing to follow him.

## Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **94.1%**, our target is a minimum of **97.5%** - please do send children in for every learning opportunity. Our attendance is getting better so let's keep it going, every child should be in school for every learning opportunity.

### Attendance to 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (we are always report a week behind)

EYFS	92.5%	Year One	95.2%
Year Two	93.7%	Year Three	99%
Year Four	98.8%	Year Five	92.5%
Year Six	86.5%	Whole School	<b>94.1%</b>

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

**EYFS:** Kayla and Florina

**Year 1:** Oran, Freyja, Neo

**Year 2:** Shean, Angela, Karlee

**Year 3:** Henry, Emilia, Aswathy

**Year 4:** Darcey, Whole Class, Raphaela

**Year 5:** Holly, Cailean, Max

**Year 6:** Nathaneal, Chiara, Alicia

## TIMES TABLES

St. John's are **THRIVING** in their times tables. Our school is currently sitting in second place compared to those nearby – amazing work!

Please do continue to promote Times Table Rockstars practice at home. This helps build up speed and fluency for our children so that they can apply this knowledge to their Cracking Times Tables levels they do each week in their tests.

Thank you for your support in supporting your child's times table knowledge.



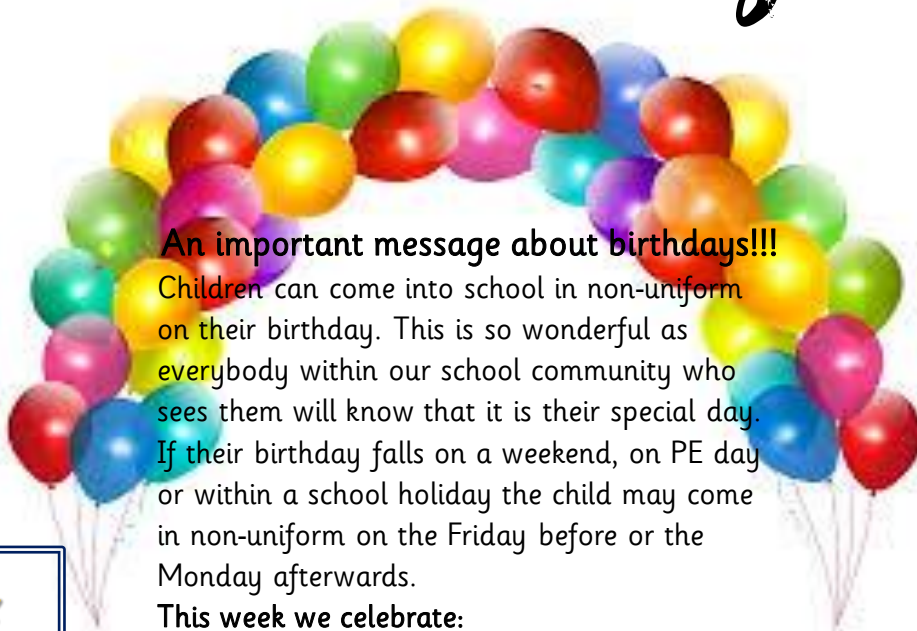
## Praise

When Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples into the nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples set off and found the donkey. When they untied it from its post, some people said to them, "What are you doing?" The disciples answered just as Jesus had told them, and the people let the disciples take the donkey to Jesus. Then Jesus rode into Jerusalem. People were spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him. They praised God, shouting: "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!"

## PALM SUNDAY



## 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:

Ayaan – 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Ava – 24<sup>th</sup> March



## House Points

Earth: 250(2119)

Water: 246 (2156)

Air: 483 (2576)

Fire: 232 (2144)

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

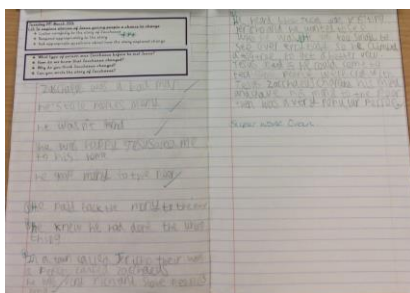
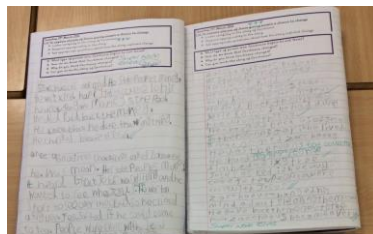


# Early Years Class News

With the return of some milder weather, Early Years have been doing some much needed Spring Cleaning in our garden. All the mud kitchen pots, pans and plates were given a thorough scrub and much sweeping and polishing was undertaken. The tadpoles are continuing to thrive and the planters and garden are all beautifully in bloom and we are looking forward to lots of time in our tidy garden next term.



We have continued to think about Lent in RE this week. We have listened to the story of Zacchaeus. We then showed off our writing skills by re-telling the story. We had some lovely discussions about why Zacchaeus changed and how we can all change and be more like Jesus. The children have been very reflective this week and have shared some wonderful thoughts.



## Year One Class News

# Year Two Class News



🌸 Spring has sprung. 🌸

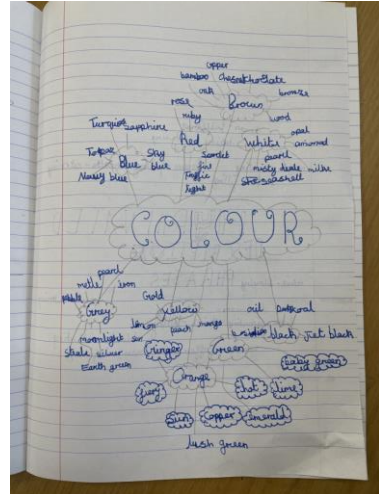
Art has been seasonal as Year Two used observational skills to sketch real flowers. Some kindly gifted Tulips have become immortalised as we looked at petal, stalk and leaf shape and all the colours that could be seen beyond the pink and green. Some very impressive colour blending with pencils created depth and a more realistic flower. We discussed what we thought had gone well and what we could continue to improve. Some very impressive sketches as you can see.

This week in Year Three we have been looking at volcanos in our geography lessons. The children have loved this topic and for science this week we have decided to conduct a volcano experiment. It was fascinating to see the reaction happening inside the volcano and what happens when it finally explodes!!

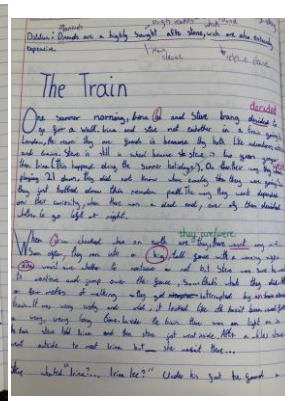
## Year Three Class News







# Year Five Class News



This week Year Six have enjoyed lots of practical Maths work! We have investigated nets of 3D shapes and practised drawing angles and shapes using given measurements. Some of us even managed to create an incredibly accurate train drawing using the measurements provided! Superb engineers in the making!



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## Key Dates

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







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9AM - 3PM

WROXTON SPORTS CLUB, OX15 6PY

**8TH-11TH APRIL**

9AM - 3PM

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