



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 that's another term gone in the blink of an eye! And what a wonderful term we have had.

Thank you for your generosity with our Lenten charities. We have raised a total of £520.00 for Father Hudson's Association and Katharine House Hospice, we will split this equally between the two charities. Thank you to our Parent's Association for your wonderful donations of Easter eggs which will be given to all of our children.

We are all back at school on Monday 15th April 2024 at 8.45am sharp. I can't wait to see all of the children again and I know they will all look super smart in their school uniforms. We will have a very busy term, as always and I will let you know in the first week back lots of dates, as we have a lot to pack in: Parents coming in to share in the wonderful learning that has taken place, Masses, Celebration Assemblies, Sacramental celebrations, Sports Day, Parent's Evening and so much more. Have a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoy the time together as a family as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

I must give thanks to all of the wonderful family we have here at St John's, without our family of staff we wouldn't be half the school we are, and I am for ever thankful for them each and every day. We are always supported so well by our Governing Body and by Friends of St John's; again, we thank you all. Have a blessed and holy Easter break – recharged and ready for the last term.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **95.2%**, 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 18th March 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	96.2%	Year One	96.4%
Year Two	94.1%	Year Three	94.2%
Year Four	98.7%	Year Five	96.8%
Year Six	96.7%	Whole School	95.2%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Every single child and member of staff in our school!

They all rightfully deserve recognition for the amazing work they all do and for just being fabulous

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.

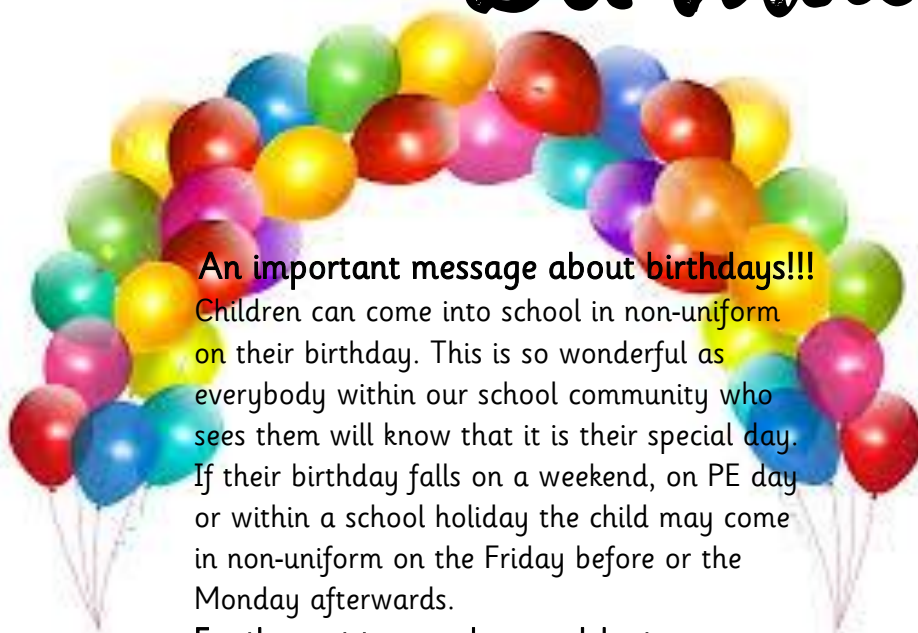


Easter

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.



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.

For the next two weeks we celebrate:

Rexford – 25 th March	Osmond – 6 th April
Joseph – 26 th March	Evana – 9 th April
Sanchez – 30 th March	Noah – 10 th April
Esther – 1 st April	Sefania – 12 th April
Aithan – 1 st April	Henry – 13 th April
Emmanuella – 3 rd April	Amelia – 14 th April



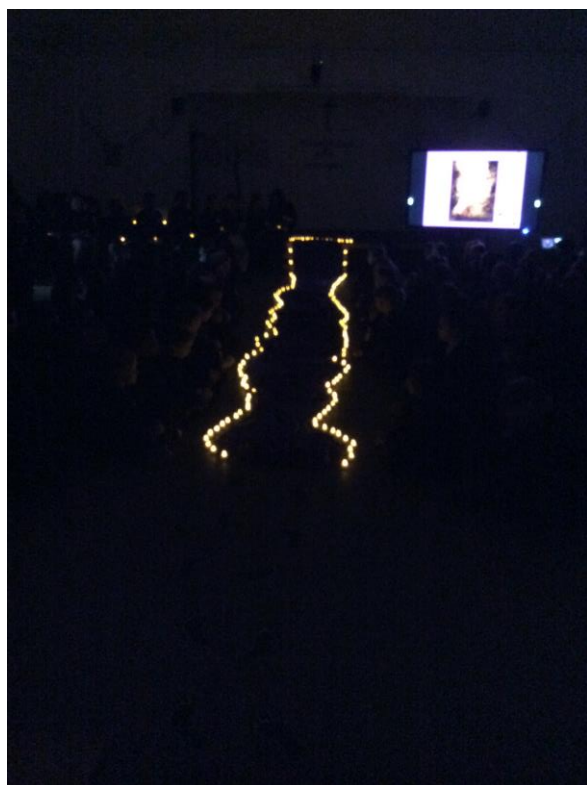
Safeguarding

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

We finished this term by holding a Lent Penitential Service. This was led beautifully by our Year Six children and children in the Growing In Faith Together Team. As a school we are so very proud of all of our children. This service was reverent and prayerful, the thing that struck all of us as very poignant was the children singing – it melted our hearts. We do have the most special children here at St John's.



*Wishing you all a happy
and holy Easter.*



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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.

