



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...



Huge congratulations to all of our children in Year Six, they have had a gruelling week and they have blown our socks off with their grit and determination. We are so very, very proud of them! The gift of the Holy Spirit has definitely been upon them. We must also give thanks to all of the staff that have been involved this week: Miss Callan, Miss Bingham, Mrs Ryder and Miss Copp. Miss Callan has fed them like Kings and Queens for breakfast. It has been a real privilege to have been with them each morning and to see how much they have grown as young people.

Our Year Six children will complete the last stage of their Sacramental journey with us next Wednesday and we keep them all in our thoughts and prayers as they make their Confirmation – what a very special time for our children! We would love to see as many of you supporting your friends on their sacramental journey at church at 6.00pm on Wednesday 22nd May 2024.

Attendance to 10th May 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	97.7%	Year One	94.9%
Year Two	96.4%	Year Three	97.3%
Year Four	94%	Year Five	96.1%
Year Six	97.3%	Whole School	95.8%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

EYFS: Tije, Miraya

Year 1: Evie, Jesse, Rachith

Year 2: Ugom, Evelyn, Millie

Year 3: Kevin, Mariam, James Mc

Year 4: Darcey, Meeval, Zion

Year 5: Noah, Max, Julianna

Year 6: All of Year Six



House Points

Earth: 199 (3452)

Water: 162 (3556)

Air: 207 (4059)

Fire: 162 (3495)

Pentecost

This coming Sunday, your parish church will be celebrating a great and joyful feast, Pentecost Sunday. It is the feast of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church, a gift which we now receive at Baptism, Confirmation, and at Mass.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the risen Jesus offers his disciples the Holy Spirit and inner peace so that they would never be alone, to strengthen them, and to be their helper forever. Jesus never wants us to be fearful, lonely, or disturbed, and he also offers us the gift of the Holy Spirit.

This true, lasting peace, offered by Jesus (the removal of all anxiety, worry, and envy), comes only from God. It is not dependent on peaceful conditions; we can experience it even in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty.



Our Governing Body are seeking to appoint a Parent Governor to join them.

For any parents who are interested in applying, or want further information about what the role involves, please direct any email to office.3350@st-john-banbury.oxon.sch.uk
The deadline for applications is Friday 7th June 2024.

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:

Ethan – 14th May

Tymon – 15th May

Karlee – 18th May

Oliver – 19th May



Safeguarding

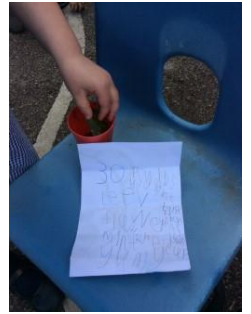
If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

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:

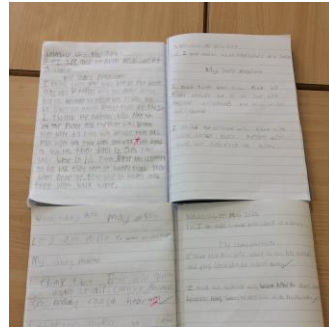
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Early Years Class News

This week in EY (when the sun came out again), the Reception children were challenged to create some dishes in the mud kitchen, then write down recipes, price their wares accordingly then sell them to the Nursery children. It was exciting to see some of the Nursery children copying Reception by drawing pictures of their own mud creations which is the first step to labelling and writing. After acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk we were hoping that the beans we have planted would also be magic, but alas, we are still waiting for them to sprout....



Year One have been working hard this week in English. We are learning how we can change a root word using the suffix -ing. We are learning to put words into the past tense and we are learning to make story predictions. We have started to read the story Hibernation hotel, but have stopped the story just before the end so we can predict what we think will happen. There has been some lovely ideas.



Year One Class News

Year Two Class News

Year Two have been studying portraits of monarchs. We looked at their Pose, Clothing, Objects and Backgrounds to see if a story is being told about the person. We decided that Henry VIII wanted to look important and strong in his famous portrait and some of the children showed they could look just as imposing.



Year Three have welcomed Mrs Jacobson back to St. John's with great enthusiasm and impressed her this week with their positive attitude to learning, their confident explanations of their understanding and their ability to use new knowledge in their written work. On Thursday, Year 3 celebrated Mass with Fr. Sean and they were able to reflect thoughtfully on the message of the Gospel.



Year Three Class News

Year Four Class News

♥ KINDNESS ♥
Year 4 have spent time discussing what talents and gifts the Holy Spirit gives to us. We know that we are all kind, loving and thoughtful individuals so we spent time exploring and sharing how we can use these gifts at school and with each other. We created unique hands to remind us of how to treat one another and how we are one family in Year 4 ♥



This week, Year Five have been getting hands on in science. We've been investigating heterogeneous mixtures and deciding on the best way to separate the materials. The children made their own sieves, deciding on the size and spread of the holes needed in order to separate cereal and milk, soil and stones or sand and pebbles. We also tried to reverse a muddy water mixture, but quickly decided that sieves weren't the most efficient tools for the job, so used filters instead.

Year Five Class News



Year Six Class News

What a week! This week, our incredible Year Six children sat their SATs tests - and my goodness they did us proud! They stayed cool, calm and collected and did their very best throughout. We couldn't have asked for more. Well done Year Six, we are so proud of you and all that you have achieved!



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Key Dates

15 th April 2024	Summer Term begins and chicks arrive in EYFS
17 th April 2024	Year Five STEM Event
25 th April 2024	Year Two Cricket at BGN
30 th April 2024	Guitar demonstration for Music Lessons
2 nd May 2024	Years Three and Four Boys Football at BGN
6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
10 th May 2024	Class Photographs
13 th – 17 th May 2024	Year Six SATS week – Breakfast club
17 th May 2024	Disco led by the PTFA: EYFS and KS1 4.30pm – 5.30pm KS2 6.00pm – 7.00pm
20 th May 2024	Vision Screening – Reception Children
22 nd and 23 rd May 2024	Year Four residential trip to Youlbury
22 nd May 2024	Confirmation Mass for Year Six at 6.00pm
24 th May 2024	INSET Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
27 th May – 31 st May 2024	Half term holiday
3 ^{rs} June 2024	Summer 2 term begins – School open at 8.45am
20 th June 2024	Year Three Multi-skills at BGN
5 th July 2024	Sports Day at 1.15pm and Summer Fayre after
8 th – 12 th July 2024	Space Week

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:

Eloquent and Truthful

Eloquent: the ability to speak or write fluently, persuasively and appropriately. We are eloquent when we use language to express our ideas or opinions clearly and with conviction. When we choose our words, we should do so carefully so they are kind and compassionate, and don't hurt others.

Truthful: God wants us to be truthful in all we do. Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life', so being honest and truthful means we are following in his footsteps and living life the way God wants us to. Being truthful is being faithful to ourselves and to Jesus. We should stand up for the truth.

