



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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Friday 20th September 2024

Head's News...

We have had an outstanding week here at St John's and, again, I reiterate what a privilege it is to carry out my role as a Headteacher. Our children are quite simply the best! Assembly this morning was a pleasure, I love celebrating publicly our children's many achievements and I know that they love this too. We couldn't do what we do without your support, so I would like to thank you all for blessing us with your wonderful children.

Over the first few weeks we have been looking at our mission statement: 'Love one another, as I have loved you', the children have been discussing what this means to them and how they are going to live this mission, through their words and actions. My favourite response has been from a child in our Reception class who said, 'I love God, he made the world and never gets tired of loving us.' What a wonderful perception to have!

On 8th and 9th October there will be Parents' Evening in the hall from 3.30pm until 6.30pm – the online system will be open in the next few days with appointment times.

Please be aware that there is absolutely no expectation for children to provide their own equipment such as: pens, pencils, crayons, rulers etc. As a school we provide these for them.

Attendance to 13th September 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	97.1%	Year One	99.1%
Year Two	98.5%	Year Three	94.8%
Year Four	98.1%	Year Five	92.9%
Year Six	97%	Whole School	96.7%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Eliza

Reception: Ella

Year 1: Naia, Nora, Catherine

Year 2: Zoya, Jeron, Miles, Agnes

Year 3: John, Karlee, Jackson

Year 4: Emilia, James M, Mollie

Year 5: Jimmy, Stasiu, Marta

Year 6: Jagoda, Julianna, Jack

House Points

Earth: 425

Water: 437

Air: 448

Fire: 413



With God All

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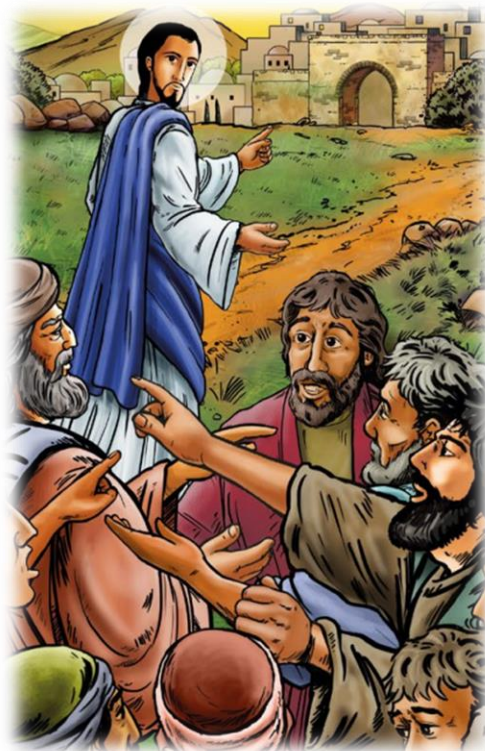


Serving

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus once again reminds the disciples – and us too – that a life of service is the best life to live. Life can be so busy, full of the things we really like doing, that it's quite easy to forget about serving others.

The Church teaches that we grow in the love of God through serving each other. One of the oldest titles for the Pope is 'The Servant of the servants of God'.

This emphasises the importance which the Church places on service. Jesus lived a life of service. Family and school life become more joyful when we follow Jesus' example and live as God intends.



It is important to us as a school that your concerns are listened to and are quickly and effectively resolved. A reminder that we have a clear pathways to ensure that this happens. The pathway is:

Stage 1: Discuss your concern with your child's **class teacher**. They will work with you to discuss and resolve your concern. Please allow sufficient time for this process to be completed.

Stage 2: Please escalate your concern to your child's **Phase Leader** who will consider your concern and review the response given by your child's class teacher.

The Phase Leaders for academic year 2024-2025 are:

Early Phase (Nursery and Reception) Mrs Trivett

Lower Phase (Year 1 and Year 2) Miss Page

Middle Phase (Year 3 and Year 4) Miss Bingham

Upper Phase (Year 5 and Year 6) Miss Callan

Stage 3: Please escalate your concern to Miss Bingham, **Assistant Headteacher**.

Stage 4: Mrs Collier, **Headteacher**, will consider your complaint and review the responses given by Miss Bingham, your child's Phase Leader and their class teacher.

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:

Jackson – 17th September

Sivathmika – 19th September

Leo – 20th September

Zack – 20th September

Ted – 21st September

Birthdays



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:

familysupport@st-johns-Banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Early Years Class News

This week in Early Years we have been focusing on building relationships between Reception and Nursery through co-operative play. It is always a joy to see them make friendships and grow in confidence together and develop language, turn-taking and conversation skills by interacting and learning to co-operate in lots of different scenarios whilst making the most of the warmer weather outside.



Year One Class News

In Year One, we have been learning about the upcoming season of autumn. We went on a nature walk to observe the changes that occur during this time.

Year One also participated in a whole-school singing practice, where they guided the rest of the school in singing the melody of a special song.



Year Two Class News

★ Just WOW! ★

It is so hard to believe that these children have had just over two weeks in Year 2! I have seen SO much progress already with their handwriting, presentation and learning behaviours. They are simply amazing and so determined to learn! This week, we have continued to work so hard on our handwriting, started to plan our own stories, solved problems with multiples of ten, retold Bible stories beautifully, sequenced monarchs from the past on a timeline and challenged ourselves with the cross country!



Year Three Class News

This week in R.E. we have been looking at the story of how Jesus chose his disciples from the holy Gospel of Mark.

We have discussed how important and special it was that these twelve special people were chosen and taught by Jesus to go and preach the Good News to all.



Year Four Class News

Lights, camera, action...!

What a talented bunch we are in Year 4! Not only are we immersing ourselves in all things 'How to Train your Dragon' by reading the amazing chapters, inferring feelings and emotions of characters, and describing settings, but we've also taken to the stage by using our brilliant drama skills to act out a chapter from the book. Ask us all about the bizarre novices we've met so far... we are LOVING our English learning!



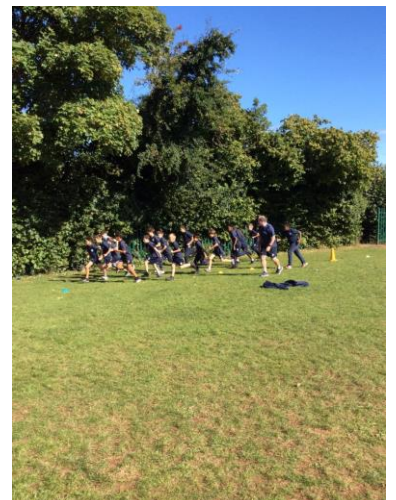
Year Five Class News

Year Five have started the topic of 'Out of this World' science lessons about our Solar System. This afternoon we recreated a scaled model of the planet line up from the sun. We used a variety of objects to represent each planet, including a peppercorn for Mercury, a grape for Venus and a blueberry for Mars. Each step away from the sun, represented 58 million Km. We were surprised at how far away some planets were and how this created very long year for some, up to 165 earth years for Neptune.



Year Six Class News

Year Six have had another wonderful week! On Tuesday we enjoyed our PE session with Mr Mawn, where we took part in an inter-house cross country event in preparation for the upcoming inter-school cross country competition. We thought about pace and stamina, making sure we could last for the whole of the long distance! Congratulations to the children who placed in the top four and have qualified to compete next week.



Key Dates

20 th September 2024	Year Two Carbon Monoxide Workshop
27 th September 2024	Year Five Carbon Monoxide Workshop
8 th and 9 th October 2024	Parents Evening from 3.30pm
9 th October 2024	Year One Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am
16 th October 2024	Reception Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am
23 rd October 2024	Year Three Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am
16 th October 2024	Police visit to Year Two
17 th October 2024	Flu Vaccinations
23 rd October 2024	Reception Open Morning
25 th October 2024	Break up for Half Term at 3.20pm
4 th November 2024	School begins – School open at 8.45am
6 th November 2024	Whole School African Drumming
20 th November 2024	Year Six Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am Reception Open Morning
27 th November 2024	Year Two Class Assembly – All invites 9.15am
4 th December 2024	Year Four Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am
10 th December 2024	Year Five Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am
11 th December 2024	Key Stage One Nativity Play – 9.30am and 6.00pm
19 th December 2024	Key Stage Two Christmas Carol Concert @ St John's Church 6pm
20th December 2024	Break up for Summer holidays School closes at 1.30pm

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:

Active and Curious

Active: We are active in our engagement with the world, changing what we can for the better. We do this as God's children and to make the world a better place.

Curious: We are growing to become more curious about everything in God's world.

