



# 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## Head's News...

Our Key Stage Two children have been involved in a Cross-Country Event this week and it is fantastic to see the sportsmanship and teamwork that has gone on. Gracie in Year Three deserves a very special mention as she has showed another of her many talents and was placed in second place overall across over 100 girls from Years Three and Four from schools across Banbury. All of the children have made me so very, very proud and have given their all, many of them having never raced in a cross-country race.



## Wrap Around Care Reminder

This is becoming more popular and we would just like to remind you that you need to book your children in to Breakfast or After School Club in advance – we would hate to have turn anybody away, but we have strict child to adult ratios that we need to adhere to. We would also like to remind you of the timings: Breakfast club is 7.15am – 8.45am and after school club is 3.20pm – 5.00pm. Late collections will result in an additional charge.

### Attendance to 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	93.9%	Year One	95.7%
Year Two	94.6%	Year Three	98.9%
Year Four	99.4%	Year Five	95%
Year Six	97.3%	Whole School	<b>96.5%</b>

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

**Nursery:** Andrei

**Reception:** Christopher

**Year 1:** Harry, Rebecca, Tommy

**Year 2:** Joseph J, Nela, Esther

**Year 3:** Gracie, Evelyn, Helena

**Year 4:** Ryan, Mala, Andrea

**Year 5:** Isabella, Macey-Rae, Rehen

**Year 6:** Zuzanna, Cailean, Stelios



House Points  
**Earth: 162(587)**  
**Water: 186(623)**  
**Air: 142(590)**  
**Fire: 239(652)**

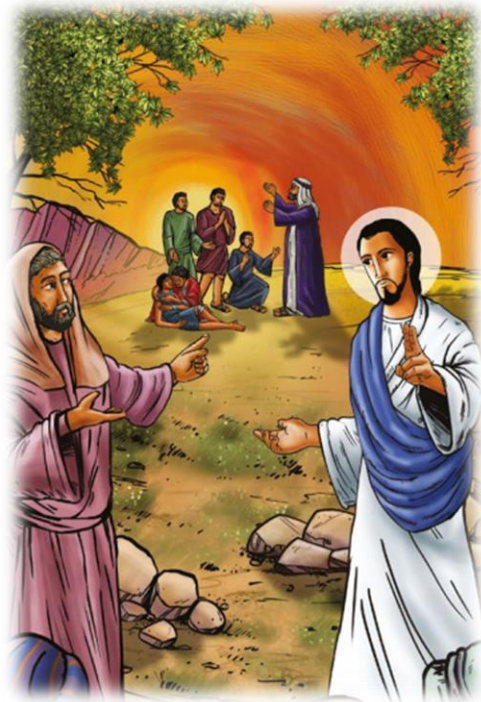
With God All  
 things are  
 possible.



## Goodness

God's gift of goodness is here, now – for free – for everyone! This Sunday's Gospel is a reminder that, just like Jesus, we can rejoice in God's goodness – wherever it is found.

Our Catholic schools are diverse and enriching communities, founded by people with a desire to serve God and to help our children to be the best they can be. Parents, school and parish working together help our children grow in goodness, and unite all of us, enriching and enhancing the life of our school community. St Basil the Great reminds us, "Each person, according to their ability, should be a pattern of goodness to others."



## Worry Club

Lunchtimes 12.00pm - 12.30pm

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

In the office by Early Years.



Mrs Sykes will be starting Worry Club at lunchtimes. This is a time when children can pop along and have a chat with her about any worries or concerns that they may have. It is also a time where the children can just sit and have an uninterrupted chat.

## 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:**

Parker – 24<sup>th</sup> September

Ruby – 24<sup>th</sup> September

Lewis – 28<sup>th</sup> September

Axel – 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:familysupport@st-johns-Banbury.oxon.sch.uk)

## Early Years Class News

Early Years are really enjoying their PE sessions with Mr Mawn. We are developing so many skills as we take part in our very active PE lessons. We are learning to control our movements and stretch our bodies whilst also improving our listening and our ability to follow instructions. Next week our theme for PE will be Pirates which we are really looking forward to!



## Year One Class News

This week in Year One, we are concluding our topic on Creation. To deepen our understanding, we focused on God's most important creation: humans. We discussed how God has made each of us unique and perfect in our own special way.



## Year Two Class News



● CARBON MONOXIDE WORKSHOP ●  
Year 2 were fortunate enough to welcome Karen to our classroom who taught us all about carbon monoxide. We learnt how carbon monoxide can come into our homes, how blue flames are great and orange wobbly flames can be dangerous and how carbon monoxide can affect us. We can't use our five senses to detect carbon monoxide and we learnt a special song using actions to remember this. 🙌. We saw what a carbon monoxide alarm looks like and how this works. It is so important to have one in our homes and get fresh air or go outside when needed. The children asked some fantastic questions and learnt ALOT ★

## Year Three Class News

This week in Science we have been looking at the importance of a balanced diet and the five main food groups. This also links to Design Technology topic of 'Eat Well'. We now have a super understanding of what is meant by a balance and healthy diet.



## Year Four Class News

🎨 We've been exploring all things colour theory in our art lessons these last couple of weeks. We've learnt about primary, secondary, tertiary, and even complementary colours as well as warm and cool colours. We've used our knowledge of the colour wheel to help us to recreate our own masterpieces as well. Keep your eyes peeled for these making an appearance on our Parent Hub channel soon! 🎨



## Year Five Class News

After three weeks of swimming it has been great to see the advancement Year Five have made with their stroke technique, confidence and general progress. Some children have gone from no formal swimming to being quite self assured in the water. Swimming certificates are being earned and handed out, and I am sure there will be many more earned and achieved in the next few weeks.



## Year Six Class News

Year Six have been enjoying our PE sessions with Mr Mawn! This week, we worked on our touch rugby skills and took part in a number of activities that helped us to develop our passing, awareness and tagging skills. We particularly enjoyed leading our own warm-up routines - now we are Year Six we are developing our independence and taking more responsibility for our own learning.

## Key Dates

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

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.

