



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...

What a busy week we have had this week again, so many achievements and excellent perseverance and courage displayed by all of our children, and adults.

Some of our children had the opportunity to go to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang this week at the theatre. It is so heartwarming to receive phone calls and emails from the general public about the behaviour of our children – I am always very proud of our children – but this makes my heart swell with pride. Next week some children will be travelling to London to see Matilda, we are increasing our children's cultural capital and giving them as many memorable experiences that we can.

Sports at St John's

Another absolute stormer of a week for sports. Our Key Stage Two girls participated in a football tournament with 16 teams and over 100 girls from schools in Banbury. Our Year Three and Four girls won all of their matches and are top of the table – fantastic effort and team work girls. All of our teams have qualified for the Partnership Final in February. All of our girls were superb and we are incredibly proud of all of them.



Attendance to 27th September 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	91.4%	Year One	85.7%
Year Two	97.3%	Year Three	94.4%
Year Four	90.6%	Year Five	92.4%
Year Six	95.7%	Whole School	92.6%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Samir

Reception: Adeife

Year 1: Neso, Anliya, Sefania

Year 2: Rachith, Anliya, Theo

Year 3: Caleb, Ugom, Uzundu

Year 4: Kiana, Ruwa, Jack

Year 5: Freddie, Liliana, Lewis

Year 6: Mourad, Kingsley, Max

House Points

Earth: 269(856)

Water: 308(931)

Air: 311(901)

Fire: 243(895)

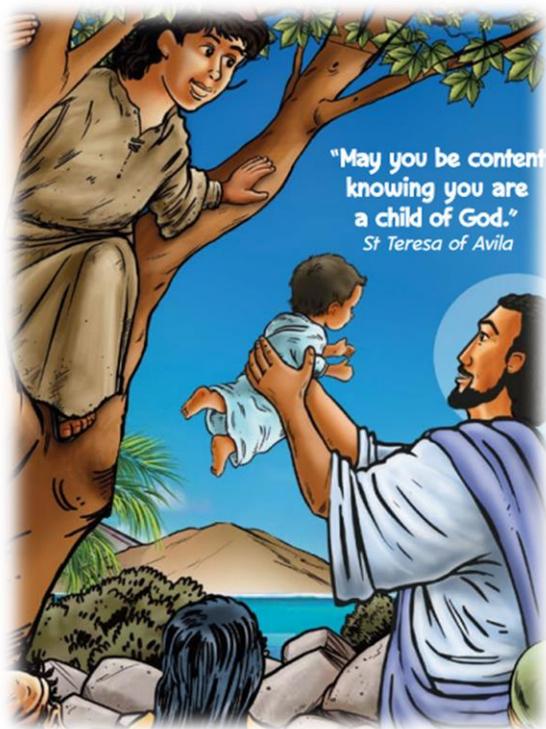


Openness

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus shows us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody, to people of all cultures and backgrounds – and that includes you and me too!

Jesus puts forward a child as an example of how to enter God's kingdom. Why a child? Could it be a child's simplicity or dependency – or a child's openness to God?

God wants us to accept him and to trust him always to be there for us. God has a great plan for each of our lives, and we can discover what it is when we are open to God.



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:

Emilia – 30th September

Connor – 30th September

Kanyinesochukwu – 1st October

Zoya – 1st October

Amare – 3rd October

Nassar – 6th October

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, the Nursery children have really enjoyed being 'taught' by some of the Reception children who are loving being the 'teachers.' They have a pack of special resources that enable them to pass on lots of skills that we have been learning in Reception! We had a very successful open morning this week with visitors enjoying seeing how engaged and purposeful the children all were.



Year One Class News

This week in Year 1, we have been fantastic at learning how math manipulatives can support our understanding of grouping and help expand our mathematical vocabulary. We can all confidently explain, using our "crocodile learning," the meanings of greater than, less than, and equal to. We've also begun exploring our new text, *Whatever Next!*, which we are thoroughly enjoying through group learning and role-playing. Lastly, we are all SO excited for our Harvest Festival assembly, which will take place next Wednesday at 9 a.m. We hope you can join us! 😊



Year Two Class News

💖 Old Testament Stories 💖

Year 2 have been busy exploring and retelling important stories from the Old Testament. We have already completed some BEAUTIFUL writing when retelling these and as we come to the end of our unit, we have understood that these stories show God's love, care and protection for all of us. We created lovely artwork to represent this.



Year Three Class News

In DT we have been making fruit Kebabs! We had so much fun and learnt how to practice good hygiene and cutting skills when preparing food!
We are also looking into what makes a healthy meal and designing our own meal.



Year Four Class News

Year Four have been incredibly selfless in their actions this week. They took it upon themselves to clean up the litter around the school for the greater good of all of our school community. We worked incredibly well as a team and considered how important it is to appreciate the world God created for us all. By doing this selfless action, we considered how we will make God incredibly happy because we have looked after his creation. However, litter picking isn't something we all wanted to do, some of us found it difficult and we reflected on the really difficult decision Abraham had to make.



Year Five Class News

Active and Curious... That's Year Five!

Active....In P.E Lessons we have been really working on our core strength and ease of movement and transitions from one pose to another. We have worked on our Flow, which requires controlled breathing, balance, flexibility and strength.

Curious...Father Sean came to visit us after our class mass and was very impressed with the deep theological questions he was hit with. Trying to explain the trinity to anyone is a huge challenge and Year 5 had a lot of questions. Father Sean explained using symbols and analogies that really helped, but as with all good discussions sometimes you leave with more questions than answers... That will keep us curious and help us grow in our faith.



In science with Mrs Jefferies, we have been learning about how light travels. This week, we enjoyed some practical work using mirrors and light sources to prove that light travels in a straight line. We had to carefully position our mirrors to try and create different light paths. It was a little tricky trying to manoeuvre the light and mirrors into the correct angles, but we worked together as a team. We particularly liked having the opportunity to demonstrate our light paths to the class with the lights out!

Year Six Class News



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 Christmas holiday 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.

