



# 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...

In the blink of an eye another week has zoomed by and I must thank all of our children and especially all of the staff. Our Year One class assembly was fantastic and such a joy to see – well done Year One we have all been singing Harvest Rock n Roll all week.

It has been so wonderful to see such happy parents and children this week following our Parent Consultation evenings. Thank you so much to all of the parents for attending – it is so important that we work together to ensure the best for our children.

### Origins of the Rosary

The history of the Rosary mostly consists of legend and tradition. There is evidence that beads were used to count Our Father's and Hail Mary's in the Middle Ages. Fittingly, bead is derived from the Old English word for prayer.

Between the twelfth and fifteenth centuries, the structure of the Rosary included praying fifty Hail Marys together with the Psalms. Our word Rosary derives its meaning from the word rosarium, or rose garden.

Saint Louis de Montfort wrote in his book, *The Secret of the Rosary*,

*The word Rosary means, "Crown of Roses", that is to say that every time people say the Rosary devoutly they place a crown of...roses upon the heads of Jesus and Mary. Being heavenly flowers these roses will never fade or lose their exquisite beauty.*

**"One day, through the Rosary...Our Lady will save the world."**

Saint Dominic's words have proven themselves true countless times. The Rosary has been a sign of hope and a source of many graces. There is a tradition that in 1214, Our Lady appeared to Saint Dominic and gave him the Rosary as we know it today.

Over the course of this month the children have been learning the Hail Mary and The Angelus in different forms: through prayer, art, drama, singing and also learning to sign. Ask them to show you – they have blown me away with how quickly they learn things!

### Attendance to 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	95.7%	Year One	89.7%
Year Two	97.3%	Year Three	95.9%
Year Four	97.5%	Year Five	94.4%
Year Six	96.7%	Whole School	<b>95.5%</b>

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

**Nursery:** Lorcan

**Reception:** Blake

**Year 1:** Stephanie, Marie Bernadette, Kenzo

**Year 2:** Leelan, Charlotte, Kiri

**Year 3:** Jakub, Ethan, Joyeesha

**Year 4:** Stefan, Felicity, Sanchez

**Year 5:** Geona, Sofia, Darcey

**Year 6:** Musa, Emilia, Sienna

### House Points

**Earth: 219(1075)**

**Water: 89(1020)**

**Air: 217(1118)**

**Fire: 187(1082)**

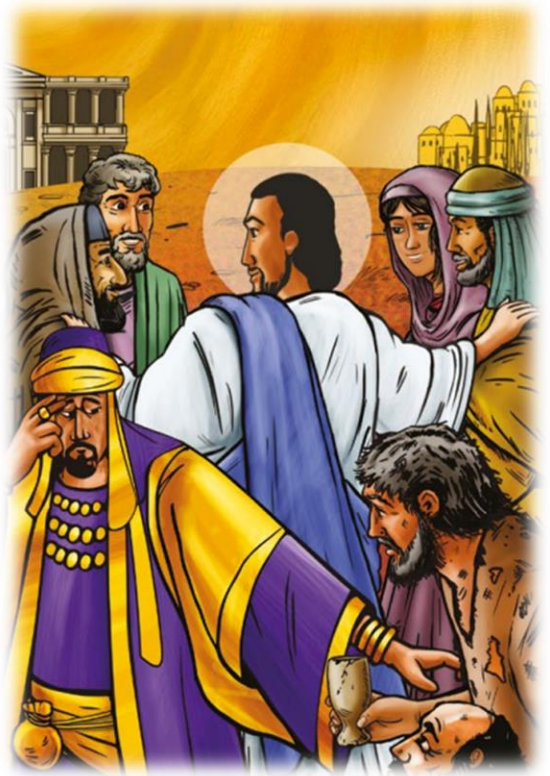


## Happiness

Out of his great love for us, God created us to be happy with him forever. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear about a wealthy young man whose love of money and possessions were stopping him finding true happiness.

So Jesus lovingly challenges him: if he wants to have the true, lasting happiness for which he is asking, then he must give God first place in his life. The young man went away sad because he was putting his trust in his wealth rather than trusting God to bring him happiness.

Living in the way that Jesus taught us, knowing that we are loved forever by God and responding to that love by loving others leads to everlasting happiness. St Gianna Beretta Molla also reminds us, "The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment, being thankful to God, accepting all that he sends."



## Worry Club

Lunchtimes 12.00pm - 12.30pm

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

In the office by Early Years.



## 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:**

**Sienna – 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Stanislaw – 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Rowan – 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Millicent – 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:familysupport@st-johns-Banbury.oxon.sch.uk)

## Early Years Class News

This week, Early Years have been finding out how to keep our teeth healthy. We have learnt how to clean our teeth really well, sorted tooth un/friendly foods, watched videos about trips to the dentist and are we looking forward to trying more tooth friendly snacks tomorrow. There has been lots of brilliant role play in our dental surgery, we have many budding dentists in the making!



## Year One Class News

We have had an absolutely FANTASTIC first, class assembly! I am so proud of the way the children delivered their lines and performed our song, Harvest Rock and Roll, beautifully! In Year One we have also explored our new text Whatever Next, the children have beautiful creative ideas which have shone through their writing.



## Year Two Class News

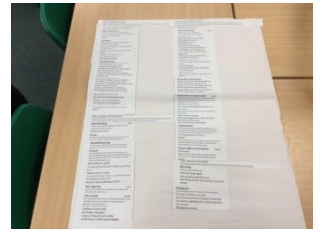
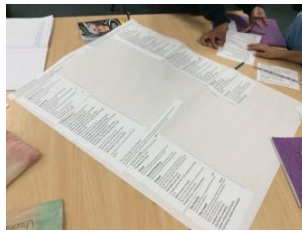
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Year Two are LOVING their Tuesday P.E sessions with Mr Mawn and we are very grateful that he is working with us! We have been practising moving with the ball in different ways including rolling, throwing, bouncing and kicking. This week, we dribbled the balls with great control independently and with our partner. There was some fantastic team work!

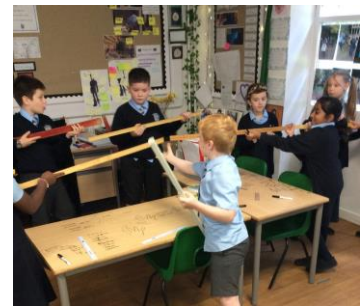
## Year Three Class News

This week in RE we have been learning about different parts of the Mass. We have been looking at the order and talked about why Mass is important. We have also been looking specifically at the first part of Mass. This is helping us all prepare for that special sacrament Holy Communion.



## Year Four Class News

In Maths we have been hands on with our learning all about measures! We explored the relationship between mm, cm and m by measuring our hands, height and the classroom! We've learnt that 1,000mm is equal to 1m and we used this to help with other facts we could explore. We challenged ourselves with lengths such as 1m45cm and what this would look like if we wrote it down. We enjoyed getting practical and exploring lengths and seeing the connections between the numbers!



## Year Five Class News

Year 5 have been investigating, through models, the heliocentric relationship between the earth and the moon - or how the moon and the earth rotate around the sun giving us days, years, seasons, lunar and solar eclipses. It can be a bit dizzying, so much rotation, but our models (cleverly created with card and split pins) helped us understand. Thankfully there are no Flat earthers amongst us! The idea that we have all been traveling around the sun made quite an impression as Year 5 realised they had already made nine or ten trips around the sun in their lives.



## Year Six Class News

In RE this week, Year 6 have been looking at how other characters in the Bible were called to follow Jesus. We focused on the story of the call of Levi, a tax collector who was called to follow Jesus, much to the anger of the pharisees. We created freeze-frames based on the story - can you tell who each person is portraying?



## 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 *** postponed due to Banbury Fair ****
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
20 <sup>th</sup> 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.

