



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...

I am so incredibly proud of all of our children again this week. The children have been working so hard and it is an absolute joy to pop into classes and to see children engaged in their learning, proud of their work and able to articulate what they are learning about. This is only possible because of the wonderful team of teaching staff that we have, they make learning fun, interesting and accessible to all of our children. A huge thank you to everybody for another amazing week!

Sports at St John's

This has been another absolutely brilliant week for both Music and P.E. across the school. Our whole Year Five class attended a rugby festival on Thursday and had a fantastic day. We know that there were some very tired legs yesterday.



Attendance to 11th October 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	95.7%	Year One	90.4%
Year Two	96.5%	Year Three	95.2%
Year Four	98.1%	Year Five	94.7%
Year Six	96%	Whole School	95.4%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Lydia

Reception: Zack

Year 1: Nassar, Litta, Janwi

Year 2: Elsie, Jesse, Freyja

Year 3: Rowan, Joe, Inioluma

Year 4: Mariam, Charleigh, Ummayah

Year 5: Nadia, Inayah, Isabella

Year 6: Olivier, Artur, Noah

House Points

Earth: 340(1415)

Water: 450(1470)

Air: 503 (1621)

Fire: 294 (1376)

Worry Club

Lunchtimes 12.00pm - 12.30pm

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

In the office by Early Years.



Greatness

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples how to be truly great. Being kind, self-giving, thoughtful and helpful are great qualities. It's not always easy to live our lives in this way but it is the way that God wants us to live, to become the best that we can be.

"Doing little things with a strong desire to please God makes them great."

St Francis de Sales



Sacramental Journey

We have now had dates from Father Philip and we will send further information regarding Commitment Masses and Parent meetings. The dates for the Sacraments are as follows:

Year Three Reconciliation – Thursday 20th March 2025

Year Three First Holy Communion – Saturday 28th June 2025 at 10.00am

Year Six Confirmation – Saturday 29th March 2025 at 10.00am

If you have a child in a later year group that has missed their First Holy Communion, please see Mrs Collier and we can add them this year

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:

Marta – 18th October
Stephanie – 19th October
Olaf – 19th October
Elias – 20th October
Naia – 20th 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, Early Years have been working hard to perfect their performance of The Red Hen Rap and the song 'Isn't the Love of Jesus Simply Wonderful'- there were lots of words and actions to remember and it was a little nerve wracking but they did a great job of presenting it to parents and carers. It was lovely to welcome so many parents into watch and all the children were very sensible and grown up when it came to saying goodbye!



Year One Class News

This week in Year One, we were incredibly lucky to have the BGN Year 8 sports leaders join us to lead a PE session with Year 2! It was an exciting and fun-filled morning, with everyone enjoying activities like football ⚽ and table tennis 🏓. In addition, we've been adding beautiful writing and illustrations to our book club journal, inspired by the stories we listen to at the end of each day. Finally, we had a fantastic time exploring the book *Whatever Next!* We've created wonderful lists and thoughtful questions for the main character, Baby Bear 🐻.



Year Two Class News

👏 PE WITH YOUNG LEADERS 🏆



KS1 were fortunate enough to work with Year 8 sports leaders from BGN. Pupils took part in activities which were planned by the leaders and all children were incredibly engaged throughout the morning. The children showed wonderful teamwork, co-operation and excellent listening skills. We loved using our skills such as dribbling, defending, throwing and catching and most importantly running! 🏃🏃 A super Tuesday morning KS1!

Year Three Class News

This week in year 3 we have continued with our gymnastics. We have been looking at different stretches, ways of moving and jumps to enhance our routines. We have also been working on our communication and working as a group to come up with some fantastic routines and performances. We have absolutely loved this PE unit and are looking forward to our next unit of Dance.



Year Four Class News

Year 4 have had a fabulous time earlier this week learning all about Samba and pulse in music! We welcomed visitors from Oxfordshire Music Services who led the sessions for us. We began by using body percussion and graduated into various instruments to practise pulse and rhythm techniques. We all thoroughly enjoyed the workshop 😊



Year Five Class News

Year 5 spent Thursday at the. Amazing Rugby Football Festival at Banbury Rugby Football Club. The walk there was brisk and pleasant and thankfully the rain held off and the sun came out making it a very pleasant day. The BGN sports leaders were excellent and it filled me with pride to see many of them again, as they are past St John's pupils. Year 5 did us proud too showing respect and good sports-personship.



Year Six Class News

This week Year 6 have started our next unit in English, centred around the short animation called "Beyond the Lines" which is linked to our Britain at War learning. We created setting descriptions of the battlefield, imagining we were witnessing the D-Day landings like the characters in the clip. We also learnt about 'show not tell' - a way of showing how a character is feeling rather than explicitly naming the emotion. We also enjoyed taking time to share our writing with our peers.



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 *** postponed due to Banbury Fair ****
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
20 th 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.

