



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 8th November 2024

Head's News...

Welcome back everyone! This half term is always packed and whizzes by as we have the glorious Advent taking us into Christmas. There are lots of dates in the diary for Nativity plays, Carol Concerts, Advent Art day and lots of other things. We will keep reminding you of these so remember to check on Parent Hub.

Uniform

We are noticing some items creeping in that are not part of our uniform policy. Our uniform is as follows: St. John's blue jumper, blue shirt, St. John's tie, grey trousers, blue skirt, grey or black socks, grey, black or navy tights, black shoes – not trainers. If hair is shoulder length, then this needs to be tied up. Watches are fine to be worn (please do not send your child in to school with an expensive watch or a smart watch that has the capability to record or to take photographs). Jewellery that can be worn: studs in ears. No other jewellery. No child should be wearing any make up or nail polish.

Attendance

Our overall attendance this week as a school is **89%**, our target is a minimum of **97.5%** - please do send children in for every learning opportunity. The last week of half term's attendance was the poorest that it has been. We always appreciate that children will catch colds and viruses, however, children should attend school daily when they are well enough to. Everyday counts.

Punctuality

We are noticing that children are arriving to school late for lessons. The school day begins at 08:45 and the school, gates are open at 08:40 until 08:50, children should be in class and ready for the register to be taken at 08:55. If a child arrives after this time they will be marked as being late and this does have an effect on the child as they are arriving when lessons have already begun.

Attendance to 25th October 2024 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	86.1%	Year One	81.9%
Year Two	93.1%	Year Three	88.9%
Year Four	91.9%	Year Five	88.5%
Year Six	91%	Whole School	89%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Lionel

Reception: Purvika

Year 1: Nora, Jani, Florina

Year 2: Steven, Reina, Zena

Year 3: Zahfyr, Johaan, Olaf

Year 4: William, Ellie, Sienna

Year 5: Raphaela, Kadijah, Meeval

Year 6: Cailean, Jacob D, Alex

House Points

Earth: 281(1988)

Water: 264(1966)

Air: 288(2126)

Fire: 266 (1982)

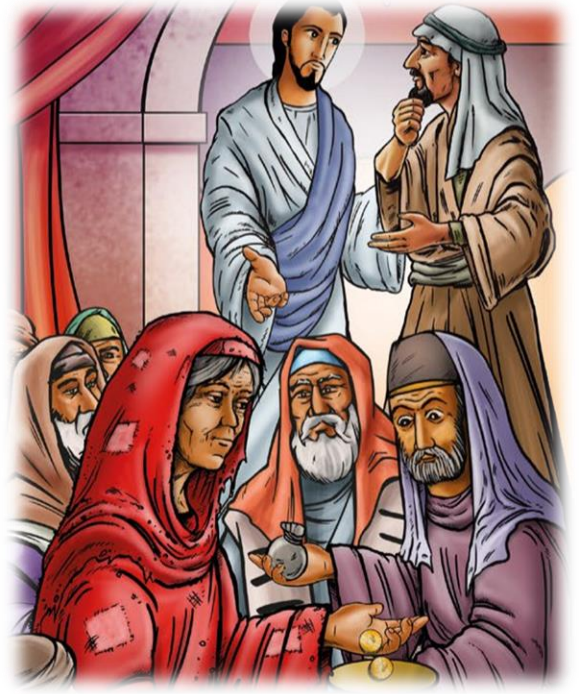


Gift

God wants us to trust and depend on him, and to share our gifts of time, talent and money to help others. When used well, our gifts help us to find our purpose in life and to improve the lives of those around us.

This Sunday's Gospel shows us that even the smallest of good deeds, done with love, does not escape Jesus' attention. The widow's gift was so little that, in some ways, it would hardly make much difference.

But Jesus reminds us that the amount we give is not as important as the love with which we give a gift.



Nativity Dates

Early Years

Thursday 12th December 2024 - 9.30am

Year One and Two

Wednesday 11th December 2024 - 9.30am Dress Rehearsal: Grandparents and the school

Wednesday 11th December 2024 - 6.00pm - Parents

Key Stage Two

Thursday 19th December 2024 - 6.00pm - Everyone Invited

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:

Adriel – 4th November

Mala – 4th November

Stylianios – 5th November

Jovan – 7th November

Oscar – 8th November

Sofia – 10th November

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 talking about Remembrance and why we wear poppies. Nursery were fascinated and have been having very long discussions. Reception had a go at drawing poppies then made some poppies in the creative area and were then inspired to open up a poppy shop. Reception used their phonic skills to make some posters and everyone got busy creating poppies to keep up with demand.



Year One Class News

We've had a fantastic start to the term in Year 1! To kick off the festive season, our dance lessons have focused on snowflake balancing, allowing the children to explore movement in fun and imaginative ways. We also travelled (in spirit!) to Africa with an exciting African drumming session, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. To close out the week, we took time to reflect on Remembrance Sunday, creating heartfelt prayers and crafting clay poppies in honour of those who lost their lives in the First World War.



Year Two Class News

WOW! What a busy, amazing first week back we have had in Year 2! We started the week celebrating All Souls and each lighting a candle for those who we continue to remember everyday. We wrote special prayers and hearts for our Catholic Life Journal. We then used our creative skills later on in the week! We made marmalade sandwiches for Paddington and wrote some fantastic instructions. In preparation for Remembrance, we used clay to sculpt some beautiful poppies. We then welcomed Andy, a fantastic African drumming teacher, to teach us about the drums. We learnt where they come from, how they are made and even got to play some rhythms of cheetahs and elephants 🐆 🐘



Year Three Class News

This week in RE we have been learning the story of Zacchaeus. We learnt that it is sometimes very difficult to forgive people who are unkind to us or hurt our feelings but if we want the forgiveness and love of Jesus we should also try to show the same forgiveness and love to others even if it is really difficult!



Year Four Class News

We had SO much fun engaging in African drumming earlier this week where we got to have a go at using the most amazing drums! We got to listen and appreciate the rich sounds and musical traditions of Africa. We learnt that it's called the djembe and it was so lovely working together and sharing this amazing, memorable experience..



Year Five Class News

We've got the beat!
Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their opportunity to beat out some amazing rhythms in the African Drum workshop this week. We all found our voices, and communicated short rhythms to the class to repeat back in a 'call and response,' and ended the session with a triumphant rendition of 'Believer.' It was truly joyous.
A huge Thank you to Mrs Trivett for organising.



In our lessons with Mr Mawn this half term, Year 6 are focusing on football! This week we worked on our dribbling! We took part in lots of activities to develop our skills and even enjoyed taking part in some mini matches with a focus on dribbling.

Year Six Class News



Key Dates

4 th November 2024	School begins – School open at 8.45am
6 th November 2024	Whole School African Drumming
15 th November 2024	Break the Rulz Day
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
29 th November 2024	Advent Art Morning
30 th November 2024	Christmas Fayre and Nearly New Toy Sale 10.30am – 1.00pm
4 th December 2024	Year Four Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am
6th December 2024	Non uniform Day – please look out for a letter regarding raffle donations
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
11th December 2024	Christmas Dinner Day
11th December 2024	Wear a Christmas Jumper Day and donate £1.00 to Save the Children
12 th December 2024	EYFS Nativity Play 9.30am
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:

Intentional and Prophetic

Intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

What does this mean?

At St John's we help our pupils grow by being a school community which is **intentional** in its way of proceeding to build-up quality of life; and which is **prophetic** in the way it offers an alternative vision of education and the human person rooted in the gospel.



The season of Advent is a time of preparation. One of the ways we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ during Advent is through reconciliation. How does this picture reflect this theme? How can we be inspired by the lives of the saints to set an example to others?

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BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. School shoes only
3. Healthy breaktime snack only
4. No squash/juice in water bottle
5. No crazy hairstyles
6. No soft toys at school
7. No make-up/temporary tattoos
8. No nail varnish

Here's how it works:

*Friday 15th
November
2024*

Parentkind
Member Association

*50p for
each rule
broken up
to a
maximum
of £5.00*