



# 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 fantastic week we have had at St John's! This is personally my favourite term with so many exciting things to look forward to such as the season of Advent, Nativity plays, our Carol service and our Advent art morning. The Advent art morning is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and we invite all parents and grandparents to join us from 09:05 until 10:30. This is such a wonderful time where the children prepare for the season of Advent through arts and crafts, prayer services, celebrating creation and just getting ourselves ready to be patient for the coming of our Messiah. Join your children's class– it is such a wonderful morning for us all.

## Sports

Our Key Stage Two boys had a wonderful time at football last week and showed respect, positivity and team work. This was a morning of children playing football, in teams, with other Schools, no winners were declared. The boys represented St John's well and we are very proud!



## Remembrance

As a school we gathered together on Monday to pay our respects for all of those who have fallen, in order to protect us. Holly and Max laid the wreath and all of the children, in every class, created clay poppies – which we placed carefully. Rehen and Sean read a beautiful prayer that Rehen prepared. The girls in Year Five presented Flanders Field to the school and we then had a 2 minute silence to send our prayers for all those people affected by war.



## Attendance to 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (we always report a week behind)

|           |       |              |       |
|-----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| EYFS      | 98.2% | Year One     | 98.1% |
| Year Two  | 96.9% | Year Three   | 95%   |
| Year Four | 99.4% | Year Five    | 95.9% |
| Year Six  | 96.7% | Whole School | 96.5% |

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Canon

Reception: Jessica

Year 1: Nicolas, Lucas, Nasar, Bethany

Year 2: Evie, Rachith, Elvis

Year 3: Shean, Irena, Millie

Year 4: Jesse, Henry, Audrey

Year 5: Sharon, Amanda, Rebeka

Year 6: Ivy, Austin, Sienna

## House Points

Earth: 213(2201)

Water: 287(2253)

Air: 230(2356)

Fire: 246 (2228)



## Faithfulness

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus (using the language and imagery of his time) describes the 'earth-shaking' signs of his return at the end of time. The Gospel gives us only images about the end of the world, not a detailed timetable.

Jesus reminds us to look beyond the troubles of the world, to something far more important. Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change, his words will last forever. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in this life and in the life to come.



## Children singing for Children - St Mary's

Our choir sang at St Mary's yesterday evening and were absolutely phenomenal. Our Vice Chair of Governors, Mrs Sambo, attended and has sent such a beautiful letter, that I had to share with you, we are so, so proud of our children, Mrs Trivett and Mrs Avilezi:

*I wanted to express my admiration for the exceptional performance by Mrs. Trivett and the choir at the "Children Singing for Children" concert with the Banbury Rotary Club. Their performance truly stood out as one of the highlights of the event.*

*The students sang with such heart and skill, and it was clear how much effort they put into every note. Their behaviour and stage presence were equally impressive, showing a maturity beyond their years. It's a true credit to Mrs Trivett's guidance and the students' hard work.*

*Please pass along my sincere congratulations to Mrs. Trivett and the choir. They should be incredibly proud of themselves for such an outstanding achievement.*

## Birthdays

**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:**

Anton – 13<sup>th</sup> November

Mollie – 14<sup>th</sup> November

Sophia – 16<sup>th</sup> November



## 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 outside playing in the Autumn leaves, trying to catch sycamore seed helicopters that were filling the sky on Tuesday when it was windy. We have been trying to spot squirrels- we have heard them squabbling and after some patient waiting and watching we did manage to catch a glimpse of one or two. Reception had a go at drawing squirrels (which is quite hard!) and we have made some lovely collages and done some maths with helicopter seeds.



## Year One Class News

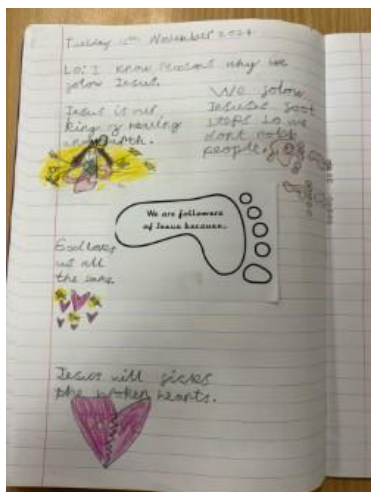
I'm absolutely thrilled with our number-bond practice this week! The children have truly impressed me with how quickly they can recall their number bonds to 10. We've been exploring these number facts using manipulatives and worksheets, helping everyone build a strong, hands-on understanding of math. In addition to our number-bond work, we've been using our bodies in Maths Mastery to demonstrate numbers from 0 to 10—can you guess what numbers we're showing in the photos? And as we prepare for the Nativity, the children have created fabulous Nativity drawings for the cover of our program brochure. Their artistic skills are shining through, and I can't wait to see even more of these wonderful creations!



## Year Two Class News

👣 We are all followers... 👣

Year Two adore our R.E lessons - we have been so fantastic at retelling stories about Jesus' life and this week we have thought deeply about WHY we are all followers of Jesus. We had such a thoughtful, meaningful discussion as a class and every one of us had such a valuable contribution. We then wrote our ideas down in our R.E books.



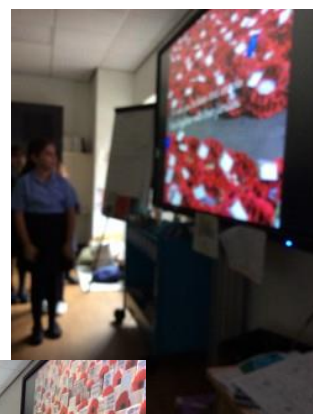
## Year Three Class News

This week in PE we have been learning a super spy dance with Mr Mawn. We have had a great time listening to the music and moving our bodies to the rhythm. We worked with different members of our class and created our own spy dance. It was great working with others that we don't always work with! It made us work better as a team and developed our communication skills, who knows one day we could become actual spies as well!!



## Year Four Class News

This week in our class liturgy, led by Mollie, Lyla, Eli and Mariam, we focused on Remembrance Day and the importance of remembering those who have lost their lives as a result of war, as well as those who live on and have served in the forces. We discussed the poppy and what it symbolises and linked this to the bread and wine Jesus shared with his disciples during the last supper. Finally, we explored some scripture associated with remembering and serving.



## Year Five Class News

Year 5 Children Singing for Children 🎵

Wednesday evening was a triumph for St John's Choir, led by Mrs Trivett at the annual Rotary club fund raiser at St Mary's church. And Year 5 played a huge part contributing to this success.

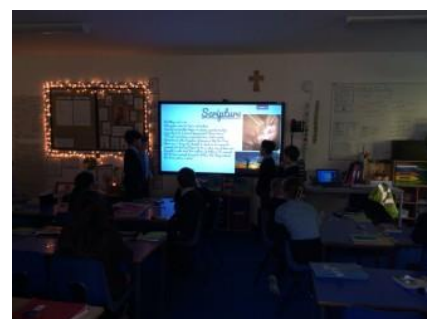
The children all sang their hearts out and performed beautifully with the rest of the school choir. They sang two songs as a school and then joined in with the full ensemble of schools as a mass choir. The sound from so many happy, confident and enthusiastic children was glorious. The money raised will go to help Rotary club causes: Dogs for good; Alan's Africa; Children Seen and Heard; and many other local charities.

Thank you Year Five for being amazing.



## Year Six Class News

Each week, Year Six have enjoyed leading their own class collective worships. This week it was the turn of Max, Olivier, Kingsley and Noah. They chose the theme of forgiveness. They shared some scripture with the class and encouraged the class to write their own forgiveness prayers. Year 6 have also been busy preparing for our class collective worship next week, which parents are warmly invited to. We look forward to seeing you then!



## Key Dates

|                                      |  |
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| 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024        | School begins – School open at 8.45am  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024        | Whole School African Drumming  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024       | Break the Rulz Day   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024       | Year Six Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am<br>Reception Open Morning           |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2024       | Year Two Class Assembly – All invites 9.15am                                     |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024       | Advent Art Morning   |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2024       | Christmas Fayre and Nearly New Toy Sale 10.30am – 1.00pm                         |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024        | Year Four Class Assembly – All invited 9.15am                                    |
| <b>6<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b>  | <b>Non uniform Day – please look out for a letter regarding raffle donations</b> |
| 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                                  |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> | <b>Christmas Dinner Day</b>  |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> December 2024</b> | <b>Wear a Christmas Jumper Day and donate £1.00 to Save the Children</b>         |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2024       | EYFS Nativity Play 9.30am  |
| 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 Christmas holiday<br/>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:

### *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?**