



# 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

Newsletter: Issue: 10

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

## Head's News...

The children have worked incredibly hard this week during our assessment week and we are all so very proud of them. Rehearsals are well under way for our Nativity performances and Christmas Carol Concerts and this brings such joy to hear and see children using their God-given talents. This reminds us all what the season of Advent is all about.

## Sports

Our Year Six children who have been trained as Play Leaders, accompanied our very excited Year One children on Thursday, to go to BGN for a morning of Multi Skills. The play leaders were exceptional at leading the children and the Year One children were so well behaved. It was a privilege to spend the morning with them and to see how their team spirit and determination to succeed grew.

## Celebration Assembly Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

There will be no Celebration Assembly next week as we are hosting our Advent art morning. We will double up on Celebration Assembly the following week – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

## Medication

As a school we will not administer any medication unless this has been prescribed by your doctor. We will always ask you to complete a form to advise how much and when the medication needs to be administered. **“Prescription medication” is defined as any drug or device prescribed by a doctor.** Please do not ask us to give your child Calpol or any other pain relief unless this has been prescribed. The medication that we will administer will need to be in the original packaging with the chemist label containing the information about dosage and the child's name printed on this too.

## Attendance to 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (we always report a week behind)

|           |       |              |       |
|-----------|-------|--------------|-------|
| EYFS      | 95%   | Year One     | 99.3% |
| Year Two  | 95%   | Year Three   | 98.6% |
| Year Four | 97.5% | Year Five    | 93.5% |
| Year Six  | 98.3% | Whole School | 96.5% |

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Tije

Reception: Amare

Year 1: Tk, Ava, Litta

Year 2: Kiri, Jeron, Zoya

Year 3: Jackson, Adriel, Eleanor

Year 4: Anton, Haybel, Lyla

Year 5: Macey-Rae, Geona, Meeval

Year 6: Cian, Aishe, Elaina

## House Points

Earth: 425(2627)

Water: 263(2516)

Air: 270(2626)

Fire: 410 (2638)

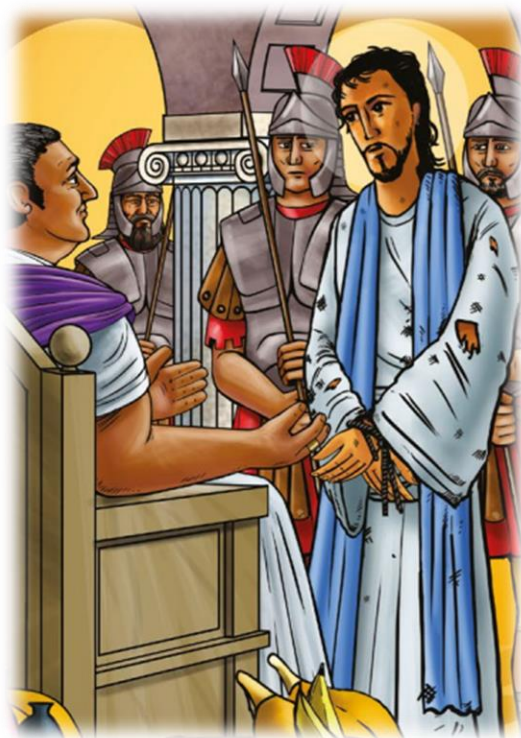
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| 190 Days<br>100%  | 184 Days<br>97%   | 180 Days<br>95%  | 175 Days<br>92%  | 171 Days<br>90%  | 19+ Days<br>absence   |
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| Perfect Attendance!   | You reached school target!  | You are nearly there!  | It will be hard for you to make progress   | Persistent Absence!  | Only 40% of children in this category will reach the expected standard in their class |
| 85% of children who are in school on time every day will reach the expected standard or better in class | Keep up the great work! The more you are in school, the better your learning will be... | Keep coming to school everyday and on time... You have missed 10 days or 40 lessons... | We are worried about your attendance. You have missed 15 days or 60 lessons already... | You have now missed 19 days of learning or 76 lessons... You may not reach your OLOL potential |   |

## Leader

This Sunday is the last in the Church's year. It is the day on which we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This feast presents a golden opportunity for us to make a new start with Jesus – the Universal King. It is a celebration to which all are warmly invited.

The Gospel reminds us that Jesus' kingship is not one of political power, crowns and splendour, but one of peace and truth. He is not an earthly king – his kingdom is heaven.

Jesus stands up for God's true values of love and forgiveness and leads us into the truth. He also reveals to us the truth about ourselves.



## Advent Art Morning

Parents and Grandparents are invited to join us on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024 from 9.05am until 10.30am. Please do come and join us for a wonderful morning where we begin to prepare our school for Advent. We will be creating lots of art work such as stain glass windows, recreating art from scripture, using foliage from our woods to create our own class Advent wreaths, printing and so many more beautiful creations that we would love to share with you.

### 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:**

Macey-Rae – 21<sup>st</sup> November

Helena – 23<sup>rd</sup> November

Kayla – 24<sup>th</sup> November

# Birthdays



Happy  
Birthday

## Safeguarding

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the police on 999 or MASH on 0345 050 7666.

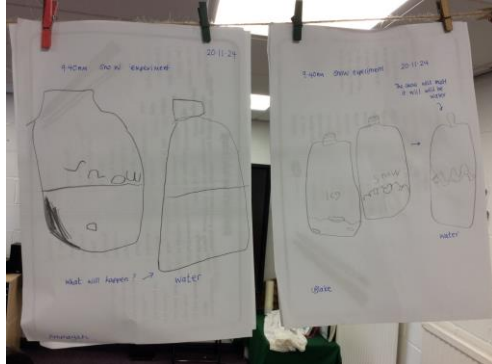
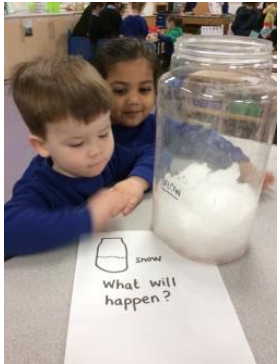
If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team.

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 in EY we have been making the most of the weather and have been investigating what happens to snow and ice when it gets warm. After having a look at the frozen landscape of the garden we brought in some snow and ice and watched what happened to it throughout the morning. We were surprised at how little water was left when the snow had melted and repeated the experiment with a larger amount of snow in the afternoon. Reception children were making predictions about what they expected to happen and Nursery explored lots of new vocabulary and made some careful observations.



## Year One Class News

We've begun our Wonderful World topic in Geography and have been exploring ways to care for our beautiful planet! 🌍 This week, we had a fantastic discussion about looking after our school woods. I was so impressed by the thoughtful responses when I asked, "Why should we take care of our planet?" My favourite answer was, "Because God made it," beautifully linking to our RE Creation topic. What amazing connections and wonderful remembering! We have also been exploring our Advent topic in RE, learning about how we can prepare during this special season. To inspire us, we've been watching videos that guide us in creating our own Advent preparation prayers. It's been a meaningful way to reflect and get ready for the celebration of Christmas! ✨🙏



## Year Two Class News

🌍 ❄️ OUR WONDERFUL WORLD ❄️ 🌍

We had a strange, but wonderful start to our week with the beautiful, glistening snow! It was lovely to see some of the children in school busy being creative. Year 2 have worked SO hard with assessments this week and I am so proud of each and every one of them. We have finished off our week by starting our new Geography topic and thinking about What makes our world so wonderful?!



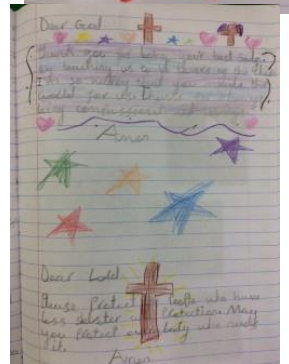
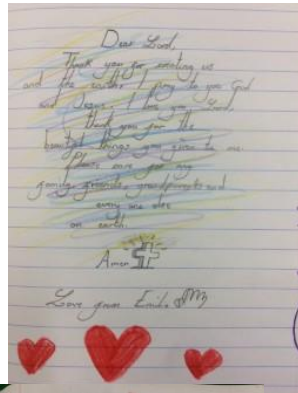
# Year Three Class News

After an unusual week of assessments and snow! Year 3 enjoyed learning some passing skills in PE. We worked in small groups and learned how to work as a team, even though it was cold we all had fun learning a skill and perfecting it. We can't wait to see what next week brings.



# Year Four Class News

Year 4 have been exploring prayer through our RE unit of learning which is how Jesus teaches us how to pray 🙏😊 We held our own prayer service earlier this week where we read our prayers of praise, thanks and protection to God, The Father, and displayed reverence throughout. We were introduced to our new prayer angel who we held when we shared our prayers and listened respectfully ❤️👧



# Year Five Class News

**Snow Science**  
Year 5 investigated what would happen if you put a coat on a snowman



We were surprised to see that after 2 days these were the results.

# Year Six Class News

Wednesday's assembly by Year 6 was a beautiful celebration of Universal Children's Day, highlighting the importance of children's rights and how we can all work together to create a fairer, safer, and happier world. The children performed brilliantly, delivering their lines with confidence and knowing them off by heart—a reflection of their dedication and hard work. We are so proud of how they brought the message of respect and kindness to life. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who supported by practicing words at home and those who were able to join us for the assembly.



## 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?**