



# 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...

We have had another wonderful week at school with children show casing all of their God-given talents. We have loved Alex and Mourad playing the piano through lunch times whilst we eat our lunch. All of the children have been working so hard and it is magnificent to hear them talking about what they have been learning and the enthusiasm that they show. Our Years Five and Six have represented us in athletics this week and came a very strong second, missing out on first place overall by just 12 points. We are incredibly proud of their spirit and determination, which never wavered.

Taking place every 25 years, a Jubilee year is a tradition that is recognised and respected throughout the world as being a significant part of the history of our faith. A Jubilee is a special year of grace, in which the Catholic Church offers the faithful the possibility of asking for a plenary indulgence – a remission of sins for themselves or deceased loved ones. The year begins with the well-known custom of the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, following the other three papal basilicas in Rome. The Pope grants permission for Holy Doors to be situated throughout the world for Catholics everywhere to take part in this most special rite. Today we joined with all schools in the Birmingham Diocese to celebrate Mass together.



## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Godswill

Reception: Marthy, Nathan, Blake

Year 1: Bethany, Florina, Nassar

Year 2: Agnes, Theo, Seth

Year 3: John, Jackson, Millie

Year 4: Ellie K, Kiara, Ruwa

Year 5: Esther, Marta, Raphaela

Year 6: Matthew, Holly, Noah

## House Points

Earth: 396 (4127)

Water: 326(4036)

Air: 348 (4113)

Fire: 438 (4240)

MINUTES LATE TO SCHOOL	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN 1 YEAR
5 MINUTES PER DAY =	1.4 DAYS MISSED 98.6% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES PER DAY =	2.8 DAYS MISSED 97.2% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES PER DAY =	4.2 DAYS MISSED 95.8% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES PER DAY =	5.6 DAYS MISSED 94.4% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES PER DAY =	8.4 DAYS MISSED 91.2% ATTENDANCE

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS!

## Attendance to 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	95.5%	Year One	96.3%
Year Two	94%	Year Three	97.5%
Year Four	94.7%	Year Five	97%
Year Six	97.3%	Whole School	<b>96.1%</b>



## Good News

In this Sunday's Gospel we are reminded that Jesus brings Good News to everyone.

We can all at times be blinded by selfishness or jealousy, be prisoners of guilt or worry, or be oppressed by bad habits. But Jesus has come to set us free, to help us renew our relationship with God and to enrich our relationships with each other.

Today, our schools and parishes continue Jesus' work, sharing the Good News of the Gospel so that people of the world can know God's love for them. This Good News is for you and me – Here! Now! We need only to be open to God's Spirit.

# 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:

Seth – 17<sup>th</sup> January

Zion – 20<sup>th</sup> January

Zahfyre and Aben – 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Christopher – 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Amayah – 26<sup>th</sup> January

Ren – 26<sup>th</sup> January



## 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)



## Year Three Class News

In geography this week Year 3 have been looking at how fossils are made. We have learned that it takes millions of years for a fossil to be made. Because the process is so hard fossils are incredibly rare! However, in year 3 we have had a spot of luck and found 28 unusual rocks around our classroom. After a lot of careful and precise digging we found our very own fossils... Mary Anning eat your heart out! We have a lot of young paleontologists' in year 3.



## Year Four Class News

During our science lessons we have been learning by all about classifying living things using a classification key 🤗👏 This week we have looked at fish, reptiles, birds, amphibians and mammals 🐸 We then categorised them into warm-blooded or cold-blooded, what they are covered with and whether they give birth to live young or lay eggs 🤗🤗 Using all of our understanding, we then created a wonderful fact sheet showcasing everything we have learnt so far 🤗🤗



## Year Five Class News



What a cracking morning at the BGN Indoor Athletics event on Thursday. The mix of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils participating with 5 other schools from the area was inspiring. They all cheered each other on and were super organised dashing from one event to the next.

The race home in the rain to Lunch was a bit soggy, but we all crossed the finish line proud of our achievements.

Great Camaraderie between year groups.

Well done!

## Year Six Class News

This week, Year 6 have been hard at work showcasing their talents. They have been busy sitting practice SATs papers throughout the week, and lunchtimes were filled with musical delight as students shared their piano skills, bringing joy to their peers and teachers alike. Back in class Sienna, Ivy and Aishe presented a heartfelt class worship on the theme of love, spreading an important message of kindness and compassion. Some members of the class also went to BGN to take part in an Athletics competition against children from other local schools. It has been lovely to see children using their many talents in different ways - well done Year 6!



# Key Dates

7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	School begins – School opens at 8:45am
16 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Year 3 & 4 Badminton at BGN
23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Year 5 & 6 Athletics at BGN
27 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Year 6 Junior Citizens trip
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Storyteller Event!
30 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Pilgrims of Hope Pope Francis MAC Mass at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church 10.30am
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Cafod KS2 Jubilee work shops
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year Four Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year 3 & 4 Athletics at BGN
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Year One Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	School finishes for half term at 3:20pm
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>💖 Valentine Disco 💖</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>February Half Term</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b>	<b>School begins – School opens at 8:45am</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year Three Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Author Visit
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	EYFS Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Athletics Finals at BGN
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year Six Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year 2 Football at BGN
24 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Reception and Year 6 Vision Screening
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year Two Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Year Five Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
<b>4<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>School finishes for Easter half term at 1.30pm</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>EASTER HALF TERM</b>
<b>TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025</b>	<b>School begins – School opens at 8:45am</b>