



# 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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

WOW!! St John's have been incredibly fortunate enough to have worked with Elliott from Wise Moves Dance. Next week is National Storytelling week and Elliott is a storyteller who provides 'live' performances to young children. They do not read from books but tell their stories through performance. We were definitely immersed in the live performance of Hansel and Gretel and enjoyed joining in with the story using sound effects. Our KS2 children then enjoyed workshops with the storyteller and thought more deeply about why we tell stories and the moral of different stories. What a fantastic experience for our children; it was thoroughly enjoyed by all!



On Friday 7th February, we will be supporting the NSPCC's number day! It will be a fun, low-pressure event, with students invited to come in non-school uniform and bring a £1 donation for the NSPCC. There will be a school-wide scavenger hunt, where students will search for plastic balls hidden around the school grounds. Each ball will have numbers or equations, and students will work together to calculate their total score, with prizes for the highest scoring teams! We will also be learning about mathematicians throughout history and the variety of maths we are surrounded by each day. It promises to be a day full of maths and wonder, and we look forward to sharing what we get up to with you on our ParentHub channels!

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Dhathri

Reception: Connor, Ella, Zack

Year 1: Miraya, Neso, Jani

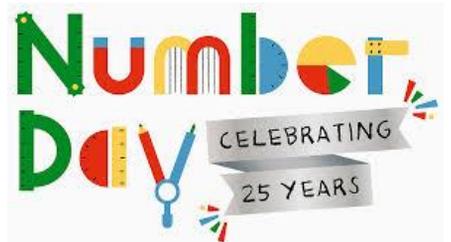
Year 2: Anliya, Zena, Erica

Year 3: Uzongu, Ugom, Jakub

Year 4: Charleigh, Kevin, Haybel

Year 5: Sammy, Stasiu, Fikile

Year 6: Jacob D, Zuzanna, Ivy



### House Points

Earth: 456 (4583)

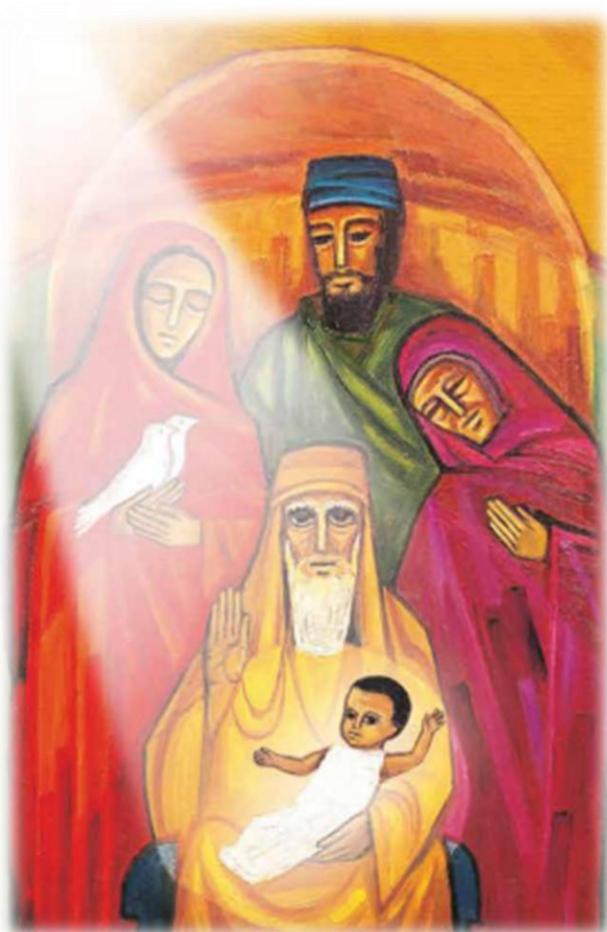
Water: 619 (4655)

Air: 404 (4517)

Fire: 559 (4799)

### Attendance to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	93.4%	Year One	96.7%
Year Two	92.6%	Year Three	96.1%
Year Four	98.8%	Year Five	88.5%
Year Six	99%	Whole School	<b>95%</b>



## Hope

In this Sunday's Gospel, we read about Simeon who joyfully recognised Jesus as the 'Light of the World' – the one who fills our lives with hope.

Hope is a virtue which can strengthen and sustain us through life's greatest difficulties. Putting our hope in God is trying to live and do our best in the present moment, and then trust the future to God.

Simeon is a great example of someone who placed his hope in God and was blessed by encountering Jesus, the 'Light of the World'. We too can be blessed and enlightened when we do the same.

# 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:**

Matthew 27<sup>th</sup> January

Rocco 27<sup>th</sup> January

Liliana 31<sup>st</sup> January

Fikile – 1<sup>st</sup> February



## 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 Early Years we welcomed Fr Phillip to celebrate a lovely Liturgy Service focussed on prayer. We listened to the Gospel of Mary and Martha, in which Jesus reminds us that the most important thing we can do in our day is make time to spend with Jesus.



Fr Phillip was very impressed at how Early Years children were able to sit in prayerful silence and enjoyed their beautiful singing.



## Year One Class News

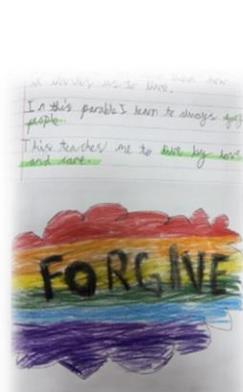
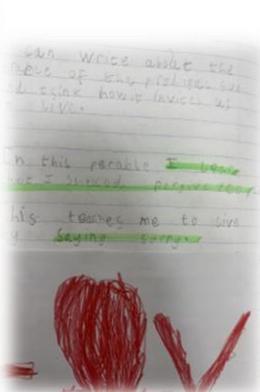
This week in Year 1, we've had a fantastic time exploring place value facts up to twenty in even more depth. Working together in groups, we used manipulatives to find different ways to make teen numbers. In English, we've been wrapping up our text, The Bear and the Piano, which we have all thoroughly enjoyed. To conclude, we created postcards to send to the bear, recounting the key events of the story. Finally, in RE, we have been learning about the importance of showing respect in prayer, allowing others to spend quiet time with God.



## Year Two Class News

### ♥ PARABLES OF JESUS ♥

We are coming to the end of our 'Parables and Miracles' unit in R.E. We have LOVED listening to the teachings of Jesus and seeing his strength and power shown in the miracles. We have spent this week exploring 'The Prodigal Son'. We retold it so fantastically, that we thought more deeply about the message within. We understood that God always forgives us for both our good and bad choices and we can show this in our everyday actions by saying sorry to those around us.



# Year Three Class News

This week in PE we have been doing some fantastic gymnastics! We have been looking at different ways to move and stretches for our own gymnastic routines. We also looked at different balances and jumps to make our routines more interesting, it was very tricky to land properly but after a few tries we mastered it!



# Year Four Class News



$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{matrix}$  Year 4 have worked SUPER hard this week learning all things squared numbers!! We've represented square numbers using counters to create square arrays and have learnt that if you can't make a square, it isn't a square number!  $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{matrix}$  We then explored how we can write squared numbers using the small 2  $\text{👉👉👉}$  We've instilled in ourselves that when the factors have the same value, the product is a squared number  $\text{😊}$   $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{matrix}$

# Year Five Class News

Year 5 had a fantastic time yesterday when we welcomed the most AMAZING storyteller Elliott, into school. He led an inspiring assembly but then in the afternoon, told Year 5 an Ancient Chinese story theatrically. Elliott told us that the Pokémon character, Magikarp (who evolved into Gyarados), was inspired from this Ancient Chinese story. We were involved in sound effects and actions and thoroughly enjoyed this immersive experience.



# Year Six Class News

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to Rewley Road Fire Station, where they participated in the Junior Citizens program. During the visit, the children took part in eight mini scenarios designed to teach them important safety skills and how to keep themselves and others safe. Each child also had the opportunity to make a 999 call, learning how to respond in an emergency. It was a fantastic day filled with valuable lessons and fun experiences, leaving everyone more confident and prepared for real-life situations.



# 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
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Year Six Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
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>