



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 ...

Growing in Faith Together – A Joyful Celebration

Last week, our *Growing in Faith Together* team represented our school beautifully at the **Pope Francis MAC Mass** at Blessed Dominic Barberi Church in Oxford. This special gathering brought together all the schools from across our academy to celebrate the beginning of this wonderful **Jubilee Year**, marking a time of faith, renewal, and unity. Our children read with confidence and clarity, and their singing was truly out of this world. Their reverence and respect throughout the Mass were a testament to the values we hold dear. We are always proud of our pupils, but on this occasion, we were immensely proud of the way they embodied the spirit of our school.

As **Stewards of God's Creation**, and in **Solidarity** with our brothers and sisters across the academy, we shared our coach with pupils from *St. Thomas More* and *St. Joseph's* to help reduce our impact on the environment. It was a beautiful reminder that together, through faith and action, we can make a difference. We give thanks for this joyful celebration and look forward to continuing our journey of faith together.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Tommy

Reception: Tymon, Hazel, Jacob

Year 1: Janvi, Nicolas, Nora

Year 2: Miles, Evie, Leelan

Year 3: Helena, Ethan, All of Year 3

Year 4: Ruby, Tukur, Henry

Year 5: Liliana, Raphaela, Zion

Year 6: Austin, Cailean, Mourad



House Points

Earth: 473(5056)

Water: 312(4967)

Air: 374 (4891)

Fire: 287 (5086)

Attendance to 31st January 2025

(we always report a week behind)

EYFS	98.3%	Year One	94.4%
Year Two	94.2%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	98.8%	Year Five	96.4%
Year Six	97.3%	Whole School	96.4%



Follow

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter (after a night of failed fishing) is finally successful and realises his true calling because he listens to and follows Jesus' instructions.

It's important to make the right choice about who or what we follow in life. Simply following our desires and feelings, which often change, can leave us feeling unsatisfied. Jesus invites each and every one of us to make following him our most important priority.

We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, try to make peace, and make others feel welcome. Choosing to follow him is not always easy but it really does guide and help our families to keep growing in wisdom and love.

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:

Ruby – 3rd February

TJ – 4th February

Amanda – 5th February

Nadia – 6th February

Andrei – 8th 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

Early Years Class News

This week EY have been enjoying the brighter conditions and making the most of the garden. Mr Stevenson has built us some amazing stands for creating gutter runs and these have been a big hit. The tuff spot small world trio has been dedicated to making dens and habitats for dinosaurs this week and the newly located reading den has been a very popular. We are keeping an eye on the progress of our snowdrops in the wildlife garden and have also noticed some primroses in flower.



Year One Class News

We've had an exciting week in Year 1! We started by walking into a crime scene in our classroom—our main suspect? Goldilocks! Using our detective skills, we worked hard to create a crime report and write interview questions to investigate further. Later in the week, we went on a materials walk around the school grounds, searching for different types of materials. We were amazed at how many we found! It was a fantastic week of learning and discovery.



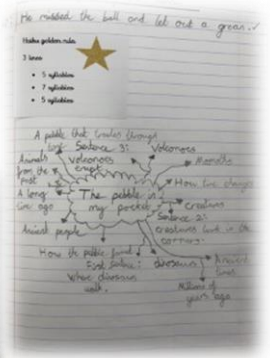
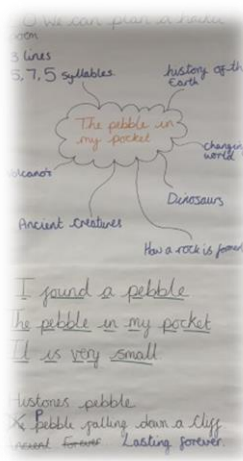
Year Two Class News

🔥 Year 2 have listened carefully to the wonderful story 'Vlad and the Great Fire of London' in English this week. They have used fantastic role play to sequence the events including waking up in a bakery, pulling houses down with fire hooks and loading belongings into boats! We then discussed chronological order and created some fantastic timelines! 🔥



Year Three Class News

This week in year 3 we have been looking at haiku poems. Haikus are short poems that came from 16th century Japan. We have been developing and planning our own haiku about our class book 'The pebble in my pocket'. We have also been using our editing skills and giving each other advice as to how we can make our poems even better!!



Year Four Class News



Earlier on this week, Year 4 were super lucky to have their very own beatbox workshop led by Alex Hardie 🎵 🎤 We learnt all about what beatboxing is and Alex gave some of us a flavour of his awesome talents! He could make so many sounds and put these together to make various tunes and songs - absolutely incredible!! 🙌 It was then our turn to have a go at creating our own sounds using just our mouths to create our own Year 4 beat box! 🎵 🎤 It was an amazing experience full of high energy and excitement which we all LOVED! 😊 🙌 🎤

Year Five Class News

On Tuesday, Year 5 had an amazing time with Alex Hardie, also known as "Apollo", who led a fantastic beatbox workshop! The students were excited to learn new techniques and practice their skills, creating their own unique rhythms. Everyone had the chance to shine as they took turns performing on the mic, showing off their creativity and talent. It was a fun-filled day that inspired our young musicians and encouraged them to express themselves through music. Thank you, Apollo, for an unforgettable experience!



Year Six Class News

This week in maths Year 6 have been continuing with their decimals unit. They have been focusing on multiplying and dividing decimals by 10, 100 and 1000. At first it was a little difficult, especially trying to remember that the decimal point never moves and when to include place holder zeros! After a practical lesson using whiteboards to show clearly how the place value changes, everyone has made wonderful progress, able to reason and articulate their thought process clearly - well done Year 6!



Key Dates

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

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