



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 14th February 2025

Head's News ...

Awesome Athletics Award

Huge **CONGRATULATIONS** to our Year 3 and Year 4 children who participated in The BGN Cluster Sports hall Athletics. The amazing news is that St John's came **FIRST**. St John's competed as a team against Bishop Loveday, Orchard Fields, St. John's, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's Aston Le Walls with a total of 126 children participating and 25 Year 8 BGN student leaders supporting. It was a very exciting morning with all children showing great teamwork and determination in both their field and track events. Thank you to all accompanying staff for helping to make the event run smoothly.

Love Is in the Air!

Happy Valentine's Day to all our wonderful children, families, and staff! Today, we celebrate love in all its forms—kindness to our friends, gratitude for our families, and most importantly, God's everlasting love for each of us. Did you know that St. Valentine was a priest who lived out Jesus' message of love, even in difficult times? He is remembered for his faith, compassion, and the secret weddings he performed to unite couples in love and commitment. His example reminds us that love is not just about gifts and cards, but about showing kindness, patience, and care for one another every day.

We can't wait to continue the celebrations at our **Valentine's Disco** this evening—a chance for our school community to come together in joy and friendship!

"Let all that you do be done in love." – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Wishing you all a blessed and love-filled day!

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Nyx, Aurora

Reception: Oscar, Amayah, Daraboth

Year 1: Catherine, TK, Ava

Year 2: Kiri, Jeron, Margaret

Year 3: Inioluwa, Eleanor, Joyeesha

Year 4: Ummayah, Gilroy, JP

Year 5: Fikile, Nadia, Freddie

Year 6: Ryan, Jacob P, Cian



House Points

Earth: 482(5538)

Water: 458(5425)

Air: 417 (5308)

Fire: 513 (5599)

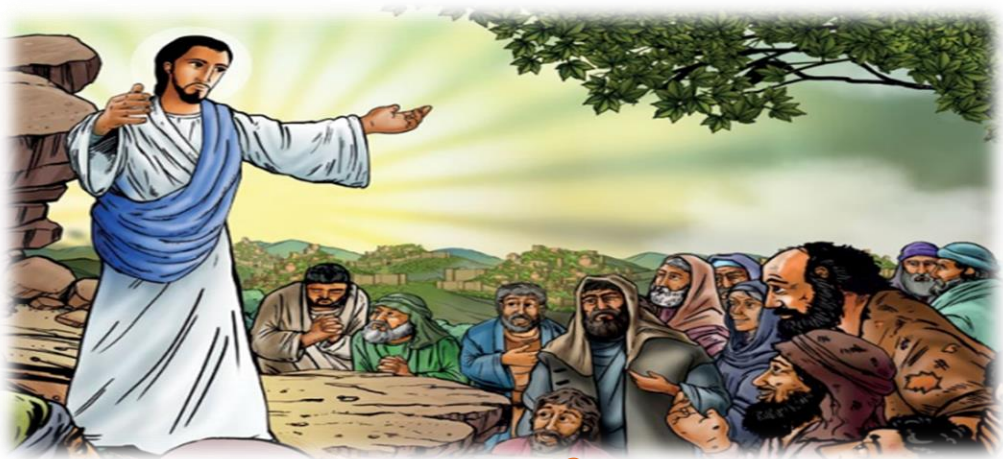
Attendance to 7th February 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	90.8%	Year One	96.4%
Year Two	95%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	97.9%	Year Five	94.5%
Year Six	97.7%	Whole School	95.4%

Trust

The blessings in this Sunday's Gospel, which are taken from Jesus' Sermon on the Plain (or Mount), are Luke's version of the 'Beatitudes'. This is one of the most well-known passages in the Bible and has encouraged people throughout the ages to trust in God. The Beatitudes remind us that, however bad things might look, those who serve and trust in God will have the reward of his everlasting love and blessings. It takes complete trust in God for us to live in this way.

The real message is: Trusting in God's promises isn't always easy – but it's always rewarding. No amount of worrying will increase our safety or comfort; it's through trusting in God that we will find security and hope.



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:

Azrin – 10th February

Esther – 14th February

Jeron – 19th February

Rehen – 21st 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

Early Years attended a Cinderella Royal Ball on Wednesday, it was a magnificent affair with waltzing and dancing. Reception were the Royal guests and were announced by fanfare and processed into the ball through a guard of honour provided by Nursery guests. After acting out the story of Cinderella, the dancing began. The children looked so glamorous in their costumes as they whirled and waltzed to the strains of Shostakovich's Jazz Waltz 2. After a delicious feast there was just time for some more dancing before the clock struck midnight and we had to flee the scene before the magic evaporated.



Year One Class News

We've had an exciting and memorable week in Year 1! Our amazing class assembly wowed the whole school as we taught everyone how to say "I love you" in sign language, beautifully linking it to our mission statement: Love one another as I have loved you. We also enjoyed a cosy session in the library, sharing our favourite books and listening to wonderful stories together. In RE, we wrapped up our Prayer unit by exploring key words from The Our Father and illustrating them with thoughtful drawings. What a fantastic week of learning and sharing!



Year Two Class News

🍌 Does it change shape? 🍌

Year 2 have been busy working scientifically to find out which materials can change shape! We know that materials can change shape by bending, twisting, stretching and squashing. We made amazing predictions using our knowledge of properties of materials and then investigated by using different materials. We found it fun to twist and bend most of them!



Year Three Class News

This week in Year 3 we had our final cricket session and what fun it was! We played some games and had such fun learning to bat and bowl. It was so much fun seeing everyone work as a team and enjoy such a great sport. We also want to thank Miss Ali for making the past few weeks so interesting! We definitely have a few cricket stars on our hands.



Year Four Class News



Year 4 have been exploring all things ANIMAL in art lessons these last few weeks. We have explored sketching animals using basic 2D shapes to help us form the shape of the body - who knew it only took 3 circles to create a dog and horse!! We persevered and you can probably tell how much effort we put into our sketches 😊 We then explored the texture of butterflies' wings and had a go at creating our own prints on felt considering patterns and shapes. We are working ourselves up to creating a 3D printing masterpiece after half term exploring zebra and tiger skin! 😊

Year Five Class News

This term, our Year 5 children have been busy learning the fundamentals of cricket! It's been a fantastic journey as they've explored the different skills required to play the game – from batting and bowling to fielding and teamwork.

Not only has cricket helped them stay active, but it's also been a great way for the children to build confidence and enjoy friendly competition. The highlight has been the mini matches they have played, where the children can put their skills to the test in real game situations. The excitement and determination have been contagious, and we can't wait to see how much more they can achieve.



Year Six Class News

On Thursday Year 6 used their developing cricket skills to take part in a mini tournament! We were each given a cricketing country to represent and created flags, badges and banners to make our tournament as authentic as possible. It was a brilliant afternoon enjoyed by all. Thank you so much to the All Star Cricket team who have been working with us this term!



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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