



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 ...

Let Girls Play-football

Wednesday was a huge success thanks to the enthusiasm of the children and the excellent coaching of Mrs Camilleri and Mr Mawn. After some training and skills work; the children played some friendly but competitive games. Thank you also for all the posters created to promote girls in sport. The winner will be announced next week.



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Lorcan

Reception: Mohammad, Christopher, Ren

Year 1: Rebecca, Manihil, Stephanie

Year 2: Charlotte, Oran, Elsie

Year 3: Jakub, Inioluwa, Caleb

Year 4: Mala, Lyla, Mariam

Year 5: Aibel, Rebeka, Darcey

Year 6: Artur, Stelios, Aishe



House Points

Earth: 196(5968)

Water: 274(5996)

Air: 297 (5817)

Fire: 274 (6155)

Attendance to 28th February 2025 (we always report a week behind)

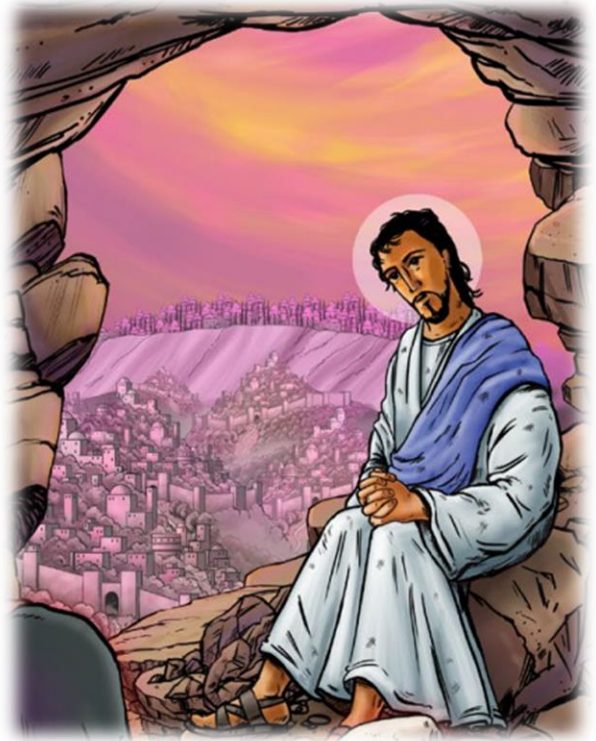
EYFS	84.9%	Year One	91%
Year Two	77.7%	Year Three	96.9%
Year Four	97.3%	Year Five	96.6%
Year Six	99.2%	Whole School	92.2%

Lent

This week we have had Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. This is the day when Catholics throughout the world come together to celebrate Mass and receive ashes on their foreheads to mark the beginning of the Lenten Season.

The season of Lent reminds us of Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness, where he grew stronger through resisting various temptations. In this Sunday's Gospel, the tempter makes three suggestions in an effort to divert Jesus from his true mission.

Jesus rejects the temptations, one after another – each time with a word from Scripture, which is the Word of God.



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:

Emmanuel – 3rd March

Maya – 5th March

John – 6th March



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 in Early Years, we have opened our very own Vet Practice! This links with Nursery's work on farming this term. Reception helped to make some excellent signs using their growing artistic skills and applying all their excellent phonic knowledge. All the children have been very busy tending to the animals with great care.



Year One Class News

This week has been a busy and exciting one in Year 1! First, we completed our very first set of assessments, and everyone worked hard and behaved wonderfully throughout. We also made the most of the beautiful weather, enjoying the sunshine and burning off energy during our joint PE session with Year 2, where we all showed great teamwork. Finally, we have begun the season of Lent by coming together to prepare our hearts and our classroom for this special time.



Year Two Class News

🥞 SHROVE TUESDAY 🥞

We have been incredibly lucky to enjoy pancakes in Year 2 this week 🥞💛. We know that Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent begins 💜. We know that this is a time when Christians can give something up or change their ways. We were amazed to find out that people have pancake races and we want to give this a go!!! 🥞☀️

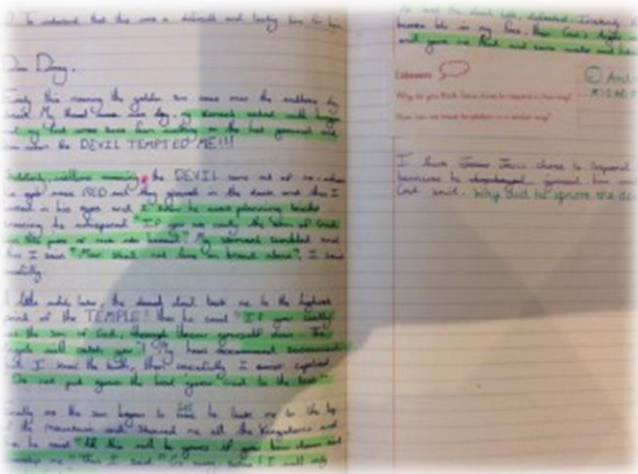


Year Three Class News

In Pilates this week we had the pleasure of Mr Palmer teaching us! We did lots of different stretches and breathing exercises to help us stay calm and relaxed. It was a lot more exercise than we thought, and we even broke into a bit of a sweat... who knew Pilates would be such hard work.



Year Four Class News



👉 Year 4 have begun their learning in RE about Lent and part of our work has been to explore the story of the temptation of Jesus and consider how this may have been a difficult and testing time for him. We have explored the temptations Jesus faced and reflected on what temptations are and how they truly can be testing and tempting for us!! 🙏 We wrote diaries from the perspective of Jesus and WOW!! I have been BLOWN AWAY by the brilliant understanding and perspective when writing their diaries 🙏 Fantastic work Year 4 🙏🙏

Year Five Class News

It's all cheers in Year 5. Under the expert guidance of Miss Cladingboel, we have been learning the basics of cheerleading and what it takes to get a team of children to work together safely to literally make children fly! Everyone had a role to play in each stunt, and took the safety of each other seriously. They all did an excellent job and agreed it is good to try out new sports and skills. 3 Cheers for Miss Cladingboel . Only one more week. Only 1 week left, and we shall miss you when you go!.



Year Six Class News



On Thursday this week, we raised awareness as a school for "Girls CAN play football". We discussed why it is so important that everyone has the opportunity to take part in sports. We created some amazing posters to help share the important message. In the afternoon, Mr Mawn and Mrs Camilleri worked with the boys and the girls on some football drills and mini-matches. It was a lovely afternoon and was enjoyed by all. A special thank you to Mr Mawn and Mrs Camilleri for coming to work with us.

Key Dates

25 th February 2025	School begins – School opens at 8:45am
4 th and 5 th March 2025	Parents' Evening
5 th March 2025	Year Three Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
5 th March 2025	Ash Wednesday – KS2 Mass at 10.30am
7 th March 2025	World Book Day and Author Visit
WC 10 th March 2025	Science Week
12 th March 2025	EYFS Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
13 th March 2025	Athletics Finals!
19 th March 2025	Year Six Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
20 th March 2025	Year Three Sacrament of Reconciliation
24 th March 2025	Reception and Year 6 Vision Screening
26 th March 2025	Year Two Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
29 th March 2025	Year Six Sacrament of Confirmation at St. John the Evangelist at 10.00am
2 nd April 2025	Year Five Class Assembly – all invited 9:05am
4 th April 2025	School finishes for Easter half term at 1.30pm
7 th – 21 st April 2025	EASTER HALF TERM
TUESDAY 22 nd April 2025	School begins – School opens at 8:45am

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: **Attentive and Discerning**
Attentive: We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations. **Discerning:** We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

A Prayer for Attentiveness

Lord God, Give us a spirit of attentiveness to turn our attention to those who we can help with the gifts and talents you have given us. Show us how, with your assistance, we can learn to draw them closer to you, day by day, through kind acts of service. **Amen**



Extreme Reading Challenge!

