



# St. John's RC Primary School

*Inspired by the Holy Spirit and guided by the teaching of Jesus*

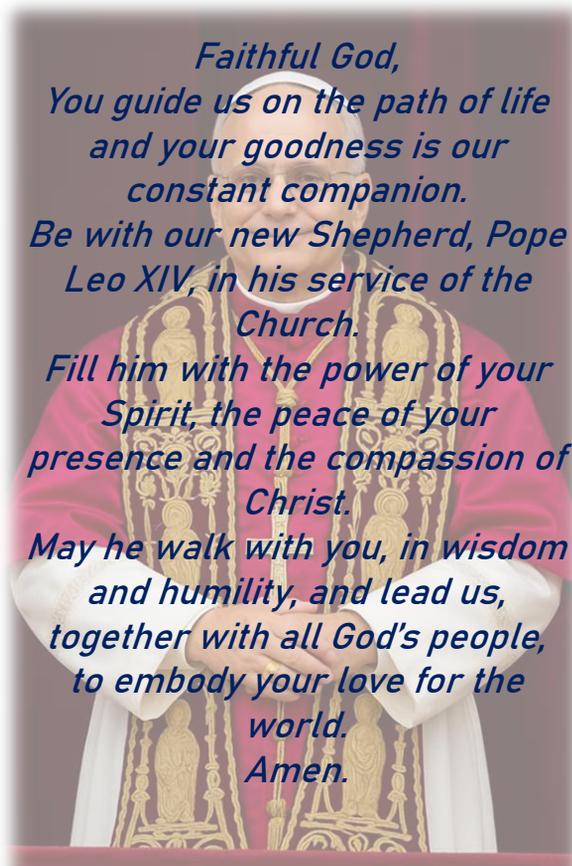
Love one another, as I have loved you

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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

We've had, as ever, an incredibly busy week of learning at St. John's. The whole school celebrated VE Day on Thursday with each class creating wonderful art pieces and writing which were showcased at our special exhibition. The children have also had lots of fun on the field at playtimes trying out our new zoned system which, so far, seems to be proving to be a big hit! We've got parachutes out, basketball, tennis and football to name just a few! Next week is looking warm so please ensure your child has plenty of water and a sun hat!

Our Year 6 children will be undergoing their SATs tests next week – we wish them the very best of luck and hope they shine their brightest 😊 Have a wonderful weekend!

A prayer for our new Pope,  
Pope Leo



*Faithful God,  
You guide us on the path of life  
and your goodness is our  
constant companion.  
Be with our new Shepherd, Pope  
Leo XIV, in his service of the  
Church.  
Fill him with the power of your  
Spirit, the peace of your  
presence and the compassion of  
Christ.  
May he walk with you, in wisdom  
and humility, and lead us,  
together with all God's people,  
to embody your love for the  
world.  
Amen.*

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

**Nursery:** Neti

**Reception:** Jacob, Axel, Marthy

**Year 1:** Nassar, Harry, Catherine

**Year 2:** Seth, Steven, Zoya

**Year 3:** Inioluwa, Adriel, Karlee

**Year 4:** Sienna, Andrea, Stefan

**Year 5:** Marta, Connie, Leo

**Year 6:** Noah, Ivy, Max

Attendance to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	98.6%	Year One	100%!!!!!!!!!!
Year Two	97.1%	Year Three	99.6%
Year Four	97%	Year Five	99%
Year Six	97%	Whole School	98.2%

# 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:



Jimmy – 4<sup>th</sup> May

Nathan – 6<sup>th</sup> May

Adeife – 8<sup>th</sup> May

Jack – 8<sup>th</sup> May

Kelo – 11<sup>th</sup> May

Olivier – 11<sup>th</sup> May



## House Points

Earth: 359 (7696)

Fire: 364 (7906)

Water: 481 (7748)

Air: 382 (7663)

### 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 have been remembering VE Day and focusing on Peace. In Reception, we have role played some scenarios and explored ways to resolve them peacefully. Nursery have made some beautiful medals using a variety of collage materials and Reception have drawn pictures on their medals showing peace and love. We have put together a peace pledge that we have all signed to say that we have all committed to peace by trying to live out our motto.

## Year One Class News

In Maths, we've been practising counting in twos, using fun activities like dancing to our favourite "Groovy Day" song and playing twos hopscotch in the playground.

In English, we've been writing secret letters to Miss Bingham, asking if *Beegu* can stay hidden in her special spot at St John's School – we've used lots of persuasive language!

In RE, we've been learning about the Paschal Candle and its special meaning in the Easter story.



## Year Two Class News

🏏 CRICKET FUN! 🏏



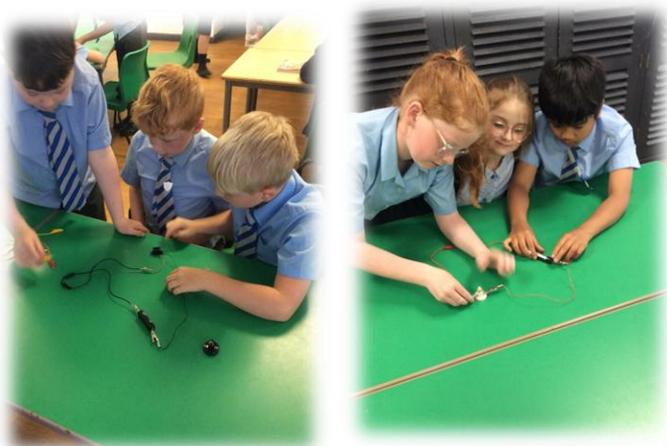
Last week, Year 2 took part in a Cricket Festival at BGN school. Despite the hot weather and minimal shade, ALL children were fully engaged with the activities and were absolutely fantastic on the walk there and back! 🚶 🤪 🌞. The children took part in a range of Cricket activities which gave them a chance to practise different skills. We explored bowling, over-arm throwing, batting and catching! Funny duck was definitely our favourite game... 👍 Year 2 were an absolute delight and their manners were impeccable. 🤗

## Year Three Class News

It's been a great week back after the bank holiday, the highlight being VE day, where we learnt about and commemorated the end of WW2. We wrote newspaper articles about the first ever VE day, and the children created some beautiful and persuasive posters based on those used in the war. In Maths, the class continue to develop their skills as budding statisticians, and in English we have been writing non-chronological reports and fact files. We have also learned more about the Roman Empire, specifically the invasion of Britain, and the children are really impressing with their growing knowledge!



## Year Four Class News



### 🔌 Year 4 Scientists in Action: Exploring Electrical Circuits! 🔌

This week, our Year 4 children became junior electricians as they delved into the fascinating world of electrical circuits! 🧠💡

As part of our science curriculum, the children learned about the components of a simple circuit—including batteries, wires, bulbs, and switches and how electricity flows to make things work. With teamwork and curiosity leading the way, they had hands-on fun creating their own working circuits and investigating what happens when one part is changed or removed.

We were incredibly impressed by their problem-solving skills and enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see so many lightbulbs switching on!

Year 5 had an exciting day on Thursday learning about the start of World War Two and why we celebrate VE Day. They wrote diary entries in character as children or adults living through the war, imagining what life was like during that time and the celebrations that took place 80 years ago. The class really got into role and showed great creativity. They also made VE Day-style bunting and wrote poems about peace and the impact of war. It was a powerful, hands-on way to explore history in just one day!



## Year Five Class News



## Year Six Class News

To mark 80 years since VE Day, we started the day by coming together for a special live assembly. We joined schools from across the country and heard about what VE Day is and why we celebrate. In class, Year 6 designed and painted our own commemorative plates. It was lovely to see children drawing on our learning from earlier on in the year and including scenes from D-Day and the Blitz. We also took time to write our own peace pledges. We can't wait to show you our work in our exhibition!



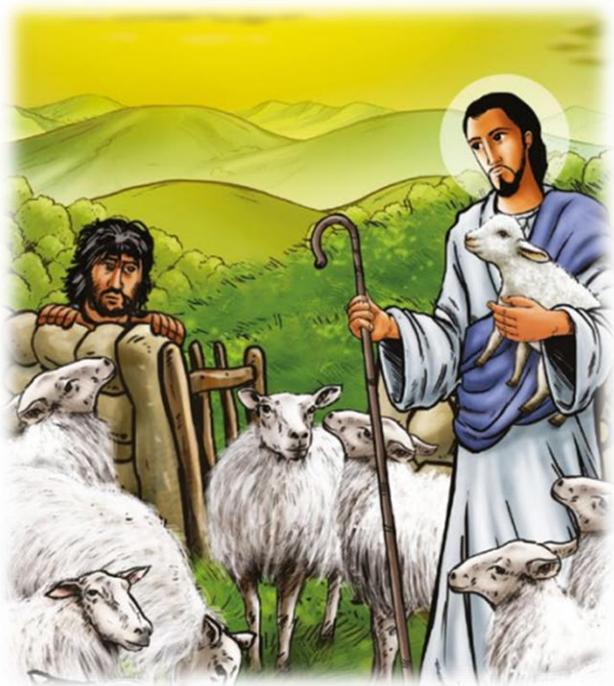
## !! STAKEHOLDER SURVEY !!

Our Parent Survey is linked below for those who have not yet completed it. We very much value what you have to say! The deadline is **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**.

[PFMAC Survey for Parents and Carers](#)

Thank you in advance for your support.

This Sunday is traditionally known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'. The Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd and that, if we listen to him, we can rely on him to guide our lives in the right direction. Sheep are so unpredictable and undependable. They are easily startled and often run in the wrong direction, appearing constantly to change their mind. Sometimes we too can head in the wrong direction, and we need help to keep our lives on the right path.



# GIRLS CRICKET HUB

**WHERE?**  
BANBURY CRICKET CLUB  
WHITE POST ROAD

**WHEN?**  
EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM  
16TH APRIL TO MID-AUGUST  
17:30 - 18:30

**OPTIONS?**  
FREE TO CURRENT YOUTH MEMBERS  
£10 NON-MEMBER FEE FOR FULL SEASON

**BOOKING?**  
KAREN CROSS - [karencross@live.co.uk](mailto:karencross@live.co.uk)  
MATT ACTON - [macton@hardide.com](mailto:macton@hardide.com)

**BANBURY CRICKET CLUB**

OPEN TO SCHOOL YEARS 3-8

DAVID WILSON HOMES  
WHERE QUALITY LIVES

ALLSAFE SCAFFOLDING  
Raising standards in scaffolding

Whitley Stimpson  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AND BUSINESS ADVISORS

# Key Dates

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 residential to Youlbury
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 Quadkids at BGN
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 5 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>School finishes for May half term 3:20pm</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term</b>	
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>School begins – School opens at 8:45am</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Multiplication Table Check
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Fr Hudson's Mass, Oxford (GIFT)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 Dynamo Cricket at Banbury Cricket Club
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Whole School Pilgrims of Hope Retreat Day</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	National Writing Day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 class assembly – all invited 9:05am  Whole School Sports Day – times TBC
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Multi-skills at BGN
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Cricket Festival, The Grange
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 3 First Holy Communion, 10.00am, at St John the Evangelist Church</b>
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 transition week at BGN
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Play 9:30am and 5:30pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Year 6 Leavers' Mass and farewell at school (10:30am) – all invited</b>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>School finishes for summer 1:30pm</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day for staff – school closed