



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 13th June 2025

It's been another truly wonderful week at St. John's! On Wednesday we all became **Pilgrims of Hope** as we welcomed Dan and Emily from One Life to lead us in a whole school retreat day on this year's Jubilee theme. The children were starstruck at meeting Dan and Emily in person (they were so used to seeing them on the screen!) and engaged so well in the wonderfully prepared activities. We prayed, sang, signed and even got our footprints involved! It was a beautiful hope-filled day. The staff even managed to sneak in a selfie with Dan and Emily too! 📷



Our Year 5s finally got to take part in their postponed cricket festival and represented the school with pride! They did a FANTASTIC job! Well done Year 5! 🏏



Have a wonderful weekend!



A special shout out to our fantastic Year 6 pupils who selflessly litter picked the school site again. True stewards and fulfilling our late Pope's message to care for our planet.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Parker

Reception: Amu, Ren, Tallulah

Year 1: Nicolas, Evana, All of Year 1!

Year 2: Anliya, Miles, Joseph

Year 3: Joyeesha, Aben, Ruby

Year 4: Comfort, Sanchez, Kiara

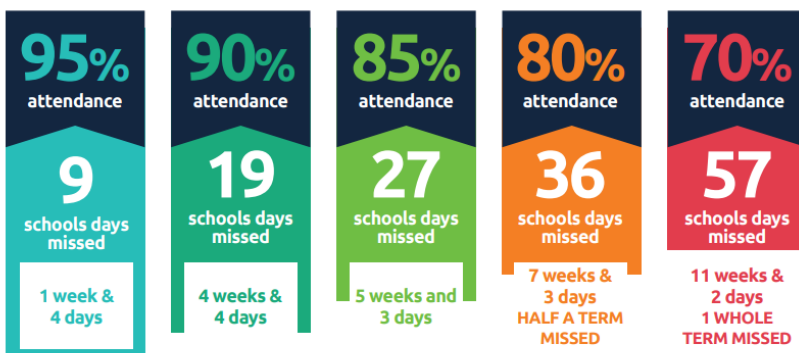
Year 5: Azrin, Connie, Geona

Year 6: Emmanuel, Artur, Sienna

Attendance

Attendance to 6th June 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	92.4%	Year One	94.2%
Year Two	97%	Year Three	95%
Year Four	98.7%	Year Five	95%
Year Six	94.4%	Whole School	95.3%



and every minute counts...



Good attendance and punctuality play a vital role in your child's education. Every day in school counts – it helps children to build friendships, develop routines, and make consistent progress in their learning.

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:

Noah – 9th June

Frankie – 13th June

Elaina – 13th June

Steven – 14th June

Aneta – 15th June



<u>House Points</u>	
Earth:	99 (9004)
Fire:	82 (9335)
Water:	87 (9007)
Air:	104 (9067)

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 (Miss A Bingham) directly:

familysupport@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Early Years Class News

This week in EY we were delighted to receive an abundance of flowers past their sell by date that Ella's Mum had kindly collected from Sainsburys. These inspired lots of excellent observations and conversations. The children thoroughly enjoyed arranging, drawing, smelling and dissecting them. They also created some fragrant perfumes and delicious smelling floral teas.



Year One Class News

We've had a marvellous week in Year 1! Everyone completed their phonics screening tests brilliantly. In maths, we've had an interesting time working on money and fractions at the same time. We can now tell you the value of pence and pounds, as well as what a whole, a quarter, and a half are!

We also had a really exciting experience meeting Dan and Emily from One Life this week. They spoke to us about the Pilgrims of Hope as part of our Jubilee Year celebrations. We sang, signed, drew, and prayed together as a whole school – it was fantastic!

Finally, we've been practising our sign language ready for a very special visitor on Friday. We can't wait to share what we've learned! 🥰

Year Two Class News

💚💖 Pilgrims of Hope - Retreat Day 🧡💙

This week, we have enjoyed a super retreat day with Dan and Emily on Pilgrims of Hope! ✚. It was incredibly special to us as we are used to singing and signing with Dan and Emily on our screen, but they came to our school to join us on our Retreat and work with us this Jubilee year.

We have joined in with special prayers and songs to show that we are Pilgrims of Hope. We have understood the special Jubilee symbol and recognised why each symbol is important. We explored the cross, the anchor, sea and pilgrims and recreated the symbol which is known all over the world! 🦶 We also enjoyed drawing around our feet to create footsteps which will lead us to God! 🦶



Year Three Class News

Year 3 have continued their strong start to the half term with great energy and care in their learning. In English, we've built on our work with *Julius Zebra*, this time focusing on editing and improving our writing, approaching it like real authors preparing for publication. The highlight of the week was undoubtedly Wednesday's whole-school retreat, led by Dan and Emily from One Life, where songs, reflections, and thoughtful classroom activities helped bring our school community even closer together.

Year Four Class News

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming Dan and Emily into school for our special retreat day. It was a wonderful opportunity for students and staff to pause, reflect, and take part in meaningful activities centred around the theme of being pilgrims of hope.

The day offered a chance to step away from our usual routines and think more deeply about our personal journeys, our faith, and the hope we bring to the world and each other.



Year Five Class News

On Wednesday, Year Five joined the rest of the school for a special retreat day led by the talented One Life Music duo, Dan and Emily. The retreat centred around the theme of *Hope*, marking the Jubilee Year of St Francis. It was a joyful and reflective day filled with music, prayer, and creativity. The children took part in inspiring sessions, creating beautiful *Footprints and Crosses of Hope* as reminders of their mission to bring light to the world.

Year Six Class News

Year 6 began their retreat day on Wednesday with a special visit from Dan and Emily from One Life, who we were excited to meet after watching their videos all year! We joined the rest of KS2 to learn a new hymn, reflect on the theme of hope, and explore the Jubilee Year. Back in class, we created Pilgrims of Hope booklets and wrote hopeful messages on drawings of our feet, thinking about how we can share hope with others. Inspired by Blessed Carlo Acutis, we made Hope crosses for someone special in our lives. The day ended with a whole-school reflection, where some of our Year 6 pupils proudly helped lead hymns, prayers and readings. A truly inspiring and hope-filled day!



Key Dates

Wednesday 18 th June	Year 2 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Tuesday 24 th June	National Writing Day
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 3 class assembly – all invited 9:05am Whole School Sports Day – join us with your picnics on the field at 12:00pm followed by races from 1:00pm 😊 further details will be shared on Prent Hub!
Thursday 26 th June	Year 3 Multi-skills at BGN
Friday 27 th June	Year 2 Cricket Festival, The Grange
Saturday 28th June	Year 3 First Holy Communion, 10.00am, at St John the Evangelist Church
Monday 30 th June – Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 transition week at BGN
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 1 – Year 5 Music Concert – all parents invited 2:15pm start
Wednesday 2 nd July	Year 4 class assembly – all invited 9:05am New Year 1, 3 and 5 meet the teacher meeting – 2:30pm in classrooms
Thursday 3 rd July	Whole School Transition morning – meet the teacher! New Reception, Year 2, 4 and 6 meet the teacher meeting – 2:30pm in classrooms
Wednesday 9 th July	Year 1 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Play 9:30am and 5:30pm
Friday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass and farewell at school (10:30am) – all invited
Friday 18th July	School finishes for summer 1:30pm
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET Day for staff – school closed

If there's anything you're worried about or if you think your family could use a little extra support, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're a listening ear, not here to judge – just to help.

Feel free to speak to Mrs Sykes or contact her via the email: familysupport@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

Let's work together to make sure you and your child feel supported and happy.