



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 20th June 2025

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the great feast of Corpus Christi [two Latin words which mean 'the Body of Christ']. In some parts of the world there are processions through the streets. The gathering in this Sunday's Gospel wasn't just a huge, miraculous, open-air picnic. This was a sign of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) which Jesus would establish with his disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus makes the same offer to nourish us today, especially when we receive Holy Communion - a sacred moment, when we receive a gift from heaven – we receive Jesus. This helps us become closer to Jesus and closer to each other - to keep growing in goodness and love.



The next few pages have some important information regarding sports day and classes for next year as well as a Meet the Teacher:

Sports Day – Wednesday 25th June

As shared on Parent Hub, we are looking forward to welcoming you to our Sports Day on Wednesday 25th June!

The gates to the school field will open at 11:45am, where you are warmly invited to join your child(ren) for a picnic lunch.

Please note that Mrs Trivett has sent a separate message to parents of children in Nursery and Reception – do check their Parent Hub channels for details.

From 1:00pm, we will begin our exciting afternoon of competitive races, and we would love for you to stay and cheer on the children as they take part.

On the day, children only need to bring/wear:

- ☀️ Sun cream
- 🧢 A hat
- 💧 A water bottle
- 🟠 🟡 🟢 🟠 PE kit and a t-shirt in their house colour
- 👟 Trainers
- 🧺 🍷 🍎 Picnic lunch.

Please note there will be no school dinner option available, as all children will be eating outside. If you are unable to attend the picnic, please make sure your child brings a packed lunch.

Classes for academic year 2025/2026

As we approach the start of the new school year in September, we are excited to share some important information with you regarding your child's new class and teacher. We know that starting a new year is always an exciting time, and we want to ensure that both you and your child feel fully supported as we step into this next chapter together.

Nursery	Miss Vaughan Miss Houlihan Miss Clark
Reception	Mrs Trivett Miss Copp
Year 1	Miss J Sykes Mrs Beech
Year 2	Miss Page Miss Jackson/Miss Barton
Year 3	Mrs Burton Miss Barton
Year 4	Miss Bingham & Mrs L Sykes Mrs Ryder
Year 5	Mrs Avilez Mrs Acanthe
Year 6	Miss Callan & Mrs Jefferies

Transition Morning – 3rd July

To help your child feel more comfortable and confident about the year ahead, we are holding a Transition Morning on 3rd July. On this day, the children will spend the morning with their new teacher, getting to know their new classroom and the routine for the coming year. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and begin building a positive relationship with their new teacher and peers. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs. McGeehan, our lovely, new Headteacher, will be in school all day on 3rd July. She is looking forward to meeting the children and parents and being part of this exciting transition!

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

To further support your child's transition, we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, learn about the curriculum for the year ahead, and ask any questions you may have. This is a great chance to connect with the teacher, ask about the exciting activities and goals for the year, and ensure you feel confident about the learning journey your child is about to embark on.

The 'Meet the Teacher' Afternoon will take place on two afternoons:

Wednesday 2nd July at 2:30pm – New children in Year 1, 3 and 5

Thursday 3rd July at 2:30pm – New children in Reception, Year 2, 4 and 6

We hope you can join us for this special afternoon, as we look forward to working together to make the year ahead a positive and successful one for all of our students.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Lydia

Reception: Blake, Nathan, Oscar

Year 1: Rebecca, Nassar, Bethany

Year 2: Agnes, Erica, Theo

Year 3: Sophia, Olaf, Helena

Year 4: Gilroy, Jesse, Emilia

Year 5: Rebeka, Inayah, Marta

Year 6: Jacob P. Emilia, Ryan

Attendance

Attendance to 13th June 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	92.7%	Year One	98.2%
Year Two	98.8%	Year Three	93.5%
Year Four	99%	Year Five	96.8%
Year Six	97.3%	Whole School	95.4%

Key Dates

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 Year 6 transition days at Warriner (30 th – 2 nd)
Tuesday 1 st July	Years 1 – 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.

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:

Zuzanna – 16th June

Raphaella – 16th June

Isabella C – 20th June

Chidindu – 20th June



House Points

Earth: 297 (9301)

Fire: 208 (9543)

Water: 252 (9259)

Air: 277 (9344)

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 EY have been enthusiastically hunting for minibeasts. As well as our wildflower patch, we have let our garden get a bit scruffy around the edges to encourage wildlife (NO WEEDKILLER) and it has really paid off. Our space is now a haven for a huge range of minibeasts- we have got ladybird eggs and larvae on the thistles because they are covered in blackfly that the ladybirds enjoy. The logs are full of woodlice, millipedes and ants and the wildflower patch is alive with hoverflies and moths. It has been so exciting to watch the children so deeply engaged and immersed in God's incredible creation.



Year One Class News

This week, Year 1 have been very busy with visitors! We had a special visit from Miss Sykes's mummy, who came to talk to us about being deaf. She even taught us some sign language! As we are learning about the senses, it was very interesting to find out what it's like to live without the sense of hearing. We also wrote her some lovely thank you letters to show our appreciation. In addition to this, we had a visit from the Pantosaurus team, who taught us all about the importance of privacy and keeping our private parts safe. We even had a surprise visit from Pantosaurus himself!



Year Two Class News

🚰 ❤️ NSPCC PANTS RULES ❤️ 🚰

Year 1 and 2 had an important visit from Rebecca from NSPCC this week. We even met PANTOSAURUS!!! How lucky are we! 🦖 🚰 The children learned about the PANTS rules – reminding them that their body belongs to them, and they should always speak to a trusted adult if they feel worried or unsure about something. They showed great maturity and fantastic listening skills 🤩



Year Three Class News

This week has been assessment week, a definite favourite in Year 3! Jokes aside, I've been so proud of the class for the diligence and determination they've shown, and it's been brilliant to see how much progress each child has made since September! We've balanced focused mornings with creative and relaxing afternoons. From Art and ICT to sunny PE lessons, the children have remained cheerful, engaged, and full of energy. We've also been preparing for two exciting special events: our First Holy Communion and our class assembly, which we can't wait to share with everyone. The children have truly impressed with their maturity, enthusiasm, and thoughtfulness. Well done!



Year Four Class News

This week Year 4 have shown they definitely have some future Olympians amongst them! We've been honing our jumping and throwing skills during our recent athletics sessions, developing an understanding of how we can use our whole body to contribute to a successful result. This week we had a bit of a pre-sports day rehearsal, putting our skills to the test with some standing long jump and overarm throwing.



Year Five Class News

This week in science, Year Five have been exploring how to separate different materials. We got hands-on and a little bit messy by creating our very own "Salty Stone and Sand Soup"! The challenge? Figuring out how to separate all the different ingredients again. First, we used sieves (a big thank you to Early Years for the loan!) to sift out the chunky stones. Then we tackled the sand, using filters to trap the grains while letting the salty water pass through. And finally, with the help of the glorious sunny weather, we are letting nature do the last bit—evaporation! We have left our salty water out in the sun and are watching and waiting as the water slowly disappears, leaving behind real salt crystals.



Year Six Class News

This week, Year 6 have been busy and brilliant! We completed a full run-through of our end-of-year play, and we're so impressed with how many pupils already know their lines off by heart. In History, we've begun exploring the origins of the transatlantic slave trade, focusing on the motives behind Spain and Portugal's actions in the 15th century — "Gold, Glory and God." This is a sensitive but important topic, and we appreciate your support in continuing these conversations at home. In Art, we've also been developing our skills by creating artist copies inspired by the bold and colourful work of Robert and Sonia Delaunay.

