



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 23rd June 2025

What a fantastic Sports Day we had earlier this week! The weather was warm, our spirits were high, and the field was alive with cheers, encouragement, and brilliant displays of teamwork. From the energetic races to the collaborative challenges, every child gave their best – not just for themselves, but for their teams. This year, we were so pleased to see so much teamwork – encouraging their friends to support one another, celebrate effort as well as achievement, and learn the value of perseverance and fair play. It was heart-warming to see children cheering on their classmates, offering a helping hand, and showing true sportsmanship throughout the day. We are so proud of all our pupils – whether they crossed the finish line first or simply gave it their all with a smile. They reminded us that teamwork really does make the dream work!

A huge thank you to all the staff who helped organise the event, especially Mr Mawn and Mrs Avilez, and to all the parents and carers who came along to support and cheer. Your presence helped make the day extra special.

We hope you enjoyed Sports Day as much as we did!

Our lovely Year 3 class led a beautiful class assembly about their up and coming First Holy Communion. We keep them in our prayers ahead of their special day on Saturday.

Year 2 took part in a cricket festival on Friday at The Grange and again, the fantastic attitudes and resilience was evident. The children took part confidently and demonstrated fantastic perseverance.

Next week our Year 6 children spend time in their new secondary schools – we hope they have a lovely time and settle well into this exciting time of their lives.

Have a lovely weekend!



Nursery Spaces Available – Apply Now!

We're pleased to let you know that we still have a few spaces available in our Nursery for September 2025. If you're looking for a warm, nurturing, and stimulating environment for your child, now is a great time to join us!

We are also now accepting applications for our January 2026 and April 2026 intakes.

To apply or find out more, please contact the school office or visit our website.

Sports Day 2025



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Canon

Reception: Axel, Chris, Tymon

Year 1: Kenzo, Elias, Naia

Year 2: Freyja, Zoya, Nela

Year 3: Eleanor, Aalayah, Irena

Year 4: Anton, Ummayah, Andrea

Year 5: Jimmy, Macey-Rae, Lewis

Year 6: Max, Arianne, Elaina

This week, Miss Callan took part in the prestigious UK Parliament Teacher Ambassador Programme. As one of just 65 teachers selected from across the country, she spent time fully immersed in the workings of Parliament—watching debates in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords, meeting MPs, Lords, and even quizzing the Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle. A highlight of the experience was a meeting with our local MP, Sean Woodcock, where they discussed the importance of political education in schools. Miss Callan is excited to bring everything she's learned back to our school and the wider PFMAC community to help inspire the next generation in understanding democracy and political engagement.



Key Dates

Monday 30 th June – Thursday 3 rd July	Year 6 transition days at new secondary schools
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

Attendance

Attendance to 20th June 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	95.5%	Year One	95.7%
Year Two	92.5%	Year Three	99.2%
Year Four	95.4%	Year Five	94.3%
Year Six	97%	Whole School	95.7%

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:

Margaret – 29th June

Lyla – 2nd July



House Points

Totals will be rolled over following sports day – watch this space!

Earth: (9301)

Fire: (9543)

Water: (9259)

Air: (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