



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 4th July 2025

School has been somewhat quieter this week as our Year 6s visited their new secondary schools, ready for the next chapter from September. Whilst they were absent, children in school had the opportunity to meet their new class teachers and spend time in their new classrooms. The morning started with an assembly led by Mrs McGeehan before having a taste of what it will be like come September. Thank you to those parents who were able to join us for our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoons – everything shared and discussed is on ParentHub for your reference.

A special note to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Mrs Trivett who orchestrated our school music concert – despite the warmth, the children played and sang beautifully and as ever, it was a joy to welcome so many members of our school community into school to share this with us. Have a lovely weekend!

*Loving Father,
We thank you for the children
in our school who have
received their First Holy
Communion.
May they always feel your
love in their hearts.
May the Bread of Life give them
strength, peace, and joy each
day. Help them to remember
that every time they receive
Holy Communion,
you are truly with them.
Amen.*



A NOTE FROM MRS MCGEEHAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you for the incredibly warm welcome I received during my recent visit to St. John's. It was a real pleasure to spend time in the school, meet some of the children, and speak with staff and members of the school community.

What struck me most was the happy, caring atmosphere and the pride the children have in their school. It's clear that St. John's is a special place, where children are nurtured, supported, and encouraged to do their best every day. The children were all so friendly and polite and I really enjoyed chatting to them throughout the day.

As I prepare to join you as the new headteacher, I'm really looking forward to getting to know you and your children properly, and to working together to continue building a school where every child feels valued and excited to learn.

Thank you once again for such a lovely introduction. I'm excited about the journey ahead and feel very lucky to be joining such a fantastic community.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs C McGeehan

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.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Ivy

Reception: Aithan, Raul, Zainab

Year 1: Tommy, Sefania, Annilya

Year 2: Oran, Evangeline, Elsie

Year 3: Inioluwa, Ethan, Evelyn

Year 4: Audrey, Mala, Henry

Year 5: Sean, Isabella C, Rehen

Year 6: *On transition to secondary schools*

Key Dates

Wednesday 9 th July	Year 1 class assembly – all invited 9:05am
Friday 11 th July	Colour Run! More details to follow
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 27th June 2025 (we always report a week behind)

EYFS	97.2%	Year One	97.1%
Year Two	97.7%	Year Three	100%
Year Four	98.4%	Year Five	96.2%
Year Six	94%	Whole School	97.2%

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:

Caleb – 8th July

John-Paul – 9th July

Gilroy – 11th July

Isabella B – 13th July



House Points

Total including sports day results...

Earth: 20,211

Fire: 19,954

Water: 21,139

Air: 21,134

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

Class News

Take a look at what we have been up to in our classes...

Our Year 6s have been spending time at their new secondary schools this week – we hope they have all had a wonderful time getting ready for their next chapter!



Year 4 have worked incredibly hard to prepare for their class assembly, which focused on the important theme of perseverance. They delivered a thoughtful and engaging performance, and we couldn't be prouder.

A special highlight was their beautiful rendition of *Lean on Me*, sung with heart and harmony. The smiles on their faces during the residential film brought so much joy to everyone watching — a true celebration of friendship, resilience, and teamwork.

Well done, Year 4 — we are so very proud of you!



Having being inspired by our amazing musicians performing in this week's concert, Early Years have been enjoying music making inside and outside. It is great to see the children using the skills we have been practising-clapping a rhythm, keeping a steady beat. Playing the glockenspiels is very good for hand eye co-ordination and some of the children are becoming very skilled with the beaters!



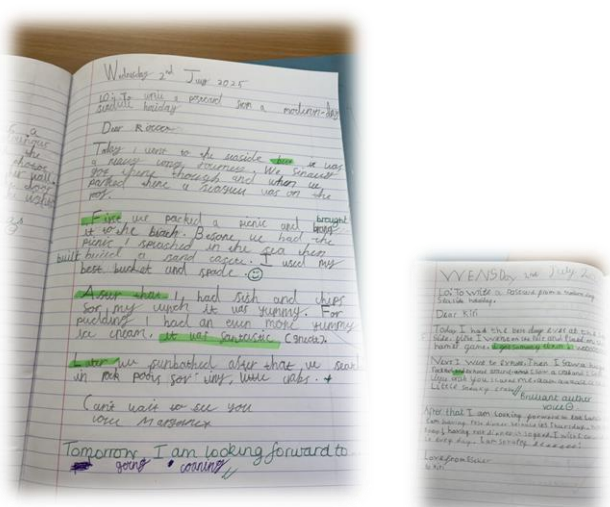
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Year 3 First Holy Communion – what a beautiful day!

🚤 🌊 Year 2 have been busy exploring how seaside holidays have changed! We have been incredibly engaged in a non-fiction text during our English lessons and have gathered various facts and information to inform us about what holidays were like in the past compared to today. We have drafted and published some fantastic postcards - even including past and present tense! We are excited to create leaflets to showcase our learning and make our own beach huts to finalise our 'Coastline' topic next week! 🌊 🚤



Year 5 have been busy exploring Ancient Greek pottery and designing their own versions – and they've been amazing! Using watercolours and oil pastels, they created striking 2D resist images full of detail, including dancers and athletes.



Next up: turning their designs into real clay vases! Some of the details might need simplifying (clay tools aren't quite as precise as paintbrushes!), but we can't wait to see how their ideas come to life in 3D.

This week in Year 1, we have been wonderfully creative and musical! We began the week with the whole school concert, where we showcased our amazing singing, beautiful piano playing, and fantastic guitar performances. It was a joyous event and a real treat to hear everyone's musical talents. Continuing the musical theme, we've also been busy practising for our final class assembly, which will take place next Wednesday at 9:05am. We're very excited to share our school day experiences with you all! To finish the week, we have been working on a special art project to remember our fantastic year in Year 1.

