



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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It's been another busy week for all at St. John's. Our Year 6s are finalising their props and rehearsing for their up and coming end of year production! The school celebrated International Week this week where each class researched and learnt about a continent. From learning the Haka, tasting an array of foods and creating artistic pieces, the children have immersed themselves in their learning about the wider world they live in. A huge thank you to parents who contributed to this by making food or bringing food in for the children to eat – the week couldn't have happened without Miss Callan preparing everything for the classes – thank you! Early Years came together with parents, to bid a fond farewell to Reception as they move into Key Stage 1. The graduation ceremony was a lovely way to reflect on their time in Early Years over the years. A big congratulations to Gracie, Jakub and Jackson who recently represented our school at the NOSSP Primary Quadkids Finals! Having qualified through an earlier round, their place at the finals was already a fantastic achievement – and they certainly rose to the occasion. The competition saw them take part in a range of events, including sprinting, jumping and throwing, and all three gave it their all with great enthusiasm and determination. We're incredibly proud of their effort, team spirit and positive attitude throughout the day. A special congratulations goes to Jakub, who finished 4th overall with an outstanding score – an amazing individual performance! Well done to Gracie, Jakub and Jackson for representing our school so brilliantly They all achieved Silver Awards! 🏆 🏆 🏆



Enjoy the sunny 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.

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Thank you Mrs Avilez and Mr Mawn for your tireless efforts in organising so many sporting events for us this year – we are so proud of ourselves!



Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following people who received awards this week:

Nursery: Andrei

Reception: Ella, Purvika, Zack

Year 1: Harry, Neso, Lucas

Year 2: Elvis, Rocco, Margaret

Year 3: Caleb, Ethan, Ruby

Year 4: Felicity, Comfort, Jesse, Anton

Year 5: Amanda, Meeval, Jimmy

Year 6: Mourad, Arianne, Max

Key Dates

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 18 th July	School finishes for summer 1:30pm No wraparound care available
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET Day for staff – school closed
Monday 1 st September	INSET Day for staff – school closed
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET Day for staff – school closed
Wednesday 3 rd September	School reopens at 8:40am
Thursday 4 th September	Whole School Mass at School – all welcome 10:30am

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:



Ivy – 15th July

Emilia – 16th July

Musa – 17th July

Flo – 17th July



Congratulations to the winning house this year; **WATER!** Well done to all of those who have earned points for their house – your efforts have not gone unnoticed!

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