



# St. John's RC Primary School

Love one another, as I have loved you

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## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we begin this new half-term, we have a number of meaningful and exciting events taking place across the school.

During November, we observe the Month of All Souls, a time to remember and pray for loved ones who have passed away. We invite families to send in the names of those they would like included in our Catholic Life books, which will be placed in our sacred space and used during our prayers and reflections throughout the month.

This week, Year 3 enjoyed class mass at St. John's church, where they represented the school beautifully, with reverence and enjoyed time for reflection.

A group of pupils from KS2 took part in the KS2 Football Tournament this was a fantastic opportunity to represent the school and enjoy some healthy competition. We are extremely proud of their determination and sportsmanship.

This week, we launched Walk to School Week, encouraging healthy, active lifestyles and a cleaner environment. Our special Walk to School Week Assembly highlighted the benefits of walking for us and our environment. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

We look forward to a half-term filled with learning, reflection, and community spirit.

Have a wonderful weekend.



With warmest wishes,  
Mrs McGeehan

### **Loving God,**

Today we thank You for all the saints in heaven.

They loved You and followed Jesus  
with joyful and faithful hearts.

Help us to be like them  
to be kind, loving, and brave,  
to make good choices,  
and to share Your light with others.

May the example of the saints  
inspire us to live holy lives  
so that one day we may be with You in heaven too.

**We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

# Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance for the week is: 95.1%. Our current attendance sits just below our target of **96%**, and while this is close, every day really does make a difference to your child's learning and progress. Regular attendance helps children build strong friendships, develop good learning habits, and make the most of every opportunity our school has to offer. Even a few missed days can add up over the term, so we truly appreciate your efforts in ensuring your child is in school on time and ready to learn each day.

Let's keep working together to reach and hopefully exceed our 96% goal in the weeks ahead. With your continued support, I'm confident we can do it!

★ The class with the highest attendance, at 100%, this week is Nursery ★

## Anti-Bullying Week.

As part of **Anti-Bullying Week**, we will be taking part in **Odd Socks Day** on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. This is a fun and simple way for children to celebrate what makes us all unique by wearing odd socks to school!

There's no need to buy anything new just find two different socks to wear on the day! Odd Socks Day is a great opportunity to start conversations with children about kindness, acceptance, and celebrating our differences. It also helps reinforce the important message that **bullying is never okay**.

Throughout the week, children will be taking part in a range of age-appropriate activities and discussions focused on respect, inclusion, and standing up for one another.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting a safe, positive, and inclusive school environment.



## **Oracy Question of the week**

Bonfire Night (5th) If you were a firework, what colour and shape would you be, and what funny noise would you make?

# Switch off fortnight

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St. John's are taking part in Switch off Fortnight this year which takes places between 10th and 23rd November. The focus is all about doing our bit to conserve energy and think about ways we can save energy and not waste energy. Our eco-warriors will be creating posters to display around the school to raise the profile of this important cause too. Our message for the fortnight is super simple: if you're not using it, switch it off! We are hoping this will help to form new habits so that we are more considerate about what we are using and turning things off when they aren't in use!

Please note that our office staff may be on duty over lunchtimes. If you call the school during this time and are unable to reach someone directly, please leave a voicemail or send an email. We will respond to your message as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

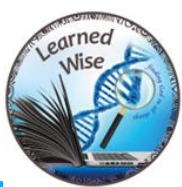


## Certificates and Celebrations



### This week's awards go to

EYFS Nursery Reception	Mia Parker
Year 1	Christopher
Year 2	Manahil
Year 3	Evelyn
Year 4	Gibiyon
Year 5	Mollie
Year 6	Macey
Headteachers Award	Year 5
Attendance Award	Nursery
Wrap Around Care	Lucas



# Catholic Life



This term's values are:

## ***Autumn 2: learned and wise.***

**Learned:** learning how God wants us to live our lives  
Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us. We learn many new things each day. By reading the Bible, listening to our teachers and listening to our hearts, we learn more of what God wants.

**Wise:** knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice.

God is always with us and hoping that we will live our lives in the right way, following the teachings of Jesus.

## ***November***

As we enter the Month of All Souls this November, we take time as a school community to remember and pray for those who have died our loved ones, friends, and members of our wider community.

We invite you to send in the names of those you have loved and lost so that we can include them in our Catholic Life Prayer books. This book will be placed in our sacred space throughout November, and your loved ones will be held in our prayers during class reflections and assemblies.

Please feel free to email or send the names in with your child by Monday 10th November.

This tradition helps us to honour the memory of those who have gone before us and to support one another in faith and love.

## ***Chaplaincy Team***

This week the chaplaincy team met to review our class questionnaires on Catholic Life. It was great to see how much the classes enjoyed worship and knew that our missions each week are to support us in becoming stewards of creation. One of our questions was based around St. John and the chaplaincy team decided it would be a great idea to have a 'St. John's Day' where we can celebrate the life of our school Saint. We are now working on ideas for this. We also discussed our visit to Green Pastures Nursing Home next week, where we will continue to build community links and bring joy to the residents.

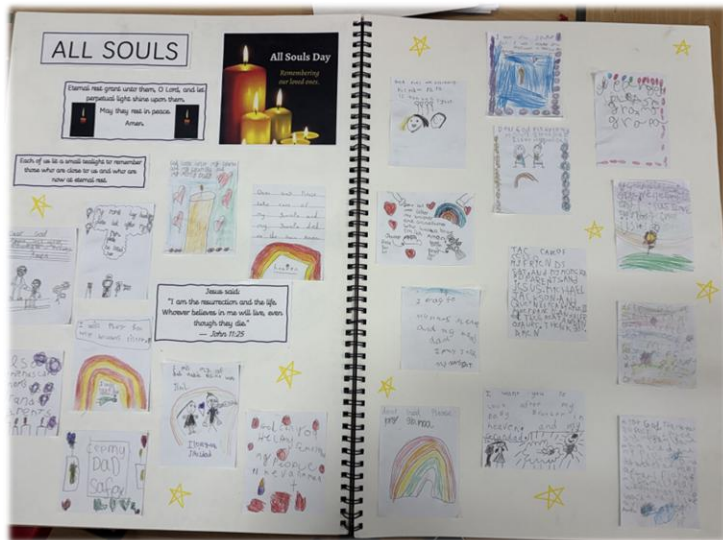
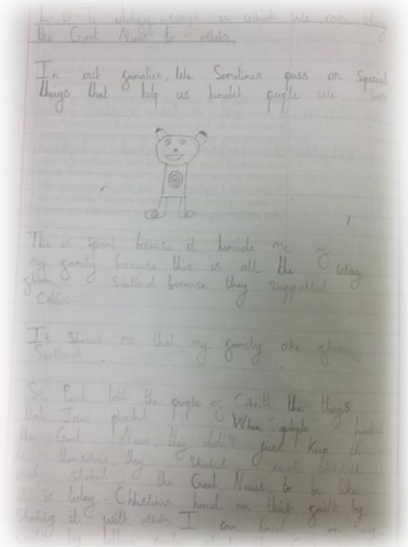
# St. John's in Pictures



We've had a fantastic first week back in Year 1! Here we are enjoying our very first PE lesson, practising our ball skills. 🏐



Year 4 have been learning all about the Good News and have considered ways we can pass on our faith through our actions and words



This week in year 3 we have been learning about the bones in the human body! We had great fun learning about this with the help of Gerald!

The children in Year 2 joined in with an incredibly thoughtful Collective Worship this week - all around All Souls 🕯️. We recognised why All Souls is a special time and each of us remembered someone special who we would like to pray for. The children wrote special prayers and thoughtful notes for our Catholic Life Journal 😊



## 🚲 Year 5 Shine at Bikeability! 🚲

What a fantastic week it's been for our Year 5 pupils taking part in Bikeability! From learning how to signal safely to mastering those tricky turns, everyone showed brilliant focus, determination, and enthusiasm.

We were so proud to see so many confident cyclists out and about, putting their new skills into practice. The instructors were full of praise for how sensible, polite, and positive the children were — even when faced with a few wobbles and some unpredictable British weather!

Well done, Year 5 you've pedalled your way to success! Keep those helmets on, bikes in good shape, and enjoy cycling safely wherever you go! ☀️



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for helping to improve the car parking. The new gates have made a real difference in keeping our children safe.

## Important dates

Key Dates	
November	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Class Assembly- All welcome 09.15 Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Chaplaincy Team to visit Green Pastures Nursing home
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass at St. Johns
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery and Reception New Parents Opening Morning 10:00
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Poppins theatre trip
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Multi-Skills at BGN
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	NCHMP Reception and Year 6
December	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Kilvrough Trip until Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Christmas Production 17:00
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Production 09:30
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Carol Concert St John's Church 17:00
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Craft Afternoon 14:30
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Advent Mass Christmas Dinner Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of Term-school closes at 13.00</b>