



# St. John's RC Primary School

'Love one another, as I have loved you'

Week commencing: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## Prayer

This week, in our mission assembly, we reflected on the story of Doubting Thomas.

Lord Jesus,

You did not turn away Thomas when he doubted, but met him with patience, understanding, and love.

In moments when our faith feels weak and questions fill our hearts, help us to remember that you are always near. Give us courage to seek you honestly, and trust that you welcome us just as we are.

Like Thomas, may we move from doubt to belief, from uncertainty to faith, and from fear to a deeper trust in you.

Bless our school community, that we may support one another in faith and kindness, and grow together in your love each day.

Amen.

## This Week's Mission

Thomas didn't believe that Jesus Christ had risen until he saw Him himself. But when he finally did, he believed strongly.

**Asking questions is okay** - God understands when we don't fully understand.

**Believe when you see goodness** - Trust in what is true and loving.

**Faith can grow** - Even if you doubt at first, you can still become strong in faith.

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays!

It has been a wonderful start to the summer term, and it has been a pleasure to see the children return refreshed, settled, and ready to learn. They have quickly re-established their routines and are already working incredibly hard—something we are very proud of.

Our sporting drive continues to flourish. This week, our Year 6 girls represented the school in a football match against Christopher Rawlins, demonstrating great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship.

Meanwhile, our Forest School programme is in full swing, with Year 3 making the most of the outdoor environment and enjoying a variety of hands-on learning experiences. These sessions continue to be a highlight, fostering curiosity, resilience, and a love of nature.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and productive week ahead and wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McGeehan

# Catholic Life



## Our Parish

Holy Mass Times & Confessions in Banbury

### ST JOHN'S CHURCH.

Saturday 10am Holy Mass, 10.30-11am Confessions

Saturday 4.00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday

Sunday 8.30am Holy Mass

Sunday 11.30am Holy Mass

Monday 9.30 am Holy Mass

Thursday 6.30pm Holy Mass

Friday 9.30am Holy Mass

Friday 6pm Stations of the Cross during lent

### ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH:

10.00am Sunday Holy Mass

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Mass

Wednesday 9.30am Morning prayer and Benediction

## Lourdes Pilgrimage

Over the Easter Holidays, Miss Callan travelled on pilgrimage to Lourdes with staff and students from across the PFMAC. While there, a candle was lit for the staff and students across all schools in the PFMAC, which will burn for the next four months, as we keep our students who will be sitting exams in our prayers.



## Virtues and Values

Values for this half term are:



Pupils are growing to be grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

## Easter Mass

You are warmly invited to join us for Mass to be held in the school hall on Thursday, 30th April at 9:30am. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in reflection and celebration of the Easter season.

We would be delighted to see as many of you as possible there, sharing this meaningful occasion with our pupils and staff.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you.

## Shepherds Pause



We warmly invite all parents, carers and parishioners to join us for our next *Shepherds Pause* café, a gentle opportunity to gather, reflect, and share in fellowship. This special time will be led by the chaplaincy team from St. John's and St. Joseph's.

The café will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School on Tuesday 21st April at 2:00pm.

Please do come along—we would be delighted to welcome you.

# Celebrations



## Certificates

Nursery	Toby
Reception	Netti
Year 1	Rex
Year 2	Catherine
Year 3	Miles
Year 4	Matthew
Year 5	Ryan
Year 6	Liliana and Zion
Headteachers Award	Year 3
Attendance Award	Nursery with 100% ★
Wrap Around	Nadia

## House Points – The Winning House this week is...



## Sports Report



On Wednesday, our girls' football team played against Christopher Rawlins in challenging weather conditions. With no substitutes available, the girls showed fantastic determination and resilience throughout the match.



They worked hard for one another, demonstrating great teamwork and spirit from start to finish. Despite a 2–0 loss, the team gave their all and should be very proud of their efforts. We look forward to their next match on Wednesday!

# Community Page



**30th MAY**  
⌚ 11:00am

FAMILY THEATRE

**THE VERY BUSY BUMBLEBEE**

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BELOVED BY CHILDREN AND PARENTS  
Not Old Miss

Dr. Seuss' **THE CAT IN THE HAT**

**4th JUN**  
⌚ 02:00pm

FAMILY THEATRE

CHARMING, PLAYFUL  
JUST BRILLIANT

**THE CAT IN THE HAT**

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Local shows at The Mill, Banbury.

## LOCK 29



## GROUP DOG WALK WITH TAILS ON THE TRAILS

17 / 05 / 2026 | 10:45

**GET ACTIVE IN**  
Banbury Town Council  
**PARKS**

**SPICEBALL PARK**  
Weekly Parkrun  
Saturdays from 9am

**PEOPLE'S PARK**  
Park Tennis  
Sundays, 11am - 12pm

**Junior Parkrun**  
Sundays from 9am

**PLAYZONE - Princess Diana Park**  
Premier League Kicks Banbury Year 9 - 13  
Every Friday 6:30pm - 8pm

**PLAYZONE - Chandos Close**  
Football School 4 - 11 years  
Schools 3pm - 4pm  
Women's Walking Football  
Tuesdays 4pm - 7pm  
Banbury Motorbans - Men's Walking Football  
4pm - 6pm



**Community LARDER**

Our community Larder is open Monday to Friday 9:30am to 5:30pm.

Donations are always welcome.



# Health and Wellbeing

Beezee Families is a free, fun and family-focused programme that helps you build healthy habits that last.

- Get inspired to create simple, nutritious snacks and meals as a family.
- Benefit from expert advice delivered by our coaches and nutritionists.
- Get moving every week with fun games and activities.
- Enjoy discovering new ways to live healthily

All the programmes are run by the same expert team of family wellbeing specialists and nutritionists. The sessions can be online or in person. Online, participants will play games like musical statues or be led through home workouts, whereas the in-person participants will play team games like dodgeball or take part in activities like archery.

Whichever option, you will be given a dedicated family nutritionist and have the chance to connect with other families on your course.

Find out more at <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk/beezee-families/>



# Attendance



This week, in our first week back after Easter, our whole-school attendance was just below our target at 95%.

Well done to Nursery, who achieved an excellent 100% attendance and are our winning class - what a fantastic start to the term!

The summer term is filled with exciting events and provides a valuable opportunity for children to build on what they have already learned as they prepare for the next year group. Being in school every day and arriving on time will make a huge difference to their progress and confidence.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

## Attendance Ladder



# Dates for the Diary

Below is an overview of the events planned for the Summer terms. Please note that events may be subject to change, so we encourage you to check our communications regularly for any updates. If changes are necessary, we will always aim to give as much notice as possible.

Our Celebration Assembly takes place every Friday morning at 9:10am. Parents and carers of children who have achieved a certificate are warmly invited to attend. You will be notified in advance if your child is receiving an award.

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Date	Overview	Information
<b>April</b>		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 Class Assembly	School hall 9:10am
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Y6 Football Match	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 First Confessions	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Workshop – English Reading and Writing	School hall 2:30pm. Presentation followed by year group information from teachers
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Y5 Class Saint Day – St Therese of Lisieux	
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School Easter Mass	School hall 9:30am
<b>May</b>		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Multiplication Check Parent Meeting	Y4 classroom at 3:00pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Photos	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATS Week begins	
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Mass	School hall 10:30am

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Date	Overview	Information
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATS Week	
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	May Procession 2:15pm	Please can all children bring 1 single flower with them to school.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Parent Open Afternoon	Parents and Carers are invited to classrooms at 3:00pm
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Y4 Youlbury Residential	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Term 5	
<b>June</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Checks begin	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Class Assembly	School hall 9:10am
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 trip to St. John's Museum	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Multi-Faith Fortnight begins	
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception New Parents morning – Stay and Play session	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Share a story afternoon (Father's Day)	Parents are Carers are invited to classrooms at 2:50pm
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y3 First Holy Communion at St. John's Church	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	EYFS Father's Day Assembly	School hall 9:10am
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Whole School SPORTS DAY!	There will be a picnic with your children at 12:00pm.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Rabbi Visit and Workshops for KS2	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Cotswold Man made Beach Visit	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Transition Week	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	SPORTS DAY – back up date	

# Our Week in Photos



In Year 1 Phonics and Fruit this week, we had lots of fun playing the “Magic e” game to practise our split digraphs. The children enjoyed discovering how the silent “e” changes the sound of words, helping them with both reading and spelling. It was a fun and engaging way to build confidence with these tricky sounds! 🌟 ✨



🏏️ 🏏️ In PE this week we have been getting to grips with our batting skills in cricket! some future Freddie Flintoff's in the mix in Year 3. 🏏️ 🏏️



EYFS were fantastic at continuing Forest School - lots of climbing up hills and sliding down on bottoms, finding huge sticks, tree climbing, rock hunting, slipping, tripping and falling! 🌳



🎹 🥳 A HUGE well done to Marta and Amanda in Year 6 for their musical talents. We were so proud to award you with your certificates in assembly this week – you are amazing! 🎹 🥳

## Oracy Question of the Week

World Art Day (15<sup>th</sup>) Is art more about showing feelings or telling a story?

# PTFA

We really need your help!

Our PTFA is struggling to keep things moving, and without more volunteers, we simply won't be able to run the events and activities that make such a difference for our children.

We have some exciting upcoming events, including a Father's Day stall and our Summer Fete - but we need more hands to make them happen!

Getting involved doesn't have to be a big commitment - even small contributions make a huge impact. You could help by:

- Gathering raffle prizes
- Volunteering at a specific event
- Sharing ideas or contacts
- Helping behind the scenes when you can

Every bit of support counts, and the more people we have, the lighter the load for everyone. If you've ever enjoyed a school event or want to help create more opportunities for our children, please consider getting involved. Please email [ptfa@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk) and let us know how you can help - we'd love to have you on board!