



Week commencing: 4th May 2026

Prayer

Dear Jesus,
Thank You for loving me and taking
care of me.
When I feel scared or worried, help me
to trust You.
You are the way, the truth, and the life
-
please show me how to follow You each
day.
Help me to be kind,
to tell the truth,
and to love others like You do.
Stay with me and guide me always.
Amen.

This Week's Mission

In this week's Gospel of John 14:1–12, Jesus spoke to His friends when they felt worried and confused. He gives them (and us) a special mission:

"Trust Jesus, follow His way, and show His love every day."



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and carers,

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful week, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable bank holiday weekend with your families.

Year 5 had an exciting and enriching visit to Science Oxford, where they explored hands-on activities and deepened their curiosity about the world around them. Experiences like these really bring learning to life.

We also took time to celebrate the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. This afternoon, our Eco-Warriors led a truly lovely and thoughtful assembly in honour of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to reflect on the importance of caring for our planet and the role we can all play in protecting it. The children spoke with confidence and passion, sharing important messages about sustainability and environmental responsibility. It was clear how much effort had gone into preparing such a meaningful assembly.

A big thank-you to Miss Sykes and our dedicated Eco-Warrior team for their hard work and commitment in making this such a special occasion.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish you all a restful weekend ahead.

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

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.

May Procession

We warmly invite parents to join us on **Monday 18th May** for our Marian Celebrations.

This is always a special and prayerful occasion in the life of our school, as we come together to honour Our Lady through reflection, song and a joyful procession.

Please may all children bring one flower with them on Monday 18th May. These will then be combined to make bouquets for the procession. Parents are welcome to attend our afternoon celebration, beginning at 2:15pm, followed by our Marian procession. It is a lovely opportunity to share in this meaningful tradition with your child and our school community.

We look forward to celebrating together and thank you, as always, for your continued support.



🕯️ You are warmly invited to join us for our school Mass celebrating the Feast of the Ascension on **Thursday 14th June at 2:00pm in the school hall.**

The Feast of the Ascension is a special time in the Church's calendar when we remember Jesus returning to His Father in Heaven and the promise of His continued presence with us. It is an important opportunity for us, as a school family, to come together in prayer, reflection and thanksgiving. 🕯️

We look forward to celebrating with you.

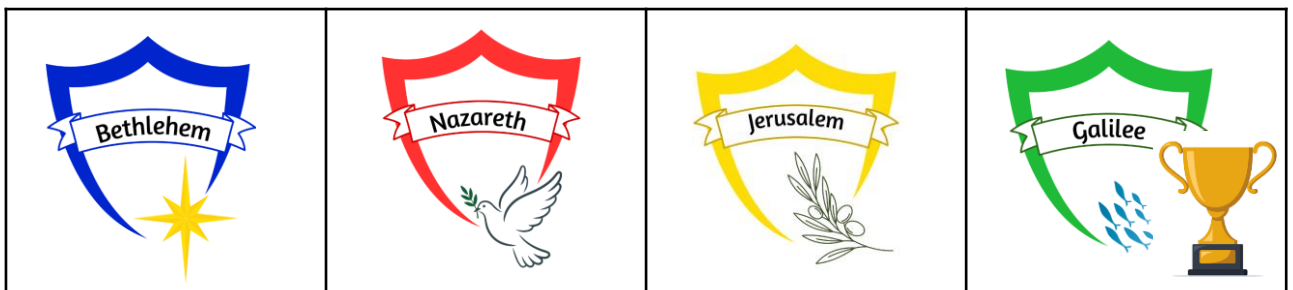
Celebrations



Certificates

Nursery Reception	
Year 1	
<p>Double Certificates are coming next week... 🌟😊</p>	
Headteachers Award	
Attendance Award	
Wrap Around	

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



★ A message for Year 6...

As our Year 6 pupils approach their SATs next week, we would like to wish them all the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and resilience they have shown throughout the year.

Remember, these tests are just one moment in your journey, and you have already achieved so much. Believe in yourselves, stay calm, and do your best - you are more than ready! 🌟😊😊😊

Most importantly, we hope you have a restful and enjoyable weekend, giving yourselves time to relax and recharge.

Good luck, Year 6 - you've got this and are super stars! 🌟🌟

Community Page

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Green Planet are our Forest School Provider at school. They provide jam-packed, fun holiday camps across May half term and the Summer Holidays! 🌲 🌲 🌲

May Half Term Holiday Clubs Now Booking!

Our ever popular Forest School holiday clubs are available to book and come with our *Best Day Ever guarantee!*

Open to any child, from any school/home ed/AP, from any area.

Book their Best Day Ever right here!

Activities include:

- Shelter building
- Mini-beast hunting and nature walks
- Crafts like whittling and weaving
- Campfire building, lighting and cooking
- High ropes, swings and hammocks in the trees
- Use of tools like hammers, knives and axes
- Mud kitchen fun!

If you would like more information, please access info@green-planet.co.uk or click the link to the booking page - <https://www.green-planet.co.uk/holiday-clubs>

SHARON GREEN ACADEMY OF THEATRE & DANCE

Let's HAVE Fun!

28th, 29th May 7:30pm
& 30th May 2:00pm & 7:30pm
@ Wykham Theatre, Wykham Park Academy

TICKETS NOW ON SALE
<https://www.ticketsource.com/sharon-green-dance-academy>

BELOVED BY CHILDREN AND PARENTS
Revised Edition

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

4th
JUN
@ 02:00pm

FAMILY
THEATRE

CHARMING,
PLAYFUL
The Stage

JUST
BRILLIANT
Reviewers

THE CAT IN THE HAT

FIND OUT MORE BOOK NOW

SEND



On Wednesday 13th May at 2.30pm we will be having a Coffee and Connect Afternoon. ☕

Michael Parker from the SENSS Communication and Interaction Team will be joining us to answer any questions that you may have about the Zones of Regulation approach that we use in school to support understanding emotions.

We hope to see you there.

Attendance



This week, our whole-school attendance was 96% - meeting our target. Let's see if we can continue this and even exceed it across the summer term.

👑 Well done to Year 5, who achieved an excellent 98% attendance this week and are our winning class. 🎉

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly.

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.

YN	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	All
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Date	Overview	Information
May		
Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATS Week begins	
Tuesday 12 th May	EYFS Trip to Warriner Farm	
Wednesday 13 th May	SEND - Coffee and Connect with Michael Parker	School hall 2:30pm
Thursday 14 th May	Ascension Mass – Whole school	School hall 2:00pm – new timing!
Friday 15 th May	Non- School Uniform Day!	Children to wear non-uniform and bring a bottle donation for our school Fete!
Friday 15 th May	Guitar Concert for Parents	
Monday 18 th May	Walk to School Week	
Monday 18 th May	KS1 - Year 2 SATS Week begins	
Monday 18 th May	Y4 Class Assembly	School hall 9:05am
Monday 18 th May	May Procession 2:15pm	Please can all children bring 1 single flower with them to school.
Wednesday 20 th May	Parent Open Afternoon	Parents and Carers are invited to classrooms at 3:00pm

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Thursday 21 st - Friday 22 nd May	Y4 Youlbury Residential	
Friday 22 nd May	KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	
	Fire fighter visit	
Friday 22 nd May	Second Hand Uniform Sale	PTFA event - School hall 3:30pm
Friday 22 nd May	End of Term 5	
June		
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day – no children in school	
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y4 Multiplication Checks begin	
Monday 9 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week	
Monday 15 th June	Y6 Class Assembly	School hall 9:10am
Monday 15 th June	Y1 trip to St. John's Museum	
Monday 15 th June	Multi-Faith Fortnight begins	
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception New Parents morning – Stay and Play session	
Friday 19 th June	Share a story afternoon (Father's Day)	Parents are Carers are invited to classrooms at 2:50pm
Saturday 20 th June	Y3 First Holy Communion at St. John's Church	
Monday 22 nd June	EYFS Father's Day Assembly	School hall 9:10am
Tuesday 23 rd June	Whole School SPORTS DAY!	Picnic at 12:00pm
Wednesday 24 th June	Rabbi Visit and Workshops for KS2	
Friday 26 th June	Year 2 Cotswold Man made Beach Visit	More information to follow
Monday 29 th June	Y6 Transition Week	
Monday 29 th June	Year 1 and Year 2 Meet the Teacher Afternoon (transition)	Meetings will take place in pupil's new classes at 3:00pm. More information to follow.
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 3 and 4 Meet the Teacher Afternoon (transition)	Meetings will take place in pupil's new classes at 3:00pm. More information to follow.

July

Thursday 2 nd July	Year 5 and 6 Meet the Teacher Afternoon (transition)	Meetings will take place in pupil's new classes at 3:00pm. More information to follow.
Friday 3 rd July	St. John's Summer Fete!	
Monday 6 th July	Nutrition Afternoon for KS2 and Parents	More information to follow
Wednesday 8 th July	Whole School Sports Festival	More information to follow
Wednesday 8 th July	Parent Open Afternoon	
Friday 10 th July	Y5 Brass Concert	School hall 9:00am
Monday 13 th July	Y6 Leavers Play Dress Rehearsal	
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers Play to Parents	School hall 5:30pm
Thursday 16 th July	Leaver's Mass	School hall 9:30am
Friday 17 th July	Leaver's Assembly	School hall 9:05am

St. John's Nursery

We're pleased to let you know that we still have spaces available in our Nursery for September 2026.



If you're looking for a warm, nurturing, and stimulating environment for your child, now is a wonderful time to join our school community. As a Catholic school, our Nursery is rooted in faith and values, where we encourage children to grow in love, kindness, and respect for one another, following the teaching: "Love one another, as I have loved you." We are also now accepting applications for our January 2027 and April 2027 intakes.

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

Our Week in Photos



Year 5 had a wonderful visit to Science Oxford this week! 🔍 🧪 🔭

The children were inspired through engaging and practical activities!



Our EYFS children love their Wednesday Woods – they have been exploring and hunting for minibeasts this week!



Oracy Question of the Week 🗨️

Victory in Europe Day (8th) Is it more important to remember wars or to focus on peace and friendship?

Parent Open Afternoon

We are delighted to invite you to our upcoming *Showcase of Learning*, taking place on **Wednesday 20th May**.

On this special afternoon, our school gates will open earlier than usual at 3:00pm. You are warmly invited to visit your child's classroom, where you will have the opportunity to explore their work from this term. In particular, you will be able to view their double-page spreads, which highlight the depth and creativity of their learning.

In addition, each class will be sharing performance poetry, offering a wonderful chance to celebrate pupils' confidence, expression, and progress.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to share in this celebration of learning.