



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of Jesus,
and for the hope we celebrate on Ascension
Thursday.

Help us to remember that even though Jesus
returned to heaven,

He is always with us in our hearts.

Guide us to follow His example,
to be kind, loving, and helpful to others each
day.

Give us courage to share Your love
with our friends, family, and everyone we
meet.

Help us to trust in Your plan for us
and to know that we are never alone.

Amen.

This Week's Mission

This week we came together
as a school community to
celebrate mass for
Ascension Thursday.

Jesus asks us to continue
His work by the way we live
each day. Even small acts
of kindness and love can
make a big difference.



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our Year 6 pupils completed their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination, and resilience they have shown throughout the week. They approached each day with focus and positivity, and we know they have done their very best.

Our EYFS children thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Warriner Farm. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to explore the outdoors, learn more about animals and the environment, and bring their learning to life in such an engaging way.

On Wednesday, we held our Coffee and Connect session for parents and carers. It was lovely to see members of our school community come together, share experiences, and enjoy some informal time in a welcoming environment. We also came together as a whole school to celebrate Mass for the Ascension. This was a special time for reflection and community, and it was wonderful to share this occasion with the children.

As part of our preparations for the school fete in July, we held a non-uniform day alongside a "bring a bottle" donation. Thank you very much for your generosity and support, which will help make the fete a success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a restful 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

🎷 🎵 A huge thank you to all those children who sang at Mass so beautifully on Sunday. Many parishioners remarked on how reverent and joyful you sounded.

This week, 14 of our oldest choir members also attended Leonard Cheshire Homes, where they did a fantastic job of entertaining the residents with a wide variety of songs. Every choir member was engaged and each performed so professionally. 🎷 🎵



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.



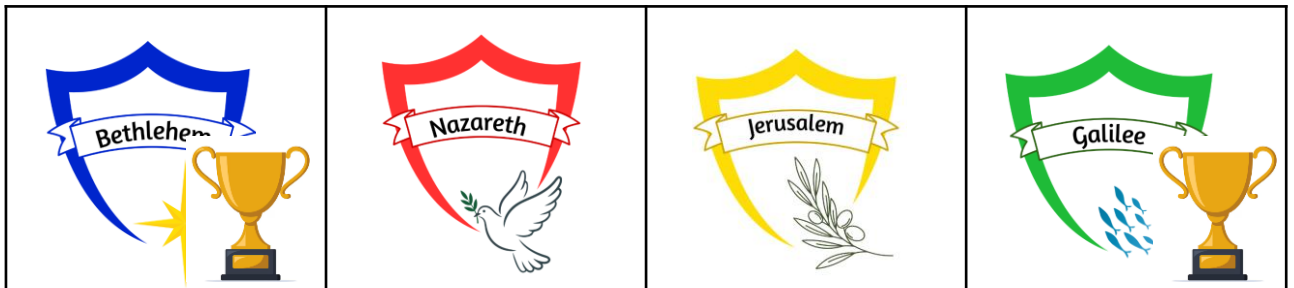
Celebrations



Certificates – This week we celebrated double certificates.

Nursery	Josie and Damian
Reception	Canon and Joey
Year 1	Parvika and Aithan
Year 2	Ugo and Miraya
Year 3	Oran and Elsie
Year 4	Hamilton and Ruby
Year 5	Charleigh and Sienna
Year 6	All of Year 6
Headteachers Award	Year 6
Attendance Award	Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6
Wrap Around	Olaf and Jessica

House Points – The Winning Houses this week are...



Year 6 – SATS are complete 🎉

Year 6 have approached each assessment with determination, mindfulness and a real sense of maturity, always striving to do their absolute best. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them, not only for their hard work, but also for the positive attitude and resilience they have shown throughout the week.

Well done, Year 6 — you have been absolutely amazing! You can now enjoy a well-deserved, fun-filled final few months of your primary school journey, making special memories together before the exciting next chapter begins ❤️

Community Page



**TENNIS
HALF TERM
CAMP**

**People's Park Tennis Courts
Tuesday 26th May 2026**

**10:30am - 12:30pm
(Registration at 10:15am)**

**With Qualified LTA Coach
Jenny Edwards**

**LTA
TENNIS
FOR BRITAIN**

**Cost: £5.00 per Child
Children Aged 5-10 yrs
Welcome**

**To book a place -
Email: info@banbury.gov.uk
or call 01295 250340**

**Banbury
Town Council**

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

GREEN PLANET FOREST SCHOOL

An S4A Group Company



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>

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!

Safety message



As always, the safety of our children, families and staff is our highest priority. We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care during drop-off and pick-up times by driving slowly, parking considerately and remaining mindful of pedestrians and other vehicles around the school site and neighbouring roads.

These are often very busy times of day, and a little extra patience and caution can make a significant difference in helping us keep everyone safe and avoid any accidents. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring our school community remains a safe environment for all.

Attendance



Attendance continues to be something we are working hard on across our school, and I am delighted to share that we have met our target of 96% attendance this week. Thank you to all families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Let's see if we can beat this figure in the final week of our first summer half term! Every day in school matters. Good attendance and punctuality support children's learning, help develop important social skills, and contribute positively to wellbeing and confidence.

A special congratulations goes to Year 6, Year 5 and Year 2, who all achieved an outstanding 99% attendance this week — a fantastic achievement.

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 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	BGN in to visit Year 6	
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
Thursday 21 st - Friday 22 nd May	Y4 Youlbury Residential	
Friday 22 nd May	KS1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	
	Fire fighter visit to school	
Friday 22 nd May	Second Hand Uniform Sale	PTFA event - School hall 3:30pm
Friday 22 nd May	End of Term 5 – Half term begins	
June		
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day – no children in school	

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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

Our Week in Photos





Our EYFS children enjoyed a trip to Warriner Farm this week. They had the chance to meet and feed many different animals and found out about life on the farm! 🐕 🐑 🐰



In preparation for our May procession, Year 5 have been looking at images of Mary in Art and through different mediums. Inspired by these, we chose what medium we would like to use and started creating. We learned how to draw folds in fabric and create neat crisp borders. The results were pretty impressive. We have also been writing Haikus which some of us will read at the assembly on Monday.

Oracy Question of the Week

International Nurses Day (12th)

Is it better to have doctors and nurses who work in hospitals or visit people at home?  

PTFA

Our upcoming Second-Hand Uniform Sale will take place on **Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm** in the school hall.

We have a fantastic selection of high-quality, pre-loved uniform items in excellent condition, with a wide range of sizes available. Prices start from just **50p**, making this a great opportunity to stock up on school uniform at very affordable prices.

Buying second hand uniform is not only budget-friendly, but also a great way to support sustainability. Please note that this event is **cash only**. We look forward to seeing you there!

St John's
Catholic Primary School

Love one another as I have loved you

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SALE

SAVE MONEY & BE SUSTAINABLE & SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

DATE: FRIDAY 22ND MAY 2026
 TIME: 3.30PM - 4.30PM
 LOCATION: SCHOOL HALL

- QUALITY PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS
- VARIOUS SIZES AVAILABLE
- AFFORDABLE PRICES FROM 50P
- CASH ONLY