



St. John's RC Primary School

'Love one another, as I have loved you'

Week commencing: 18th May 2026

Prayer

Dear Saint Bernadette,
You loved God with all your heart
and trusted Mary every day.
Help me to be kind, gentle, and brave.
Teach me to pray with faith
and to care for others with love.
Please ask Jesus and Mary
to bless my family and friends
and guide me always in God's light.
Amen.

This Week's Mission

This week, in their class assembly, Year 4 taught us about their class Saint, St. Bernadette.

"Like Saint Bernadette, I will pray, help others, and share God's love wherever I go."



Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the term.
This week, our Year 2 children have been working incredibly hard as they completed their KS1 SATs. We are very proud of the calm, positive attitude they have shown and the effort they have put into all of their assessments. Well done, Year 2!
The week began beautifully with Year 4 leading us in a thoughtful and prayerful assembly all about St Bernadette. This was followed by our whole-school May Procession, which was a lovely opportunity for us to come together in reflection and celebration during this special month of May.
On Wednesday afternoon, we welcomed many parents and carers into school for our half-termly Showcase of Learning. It was wonderful to see the children so excited to share their work and achievements with you. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the afternoon such a success.
Year 4 have also enjoyed an exciting residential visit to Youlbury on Thursday and Friday. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of outdoor and team-building activities, creating memories that will stay with them for years to come. A huge thank you to the staff who generously gave up their time to accompany and support the children on this trip.
As we look ahead to the final term of the academic year, we have many exciting events, activities and opportunities planned for the children, and we are looking forward to another wonderful term together.
We wish all of our families a safe, restful and enjoyable half term break.
Kind regards,
Mrs McGehan

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.

Shepherd's Pause

On Tuesday 2nd June, we will once again be hosting our Shepherd's Pause Café in partnership with St Joseph's School. We warmly welcome parishioners and families to share a cup of tea and take part in a range of activities together. It is a lovely opportunity to spend time together as a school and parish community, and we would be delighted to see you there.

Our Marian Procession

On Monday, we gathered as a school community to celebrate our Marian Procession in honour of Mary. It was a beautiful and joyful occasion, filled with prayer, song and reflection.

Throughout the celebration, we sang hymns dedicated to Mary, and each year group proudly shared the art, music and poetry they had prepared. Our May Queen carried out the special role of crowning Mary, while our Year 6 attendants reverently paraded Mary out to the playground. There, our Year 2 attendants lovingly laid flowers for Mary as a sign of devotion and gratitude.

We were delighted to welcome Father Phillip, along with families and parishioners, to join us for this special celebration. Thank you to everyone who attended where possible and for the beautiful flowers that were brought in for Mary. Your support helped make the occasion so memorable for our whole school community.



Celebrations



Certificates

Nursery	Leo and Qamorudeen
Reception	Parker and Lydia
Year 1	Oliver and Jason
Year 2	Whole Class and Marie-Bernadette
Year 3	Evie and Steven
Year 4	Adriel
Year 5	Henry and Mollie
Year 6	Sean and Aibel
Headteachers Award	Year 2 🏆
Attendance Award	Year 6 🏆
Wrap Around	Marthy

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



Sports Report



What a fantastic time we had on Friday at Banbury United for the Year 6 Post SATs Celebration event!

All three of our teams played brilliantly throughout the tournament, showing excellent teamwork, resilience and passion in every match. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying themselves and celebrating the end of their SATs after all their hard work.

A huge thank you to the parents and families who came along to support us. Having you there made such a difference to the atmosphere and helped make the day a truly special and memorable celebration for the children. Well done to everyone involved!



Community Page

Need a little extra support right now?

Oxfordshire's **Residents' Support Scheme** is here to help households across Oxfordshire with the cost of living.



Here for you, when you need it most.



The scheme may be able to help with:



Food and essentials



Energy and utility bills



Household items



Travel costs



Support for other essential costs



Find out more and check if you're eligible:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents-support-scheme



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Let's look out for each other and build a stronger Oxfordshire together.



WHO ARE WE?

We are a group of local PE teachers with decades of experience delivering high quality, enjoyable, inclusive Physical Education and Sport.

OUR GOAL

To provide a multi-sport holiday club where children experience a wide range of exciting activities and sports, helping them to develop skills, confidence and memories.

Dates & Cost

AGE	Primary School Aged (6-11 years)
DATE	Monday 3rd August - Friday 14th August
TIME	9am - 4pm
PRICE	£35 per child, per day
LOCATION	BGN School Sports Hall

CONTACT INFORMATION

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For updates & community, follow us on Facebook

We are proud to be supported by CATS! To find out our more and to see how you can help, scan the QR code below:



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PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026

BREWDOG

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free during half terms

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026.

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

Family Half Term Guide

<https://littleexplorers.com/oxford-weekend-family-half-term-guide/>

This website provides events going on throughout Oxford over May half term. The events are listed day-by-day and there may be some great opportunities for your families to access!

Attendance



I am delighted to share that this week our whole-school attendance has exceeded our target of 96%, reaching an excellent 97%. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the strong commitment of our pupils, families, and staff.

A special well done goes to our winning class this week - Year 6, who achieved an outstanding 99% attendance.

It is important to remember that when a child's attendance drops to 95%, this can equate to around 10 days of lost learning over the school year. Every day in school really does make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that children arrive at school every day and on time. Your efforts are greatly appreciated and have a real impact on your child's learning and progress. Let's see if we can continue this fantastic attendance into the final term of the academic year.

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
June		
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day – no children in school	
Tuesday 2 nd June	Y4 Multiplication Checks begin	
Tuesday 2 nd June	Shepherd's Pause	
Monday 8 th June	Restorative conversation workshop for parents	School hall
Monday 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week	
Wednesday 10 th June	Football Competition – World Cup	More information to follow.
Friday 12 th June	Non-school uniform day – children to wear a colour for their country – more info to come!	Donations of chocolates or teddy for summer fete tombola.
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 in school	Exhibition of work in the school hall at 3:30pm.
Tuesday 16 th June	Reception – Walk to Post Box	
Wednesday 17 th June	Reception New Parents morning – Stay and Play session	
Friday 19 th June	First Holy Communion Rehearsal at Church	

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June		
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. More information to follow.
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	Children's move up morning – time with new teacher	
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	
Thursday 9 th July	Rock Steady Concert!	School hall 9-10:00am
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



This week, we had a very exciting visitor in Year 1 who left behind a messy “crime scene” in our reading corner! There were porridge oats, different sized bowls, and chairs knocked over, giving us clues about what might have happened. The children quickly became detectives and worked out that it links to our new story, Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Today, they continued investigating and created some fantastic report questions. We are so proud of their curiosity and enthusiasm! 🧑‍🔬 ♂️ 📢



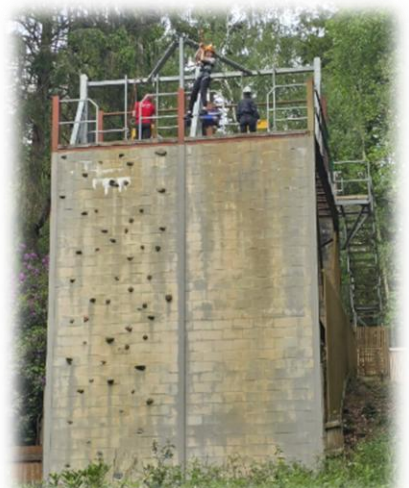
In RE, Year 6 have been exploring the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit that were given to the disciples at Pentecost.

Through thoughtful discussion, the children reflected on the meaning of giving gifts and considered the positive impact this can have on both the giver and the receiver. It was wonderful to see the children making links between faith, kindness and the importance of showing generosity and compassion in everyday life.



Year 4 shared a beautiful class assembly all about their class Saint. What a lovely start to our week!

Some of our wonderful Year 4 children have experienced the Youlbury Residential this week! They have taken part in many team-building activities and demonstrated marvellous resilience!



Oracy Question of the Week

What would your superpower be and why?





Help Please!

We are planning to revitalize our Early Years Home Corner for September. This is essentially a little piece of home at school and is a very popular area for roleplay and conversation. We want to celebrate our unique cultural diversity at St Johns and ensure that every child's experiences of homelife are reflected in this space and need your help to do this!

Please could you support us by doing any of the following:
Save and bring in empty boxes or packets of food stuff that your child would be used to seeing in at home. The children could play with these in the home corner 'kitchen'.

Bring in (or email to school office) a photo of items in your home that are special to your tradition or culture we could try and source similar items to play with.

Donate any soft furnishings- ornaments/cushions/fabrics for tablecloths that would make your child feel at home (nothing fragile or breakable please). Come in and show us some items that celebrate your home and traditions.

Help us make our Home Corner an inclusive and welcoming space where all children feel that their home experiences are reflected, valued and shared.





ROCK STEADY CONCERT



Mrs Trivett popped into a Rock Steady lesson on Thursday morning and was amazed at the progress that the children have already made- expectations of behaviour and musicality are high and the children were clearly developing so many musical skills. There are still band spaces available and if you are curious about how valuable this opportunity is, I would really recommend coming to listen to the showcase on July 9th 9-10am where each school band will be performing a song. After hearing the standard of the youngest children, I can't wait to hear what the rest of school are achieving in their lessons!

Thank you!
Mrs Trivett

Thank you Mrs Acanthe



As Mrs Acanthe begins her maternity leave, we wanted to take a moment to thank her for everything she has brought to St. John's. Mrs Acanthe has made an incredible contribution through her hard work, positivity, and dedication. While we will certainly miss her during the months ahead, we are so excited for her as she prepares for this new chapter with her growing family.