



Prayer

This week, Early Years led us in a beautiful assembly for Father's Day and the significant people in our lives.

Dear God,

Thank You for all the people who love us, care for us and help us every day. As we celebrate Father's Day, we thank You for our dads, grandads, stepdads and all the special people who look after us and help us to grow.

Help us to show them how much we love and appreciate them through our kind words and actions.

Thank You for being our loving Heavenly Father, always caring for us and guiding us wherever we go.

We pray for anyone who finds Father's Day difficult.

Help them to feel Your love, comfort and peace.

Bless all our families and keep them safe, happy and full of love.

Amen

This Week's Mission

This week, take time to show someone in your family how much you appreciate them.

Just as God shows His love for us every day, let us share our love through our words and actions.

"Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34)

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding week, I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their support during the recent period of extreme heat. With the red weather warning in place, the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff remained our highest priority. This meant that we had to make the difficult decision to postpone Sports Day. We are now looking forward to holding the event on the morning of 6th July and are keeping our fingers crossed that the weather will be kinder to us this time! Despite the challenging conditions, the children have been an absolute credit to themselves and the school. We adapted our plans throughout the week, providing a range of pared-back activities to ensure everyone could continue to enjoy their learning while staying safe and comfortable. Their resilience, positive attitudes and sensible approach to the heat have been wonderful to see.

We began the week with a truly special EYFS Father's Day Assembly. It was a delight to watch our youngest children take to the stage, with our youngest speaking in front of an audience for the very first time. They showed tremendous courage and confidence, and we are incredibly proud of them. A huge thank you goes to the EYFS team for all their hard work in preparing the children and creating such a memorable event for families.

Our Multi-Faith Fortnight activities have continued throughout the week, providing valuable opportunities for children to learn about different faiths and beliefs. On Wednesday, we were pleased to welcome a Rabbi to school, who shared his knowledge and experiences with the children, helping to deepen their understanding and appreciation of Judaism.

There have also been some wonderful educational visits taking place. Our EYFS children visited South Newington Church and rounded off their day with a delightful picnic. This experience helped to bring learning to life and create lasting memories for our children.

Thank you once again for your understanding, support and flexibility during this spell of extreme weather. We look forward to seeing what next week brings and, of course, to finally celebrating Sports Day together on 6th July. Perhaps even the England football team were feeling the effects of the heat from afar this week, as they ended their latest World Cup fixture with a 0-0 draw!

Have a wonderful weekend, keep cool, and please let the weather be kind to us for Sports Day.
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

This term's values are:



Attentiveness means noticing what is happening around us. We support children in listening carefully, being present, and recognising the needs and feelings of others.

Discernment means making thoughtful choices. Children are guided to pause, think, and choose what is kind, fair, and right.

Through reflection - such as short end-of-day check-ins - pupils learn from their experiences and continue to grow. In this way, we help them become more aware, compassionate, and responsible members of our community.

Congratulations to Our First Holy Communion Children

Last Saturday was a very special occasion for a number of our pupils who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We are immensely proud of each and every one of them for the commitment, reverence and preparation they have shown throughout their faith journey.

This significant milestone marks an important step in their spiritual development, and we congratulate them and their families on this joyful celebration. We would also like to thank Father Phillip, staff and parents and carers who have supported the children in preparing for this special day.

We look forward to celebrating together once again at the Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 27th June at 11:30am, where the children will gather as a community to give thanks and share in this wonderful occasion.

Please keep all of our First Holy Communion children in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Bags of Hope!

Thank you for your generous donations of backpacks and essential items for families and children in need. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support shown by our school community. This week, the backpacks will be taken to the Diocese, where they will be blessed by His Grace before being distributed to families across the Diocese. Thank you for helping us make a difference to those in need.



Celebrations



Certificates

Nursery Reception	
Year 1	
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Headteachers Award	
Attendance Award	
Wrap Around	

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

			
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SPORTS REPORT

On Monday, a group of our children took part in the Quad Kids athletics event, where they enjoyed competing in a range of activities including running, jumping and throwing. It was a lovely day, and the children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout. A huge thank you goes to our parent volunteers who accompanied the children to the event. Your support is greatly appreciated, and, without your help, we would not be able to offer these wonderful extra-curricular opportunities. Thank you for giving your time to support our children and school community.



Community Page



Green Planet FOREST SCHOOL Holiday Clubs
 Buckingham, Banbury & Evenley
 See our website, socials or scan below for full details

Any child from any school aged 4-13 (R-Y8)

- Den Building
- Campfire Cooking
- Woodland Crafts
- Use of Tools
- Ropes & Hammocks
- Much More!

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GET ACTIVE IN
 Banbury Town Council
PARKS

SPICEBALL PARK
 Weekly Parkrun
 Saturdays from 9am

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

PLAYZONE - Princess Diana Park
 Premier League Kicks Banbury Year 9 - 13
 Every Friday 6.30pm - 8pm

PLAYZONE - Chandos Close
 Football School 6 - 11 years
 Tuesdays 5pm - 6pm
 Women's Walking Football
 Tuesdays 4pm - 7pm
 Banbury Motorbans - Men's Walking Football
 4pm - 6pm

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

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>



THE PE CLUB
THIS SUMMER MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY CLUB
 FUN. ACTIVE. CONFIDENT.
 Run by experienced LOCAL PE TEACHERS
 AGES 6-11 YEARS

SAFE & INCLUSIVE
 Every child welcome. All abilities.

BUILD SKILLS & CONFIDENCE
 Develop, improve and have fun!

TEAMWORK & FRIENDSHIPS
 Make new friends and memories.

FUN EVERY DAY
 Different sports, games & challenges to enjoy!

A WIDE RANGE OF SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

- INVASION GAMES
- STRIKING & FIELDING
- NET GAMES
- ATHLETICS
- GYMNASTICS
- GOLF
- ALTERNATIVE SPORTS
- TEAMWORK CHALLENGES

DATES
 Monday 3rd August - Friday 14th August (2 weeks)

TIME
 9am - 4pm

LOCATION
 BGN School Sports Hall

PRICE
 £35 per child, per day

5 Day Offer: £150
 LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

FOR CONTACT & BOOKINGS:
 peclubbanbury@gmail.com
 @ThePEClubBanbury
 TO BOOK, PLEASE CONTACT US

Safeguarding - Sun Safety



Please see the attached link for important information on sun safety.

With the warmer weather, it's important to ensure children are protected by wearing sunscreen, hats, and staying hydrated throughout the day.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>



Attendance

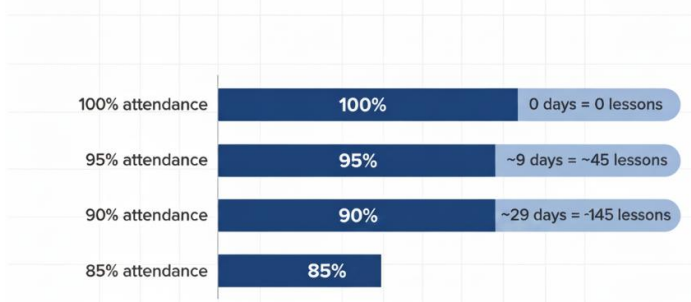


Despite experiencing the hottest week of the year on record, our children have shown incredible resilience and determination. Our whole-school attendance this week was **93%**. While this is a little below our school target of **96%**, the effort and commitment shown by our pupils in such challenging conditions has been outstanding. The children have been an absolute credit to themselves, and we would like to thank all parents and families for your continued support in ensuring children arrive at school ready to learn each day.

Congratulations to Year 5, who are this week's attendance champions with an outstanding **98% attendance!** What a fantastic achievement – well done, Year 5!



Every Day Counts – Small absences add up



Assumes 190 days/year and 5 lessons/day.

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
June		
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	KS1 Firefighter visit in school	
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.

Date	Overview	Information
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!	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Monday 6 th July	SPORTS DAY!!!	See information below
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 5:00pm
Thursday 16 th July	Leaver's Mass	School hall 9:30am
Friday 17 th July	Leaver's Assembly	School hall 9:05am

Sports Day

Sports Day will now take place on Monday 6th July at 9:00am, weather permitting. It will open with a parade, followed by EYFS races and then the rest of school. Races will finish by 12pm, when families can then picnic with their children. Sports Day events will end at 12:45pm and the children will then resume their learning for the afternoon- with a normal pick-up time of 3:20pm.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support. We look forward to welcoming you on the rescheduled date and celebrating the children's achievements together.

Our Week in Photos



A big thank you to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Higgs who brought the children an ice lolly each, it was just what was needed, it cooled everyone down and was a perfect little treat!



We welcomed Rabbi Zvi Solomons into our school. We learned that it takes about seven years to become a rabbi. We also learned about the Torah, which is the Jewish holy book. Rabbi Solomons told us that in a synagogue, men and women often sit separately. The children had the chance to try on a kippah, which is a special hat worn by Jewish men. He also showed us a Torah scroll, which was written in Hebrew. It was very interesting to see and learn about Jewish traditions.

Oracy Question of the Week 

Should all stories have a happy ending? 

National Handwriting Day (25th)

Staffing

As we begin planning for another exciting school year, I am delighted to share our staffing arrangements for September.

Our class teachers will be:

- **Nursery:** Miss Vaughan
- **Reception:** Mrs Trivett (4 days per week), with Mrs Caulfield teaching on the remaining day.
- **Year 1:** Miss Sykes
- **Year 2:** Miss Page
- **Year 3:** Mrs Burton
- **Year 4:** Miss *Callan* (who will become Mrs Manley following her marriage in August)
- **Year 5:** Mrs Avilez (4 days per week), with Miss Jackson teaching on the 5th day.
- **Year 6:** Miss Bingham, who will return from maternity leave in the Autumn term, and Mrs Sykes. Until her return, Year 6 will be taught by Mrs Caulfield and Mrs Sykes.

Supporting our children across the school will be our wonderful team of Teaching Assistants: *Miss Houlihan, Miss Clarke, Miss Copp, Mrs Ryder, Mrs Beech, Miss Barton, Miss Miller and Miss Jackson.*

Our lunchtime team will continue to be supported by Mrs Tesema and Miss Claridge, who provide excellent care and support for our children.

Our wider staff team includes:

- **SENDCo:** Mrs Butcher
- **School Business Manager:** Mrs Jackson
- **Office Administrator:** Mrs Higgs
- **Site Manager:** Mr Stevenson

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team. Together, they work tirelessly to ensure every child feels happy, supported and inspired to achieve their very best. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and to another successful year of learning and growth.

Summer Fete!

St John's
Catholic Primary School



Love one another, as I have loved you



SUMMER FETE

FRIDAY 3RD JULY

4PM – 6PM

£1 ENTRY PER ADULT

★ CHILDREN FREE ★



PERFORMANCE FROM KS1

Enjoy an amazing performance by our key stage 1 superstars



ART GALLERY FROM LOWER KS2

Come and see the fantastic artwork created by our Lower KS2 pupils!



STALLS CREATED & RUN BY UPPER KS2

Come and support our Year 5 & 6 pupils with their amazing stalls!



★ TOMBOLA & RAFFLE! ★

FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

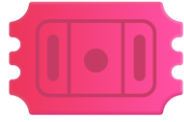


★ TOKENS ONLY ★

Most stalls and activities are **tokens only**. Tokens will be available to purchase prior to the event and on the day. More details to follow.


COME ALONG
AND JOIN THE FUN!


Summer Fete Tokens




This year, all stalls and activities at our Summer Fete will be using tokens. To help make the day run as smoothly as possible, you can purchase your tokens in advance or on the day of the event.

How to buy tokens:

 Send money into school in a named envelope with your child. Tokens are available in £5 and £10 denominations and will be sent home with your child at the end of the school day.

 Buy from the school office on Monday and Wednesday next week, between 3:30pm and 4:00pm.

 Card payments are available, but only during these office sales times.

Tokens will also be available to purchase on the day of the fete.

Thank you for your support - we can't wait to see you there!

