



Prayer

This week, in our mission assembly, we reflected on the feast day of St. Peter and Paul.

Loving God,

We give thanks for Saints Peter and Paul, whose faith and courage helped build your Church.

Peter, the fisherman, showed us that even when we stumble, your love lifts us up and calls us to try again. Paul, once a persecutor, reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of your grace and that hearts can be transformed.

Help us to follow their example - to be bold in sharing your love, humble enough to learn from our mistakes, and open to the work you call us to do.

May we, like Peter and Paul, use our gifts to serve others and to spread your message of hope and kindness in our school, our homes, and our world.

Amen.

This Week's Mission

Inspired by Saints Peter and Paul

Be brave enough to try again. Peter made mistakes - he even denied knowing Jesus three times - but he didn't give up. Jesus forgave him and trusted him to lead the Church.

This week, if something goes wrong or you find something difficult, don't be too hard on yourself. Have the courage to say sorry if you need to, learn from it, and try again.

Remember that every day is a fresh start.

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week to close out June and step into July!

Monday brought our Move-Up Morning, giving children the chance to meet their new class teachers for September - always an exciting moment as they look ahead to the year to come. Throughout the week, many of you joined us for our parent and carer meetings with new teachers, and it was lovely to see so many families connecting with staff.

Our Year 6 pupils spent time at BGN and Warriner as part of their secondary transition experience, building confidence and friendships before their big move in September. Meanwhile, we welcomed Year 10 work-experience students across the school all week - it's been a pleasure having them with us, and they've been a fantastic addition to our community.

Key Stage One welcomed the firefighters to lead an important fire safety talk, while the rest of the school took part in an important water-safety assembly - timely reminders as the summer holidays approach.

We end the week in style with our Summer Fete. A huge thank-you to Mrs Higgs and everyone who helped bring this event together. Your time, energy, and generosity will make it a truly memorable afternoon for the whole school community.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards,
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.

First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass

On Sunday, we gathered as a community to celebrate a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass for all our First Holy Communion children at St. John's Church. It was a truly special occasion - a chance to come together with families and our parish to give thanks for the wonderful sacrament the children received the week before.

Congratulations once again to all our First Holy Communion children. May this special time stay with you always as you continue to grow in faith.

We were delighted to welcome Julia from CATS, who worked with us to create a banner for our Little Chapel area. The banner was inspired by our school mission statement, reflecting the values of belonging, inclusion, and the warm welcome that everyone receives at St John's. It has been wonderful to see our oldest pupils supporting and encouraging some of our youngest children throughout the project, working together to create a beautiful and lasting symbol of our school community. This piece will truly serve as a meaningful reminder of the strong sense of unity, faith, and friendship that lies at the heart of St John's.



Celebrations



Certificates

Nursery Reception	Phoebe, Aneurin, Michael and Reina Clare, Joseph and Elyna
Year 1	Blake and Aithan
Year 2	Rebecca and Harry
Year 3	Michalina and Izu
Year 4	Jacob and Uzundu
Year 5	Audrey and Aiswathy
Year 6	Whole Class
Headteachers Award	EYFS and Year 4
Attendance Award	Year 3 and Year 5
Wrap Around	Netti and Elvis

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



QUADKIDS

We are thrilled to announce that a group of our exceptional students from Years 3, 5, and 6 have made it to the QuadKids Final, which took place on Thursday. Their determination, teamwork, and talent shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of their fantastic performance. Congratulations to all the children who took part! 🎉



GOLD MARK!

We are thrilled to announce that we've been awarded the Gold Mark by the Youth Sport Trust! This recognition highlights our commitment to providing outstanding sporting opportunities for young people. We couldn't be prouder of our community and all the hard work that went into this achievement!



Community Page



**GAZE INTO MY EYES
RECYCLING HEROES**

**The Hidden
Treasure
Hunt**

I am HypnoCat, master purrrrsuader and recycling crusader. You wiiiiill join the Hidden Treasure Hunt to give you and your school the chance to win **PRIZES**.*

Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled – even the batteries and cables themselves.

Take your items to your local Currys store for rewards, or search 'recycle your electricals' to find all your local donation and recycling drop-off points.

For more information head to HiddenTreasureHunt.org
* Terms and conditions apply. See HiddenTreasureHunt.org for details.

recycle your electricals

together with **pod** **currys**

If you have any community events you would like to share and showcase in our weekly newsletter, please do get in touch!

Online Safety



Messaging apps and social media platforms are widely used by children and young people to communicate. While they can be positive, they also bring safeguarding risks such as contact from strangers, sharing of personal information, and exposure to inappropriate content.

Most popular apps have minimum age requirements:

- WhatsApp – minimum age 13+
- Instagram – minimum age 13+
- Snapchat – minimum age 13+
- TikTok – minimum age 13+ (some features 18+)
- YouTube – minimum age 13+ for accounts (YouTube Kids is available for younger children)

If you are concerned about online safety:

- NSPCC – Advice for parents and carers
- UK Safer Internet Centre – Support and education materials

What can you do?

- Talk regularly about online activity
- Check privacy settings and keep accounts private where possible
- Encourage children to only connect with people they know in real life
- Set clear rules about screen time and device use
- Remind children: *“If you wouldn’t say it face-to-face, don’t send it online.”*

Attendance



With just two weeks remaining of the summer term, every school day counts. Regular attendance is essential to ensure children continue to make the most of their learning, take part in end-of-year activities, and finish the academic year feeling confident and prepared for the next stage of their education.

Our whole-school attendance this week was **95%**, which is slightly below our school target of **96%**. We appreciate your continued support in helping your child attend school every day, on time, wherever possible. By working together, we can make these final two weeks of the term as successful and rewarding as possible for every child.

Congratulations to Year 3. who are this week’s attendance champions with an outstanding **99% attendance!** What a fantastic achievement – well done, Year 3!



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.

YN	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	All
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Date	Overview	Information
July		
Monday 6 th July	Whole school SPORTS DAY!	You are invited from 9:00am for EYFS races, followed by Y1-6 races. Picnic at 12:00pm. Children to wear house colours into school.
Monday 6 th July	Nutrition Afternoon for KS2 and Parents	See Parent Hub for more information.
Tuesday 7 th July	Online Safety Workshop for KS2	
Wednesday 8 th July	Whole School Sports Festival	
Wednesday 8 th July	Reception Graduation	
Wednesday 8 th July	Parent Open Afternoon	Parents are invited to classrooms at 3:00pm.
Wednesday 8 th July	End of Year Reports to Parents	
Thursday 9 th July	Rock Steady Concert!	School hall 9:00am
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

Our Week in Photos



This week, Mr Mawn's team leaders organised and ran a sports festival for Early Years.

It was lovely to see the confident and patient interactions and there were some excellent skills on show from the leaders- we spotted some PE teachers of the future. Early years loved taking part - especially on the obstacle courses.



KS1 welcomed the firefighters into school to talk to us about their job and fire safety! 🔥 We found out the type of jobs they attend, the importance of a smoke alarm and even got to see inside their fire engine! We even got to try on the fire jacket - it was incredibly hot! We learnt how the protective wear keeps them safe. All of us got a picture in the back of the fire engine too!



Year 2 busy exploring capacity and volume this week!



Oracy Question of the Week

NHS Birthday (5th) How can we say "thank you" to NHS workers? 🗣️ 🩺 🩺

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 ★



BOUNCY
CASTLE



BBQ



DRINKS
STALL



FACE PAINTING
& GLITTER TATTOOS



ICE LOLLIES

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!

Baby News!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs Acanthe has welcomed a beautiful baby boy into the world. On behalf of everyone in our school community, we would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Mrs Acanthe and her family on this very special occasion. We wish them all lots of love, happiness, and precious moments together as they begin this exciting new chapter. Congratulations Mrs Acanthe!

Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on Monday 6th July at 9:00am. It will open with a whole school parade, followed by EYFS races and then the rest of school – Years 1-6. You can enter sports day via the gate onto our school field. Children's races will finish by 12:00pm, when families can then picnic with their children on the field. The morning will end at 12:45pm and the children will then resume their learning in school for the afternoon. There will be a normal pick-up time of 3:20pm.

For Sports Day on Monday 6th July, children are invited to wear their house colours.

Families will also need to bring a picnic that can be shared at lunch time. If your family are unable to attend, please ensure your child brings a packed lunch on the day and they will sit with their classmates and teachers. Please ensure these lunches are nut free.

Health and Wellbeing

We are inviting KS2 parents and carers to our Family Healthy Eating Workshop on Monday 6th July at 2:00pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for families to work alongside their children, who will also be taking part in the session.

The workshop will be led by Cherwell District Council's Food and Wellbeing Officer and will explore practical ways to support healthier choices at home. Topics include being sugar smart, understanding portion sizes, building balanced lunchboxes and choosing healthier snacks. There will also be budget-friendly ideas, simple recipes and helpful information to take home.

This is an informative session with an interactive element, where parents/carers and children can learn together.

Rock Steady Concert

On **Thursday 9th July at 9:00am**, the children who have been having Rock Steady lessons in school will be showcasing a song that their band has been working on. There will be more Rock Steady places available from September and if you are interested do come along and see what it is all about. The children taking part this year have been so engaged, and it is a fantastic opportunity to develop many musical and social skills!