



St. John's RC Primary School

'Love one another, as I have loved you'

Week commencing: 6th July 2026

Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for loving us and inviting us to come to You whenever we feel tired, worried, or overwhelmed. Help us to trust You with our hearts and to learn from Your kindness and gentleness. Fill us with Your peace so that we can share Your love with everyone we meet.

Amen.

This Week's Mission

Spend a few quiet moments each day talking to Jesus and trusting Him with any worries

Look out for each other —sometimes helping someone is as simple as noticing their load.

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the penultimate week of the summer term, it is hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another successful academic year. As this is also the end of my first academic year as Headteacher, I have found myself reflecting on what a privilege it has been to lead such a wonderful school community. I would like to thank our pupils, staff, governors and families for the warm welcome, encouragement and support you have shown throughout the year. Together, we have celebrated so many achievements, and I am incredibly proud of all that we have accomplished.

After postponing Sports Day from 23rd June due to the record-breaking temperatures, we were delighted that cooler conditions earlier this week allowed the event to go ahead. It was wonderful to see the children demonstrating determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Thank you to all of the families who came along to support the children and help create such a fantastic atmosphere.

We followed this with our Family Picnic Lunch, which was another wonderful opportunity to come together as a school community. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. A special thank you goes to Miss Sykes for coordinating the event so brilliantly and to Mrs Avilez for choreographing the fantastic dance that provided such a joyful start to the morning.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils and parents also benefited from workshops led by an OCC nutrition expert, who shared practical advice and ideas about healthy eating and making positive food choices.

Our Key Stage 2 children took part in an important online safety session delivered by our local PCSOs, equipping them with valuable knowledge to help them stay safe online.

It was a particularly special week for our Reception children as they celebrated their Graduation. We are so proud of everything they have achieved during their first year at school and know they are more than ready for the exciting journey into Year 1.

It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers into school for our Open Afternoon, where children proudly showcased their learning and delighted us all with their poetry performances.

Year 5 enjoyed engaging Modern Foreign Languages workshops before finishing the week with a wonderful brass performance during Celebration Assembly. It was fantastic to see how much progress they have made and to celebrate their musical achievements together.

As we look ahead to our final week of the academic year, there are still many exciting events and celebrations to enjoy. We look forward to marking the end of another successful year together and celebrating all that our children have accomplished. Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year.

Wishing you a wonderful 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

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.

Our front entrance has been thoughtfully centred around the theme of **Growing Together**, celebrating the journey we share as a school community. The display showcases the children's reflections, with children contributing something they are thankful for, something they have learned, and someone they would like to pray for. These heartfelt responses highlight not only their personal growth but also the kindness, gratitude, and compassion that flourish within our school. Together, they create a welcoming space that reminds everyone who enters of the importance of learning, supporting one another, and growing together in faith and friendship.

LET'S
grow
TOGETHER



Catholic Life continued



Year 6 Leavers' Mass Invitation Going Forth Mass

As our Year 6 children prepare to complete their primary school journey, we warmly invite all parents, carers, and family members to join us for our Leavers' Mass.

The Mass will take place in the School Hall on Thursday 16th July at 9:30am. This will be a special opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements, reflect on their time at our school, and wish them every blessing as they begin the next chapter of their education. We hope you will be able to join us for this meaningful celebration.

Calling all
Year 5 & Year 6
End-of-Year Party!

 Fun • Food •  Friendship • Games

 **St Joseph's Church Hall,**
Edmund Rd, OX16 0PP

 **Sunday 12 July | 6:30-8:30 pm**

 **Adoration at 6:00 pm**

Come & See what our
Youth Group do!

*Join us for laughter, friendship,
and faith-filled fun!*

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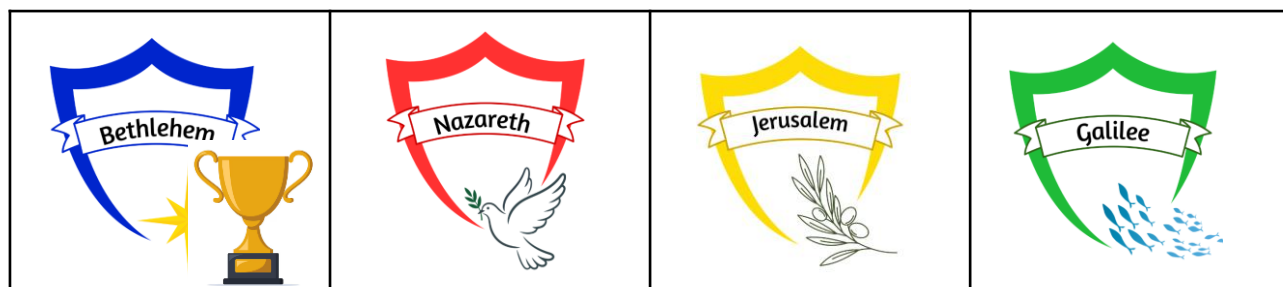
Celebrations



Certificates

Nursery Reception	Mia S and Aibel Eliza and Michael C
Year 1	Daraboth
Year 2	Ava, Elias and Jani
Year 3	Theo and Kiri
Year 4	Aben and Hamilton
Year 5	Anton and Emilia
Year 6	All of Year 6
Headteachers Award	Year 6
Attendance Award	Year 6
Wrap Around	Divine

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



Attendance



Our whole-school attendance this week was **94%**. While we love seeing so many smiling faces, this is **below our school target of 96%**. Consistent attendance is vital for your child's learning and progress. Let's work together to hit our target in the final week of the summer term!

Thank you to all parents and carers for ensuring your children attend school every day and arrive on time.

Congratulations to our **Year 6 class!**

They are this week's Attendance Champions with an outstanding **98%** attendance. Fantastic effort, Year 6!

St. John's Summer Fete

What a truly wonderful celebration our summer fete was! Beyond the laughter, music, games and stalls, what stood out most was the overwhelming sense of community. Seeing so many families, children, staff and friends together, enjoying each other's company and supporting our school, was incredibly special.

A special heartfelt thanks to Mrs Higgs, whose vision, dedication and countless hours of hard work made this event possible. We are so fortunate to have someone who gives so generously of her time and energy for the benefit of our school community.

Thank you also to our amazing parent volunteers, our hardworking staff and our incredible children. Whether you helped organise, ran a stall, created the beautiful artwork, performed so confidently for us, or simply brought your enthusiasm and smiles, every single contribution helped make the evening such a success.

We would also like to thank the following businesses and organisations for their generous support and donations:

- Round and Jackson
- Charlotte Tilbury
- Dream Nails
- Serco
- Woodgreen Leisure Centre
- Spiceball Leisure Centre
- Fairytale Farm
- Hook Norton Brewery
- Costa Coffee
- The Cummings Family
- Banbury Catenians
- Bradbury's of Banbury



A special thank you must also go to our parent helpers and St John's Team, the fete simply would not have been possible without you.

👏👏 As a school, we raised an AMAZING
£1587.88 🥳🥳

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
July		
Monday 13 th July	Y6 Leavers Play Dress Rehearsal – whole school to watch.	
Monday 13 th July	Zones of Regulation Parent Meeting	School hall 2:30pm
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
Friday 17 th July	School term ends for Summer holidays. School day finishes at 1:00pm.	

Our Week in Photos



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This week we have had the joy of celebrating the talents of many of our musicians- our pianists, Rock Steady Stars and our Year 5 Brass players you know who you are and we are so impressed with your performing confidence and hard work.



Nursery also had a great session with the Activators. They balanced beanbags on different parts of their bodies and moved around!

Year 5 were absolutely AMAZING in their concert this morning! 🤩 😊



Oracy Question of the Week 💬

Would you rather talk like a robot or hop everywhere like a frog?

Sports Day



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Sports Day. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting and encouraging the children, helping to create such a positive and enjoyable atmosphere.

The children demonstrated fantastic enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. They should all be incredibly proud of their efforts, and it was a pleasure to see them cheering one another on and celebrating each other's successes. Events like Sports Day remind us of the importance of our school community, and we are grateful for the encouragement and support you give your children and our school. A huge thank you to Miss Sykes and Mrs Avilez for planning such an enjoyable morning!



Summer Holidays

- kids eat free or for £1



PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 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 every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

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 Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

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

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

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 every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept 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



ONLINE SAFETY

BE SMART, BE SAFE!



We welcomed PC Kelly into school to deliver an online safety talk to Key Stage 2.

10+

THE LAW

From the age of 10, children can be questioned by the police.



Inappropriate online behaviour could lead to a criminal record, which may affect opportunities and limit certain jobs in the future.



CONSENT

We must always get consent before doing anything online that involves others.

ASK FIRST,
RESPECT ALWAYS



THINK BEFORE YOU SEND

Sending inappropriate messages can have serious consequences.



Even if messages are deleted, the police can use specialist technology to retrieve them in cases such as cyberbullying.

SMART RULES – STAYING SAFE ONLINE

S
SAFE



Keep your personal information private.

M
MEET



Don't meet anyone you don't know online.

A
ACCEPT



Don't accept emails or messages from someone you don't know.

R
RELIABLE



Not all information is reliable that we read or see.

T
TELL



Tell a trusted adult if you see or hear anything that makes you feel uncomfortable.

APPS & AGE LIMITS



Many apps and social media platforms have age limits for a reason. These rules are there to help keep you safe.

13+

Always check the age rating before you sign up!

MOBILE PHONES

Use mobile phones responsibly.

Do not film, take photos or share anything that is not appropriate.



Don't film inappropriate content.



Respect others' privacy.



Use phones in the right way.



Be kind online.

THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE

Inappropriate online behaviour could lead to a criminal record, which may affect opportunities and stop you from doing some jobs in the future.



Your choices today can shape your future.



BE SMART, BE SAFE, BE KIND

Let's all work together to make the internet a safer place for everyone.



Staffing

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Miller, who will be leaving us to take up a full-time specialist SEND role.

Whilst we are naturally sad to see her go, we are also incredibly pleased for her as she takes this exciting next step in her career. In the short time she has been with us, Miss Miller has made a real difference to the children she has worked with through her kindness, dedication and commitment. She has been a valued member of our team, and her positive impact has been felt by both pupils and colleagues alike.

On behalf of everyone at school, I would like to thank Miss Miller for everything she has contributed to our school community. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role.