



St. John's RC Primary School

'Love one another, as I have loved you'

Week commencing: 13th July 2026

Prayer

Jesus says, "*Come to me... and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11:28)

Loving Father,

As we come to the end of another school year, we thank You for all that we have learned, the friendships we have made, and the many blessings You have given us.

Jesus reminds us, "*Come to me... and I will give you rest.*" As we begin our summer holidays, help us to find rest in You. Fill our hearts with Your peace, joy and love.

Bless our families as we spend time together. Keep us safe in all our travels, adventures and days of rest. Help us to be kind, caring and thankful wherever we go.

We pray especially for our Year 6 children as they begin a new chapter. Walk beside them with courage and confidence, reminding them that You are always with them.

May we return in September refreshed, ready to learn, to grow and to share Your love with others.

Amen.

This Week's Mission

. As you begin your summer holiday, make time each day to rest, enjoy God's wonderful world, and thank Him for the blessings around you. Look for opportunities to show kindness, help someone in your family or community, and remember that wherever you go, Jesus is always with you.

Rest, be kind, and share God's love wherever your summer takes you.

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the final week of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our entire school community for your continued support throughout the year. It is hard to believe that this also marks the end of my first year as Headteacher. It has been a privilege to lead our wonderful school, and I am incredibly grateful for the warm welcome, encouragement and partnership shown by our pupils, families, staff, governors and parish community.

This week has been filled with memorable events. On Monday, our Curriculum and Inclusion Team delivered a parent workshop on the *Zones of Regulation*. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended and engaged so positively with the session. Working together to support our children's emotional wellbeing is so important, and we appreciate your ongoing commitment.

On Tuesday evening, our Year 6 pupils gave a fantastic performance in their leavers' play. They entertained us with confidence, enthusiasm and talent, and we were all incredibly proud of them. Thank you to Miss Callan and the staff who supported the production and to everyone who came along to celebrate this special occasion.

On Thursday, we gathered together for our Year 6 Leavers' Mass, beautifully led by Father Phillip. It was a thoughtful and prayerful celebration, giving us the opportunity to reflect on our Year 6 pupils' journey through primary school and to wish them every blessing as they prepare for the next stage of their education. The strong partnership between our school and parish is something we value greatly, and we are sincerely grateful for the guidance, care and many opportunities they provide for our children to grow in faith.

Today, we concluded the week with our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, where we celebrated the many achievements, friendships and memories our pupils have made during their time with us. While we will miss them greatly, we know they leave us well prepared for the exciting opportunities that lie ahead, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our children, families and staff a safe, happy and enjoyable summer holiday. Thank you once again for your support throughout the year. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year together.

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.

...Going to the Chapel



We send our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Miss Callan as she prepares to be married this summer. We hope she enjoys a wonderful wedding day surrounded by family and friends.

May God bless Miss Callan and her husband to be with a lifetime of love, joy and faithfulness.

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."

— Colossians 3:14

May God bless your marriage with love, joy and endless grace.



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
Date		Overview			Information			
July								
Friday 17 th July		School term ends for Summer holidays. School day finishes at 1:00pm.						
August								
								
September								
Thursday 3 rd September		Autumn Term 1 begins						
Friday 4 th September		Year 3 Beach Trip (postponed from Summer) Cotswold Manmade Beach						
Tuesday 8 th September		Individual school photos						
Monday 21 st September		Unique Week begins in school						

Our Week in Photos



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This week, Year 1 have been reflecting on our wonderful year together. We have written letters to our teacher, completed our class photograph activity and created thoughtful thank-you cards. I am so proud of each and every child and how much they have flourished this year!



Year 4 had a wonderful session with the activators. The children played Banana Tag and Doctor Dodgeball and also enjoyed a game of Raid the Nest. Everyone had an amazing time, and the children showed great team spirit throughout.



Reception children have been busy in their garden 🌻



🌟 Good luck Year 6 🌟

You really are amazing!

As another school year comes to an end, we would like to say a huge congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 pupils.

You have shown resilience, kindness, curiosity and determination throughout your time at our school. From your first days in Reception to becoming confident role models for our younger pupils, you have grown in so many ways. We are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved.

As you prepare to begin your next adventure at secondary school, remember to believe in yourselves, embrace new opportunities and never be afraid to ask questions or try something new. There will be exciting challenges ahead, new friendships to make and many wonderful experiences waiting for you.

Although we will miss your smiles, laughter and enthusiasm dearly, we know you are ready for this next step. Take with you the memories, friendships and values you have built during your time here, and continue to be kind, ambitious and proud of who you are.

We wish every one of you the very best for the future. Good luck, Year 6 - you will always be a valued part of our school family, and we can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you go on to achieve.



Staffing

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I am delighted to welcome Miss Cloe Buswell to our school community. Miss Buswell joins us as the teacher of our enhanced pathway class, Eagles' Nest.

Miss Buswell brings a wealth of experience in SEND and inclusive education, having previously served as both a SENDCo and an enhanced pathway teacher. Her expertise, dedication, and passion for supporting pupils with additional needs will be a valuable asset to our school, and we are thrilled to have her as part of our team.

Attendance



This week's whole-school attendance is 95%, just below our target of 96%.

A huge well done to our Attendance Champions, Year 4, who achieved an excellent 98% attendance this week!

As we come to the end of the summer term, we'd love to see everyone return in September ready to help us achieve our attendance target every week. Attending school every day and arriving on time gives children the very best opportunity to learn, make progress, and enjoy all that school has to offer.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in making attendance a priority. We wish everyone a happy, safe, and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming you back for the new school year.

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