St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary School,
a Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter

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Our Mission is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

What a wonderful first week back we have enjoyed at St John's following our half-term break! It has been a joy to welcome our children back into school, full of enthusiasm, energy and excitement for the weeks ahead! Throughout the week, our Celebrations of the Word have focused on **Matthew 5:1-12a**, exploring the beautiful teachings of Jesus through *The Beatitudes*. Jesus reminds us, **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)** Through these powerful words, we have reflected on how true happiness comes not from what we have, but from how we live our lives, showing kindness, mercy, humility and love towards others. What a wonderful message to guide us as we begin another exciting half-term together!

Our Reception children have stepped into the magical world of **fairy tales**, where princes, princesses, castles and knights have captured their imaginations! What wonderful adventures and storytelling opportunities await our youngest learners! Year 1 have been busy exploring the Bible as they begin their new RE topic, discovering that although Bibles may look different, they share the same precious teachings and stories of our faith. The children searched for the Creation story and familiar words including God, Jesus, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John! They also demonstrated their growing scientific knowledge by sorting everyday objects according to their material properties. Year 2 shared a beautiful and reverent Celebration of the Word centred on **love**, reminding us of the importance of caring for one another. They have also been exploring artwork depicting the prophecy of Jesus' birth, before creating their own wonderful interpretations.

Over in KS2, Year 3 have been leaping into action during gymnastics, developing their jumping skills and working collaboratively to perfect their starting and finishing positions, with careful consideration of body control and balance. They also embarked on a rather extraordinary imaginary journey to the ocean! Inspired by their class text, *Seal Surfer*, the children listened to the crashing waves and a wonderfully descriptive script to transport their imaginations to the seaside. What a fantastic way to bring reading and creative writing to life! Year 5 have been deepening their understanding of the Rosary, exploring its four sets of Mysteries and experiencing the beauty of this special form of prayer for themselves. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been showing off their energy, enthusiasm and impressive moves during a wonderfully dynamic sensory circuit! What a fantastic way to get those bodies moving and minds ready for learning!

Finally, what an absolutely **ROCKING** end to our first week back! Our **TT Rockstars' Day** was a tremendous celebration of music, mathematics and magnificent costumes! From legendary rock stars to spectacular accessories, our children certainly looked ready to take centre stage! A huge thank you to our wonderful parents, carers and loved ones for embracing our *Legends of Rock* theme so enthusiastically and helping make the day such a memorable occasion. Your creativity and support truly helped our St John's superstars shine! Rock 'n' roll!!!



Our Virtue this half-term is Faith

As we reflect on our first week back, we return to the beautiful message of the Beatitudes. Jesus teaches us that greatness is not measured by fame, possessions or recognition, but by the love, compassion and goodness we share with others. Whether through a kind word, a helping hand, an act of forgiveness or simply making someone smile, every member of our St John's family has the opportunity to make a difference. **Let us remember that we do not need to be rock stars to shine brightly in the lives of others; we simply need to follow Jesus and let His love shine through us!**

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy." (Matthew 5:7)



Upcoming dates for Autumn 2:

- Tuesday 10th November – Reception 2027 Open morning 9.30am
- Wednesday 11th November – YR2 WW 2.45pm
- Thursday 12th November – Bun sale 50p
- Friday 13th Nov – Wednesday 18th Nov – Book fair from 3.25pm everyday
- Sunday 15th November – Family Mass at St John's Church 11.15am
- Tues 17th November/Wed 18th November – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 17th Nov – NHS Vision testing Reception
- Wednesday 18th November – YR1 WW 2.45pm
- Friday 20th November - Whole school mass 10.45am organised by yr3/4- (all parents of any year group invited)
- Wednesday 25th November – YR6 WW 2.45pm
- Friday 27th November - Inset Day (school closed)
- W/C 30th November and 7th December – Pray and Stay week (info to be sent out)
- Tuesday 1st December – Pantomime!! (see letter sent out)
- Wednesday 2nd December – YR4 WW 2.45pm
- Friday 4th December - Whole school mass 10.45am organised by yr5/6- (all parents of any year group invited)
- Tuesday 8th December – Reception 2027 Open Morning 9.30am
- Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Dinner Day & wear Christmas jumpers
- Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Disco (see poster sent out)
- Thursday 10th December – YR5 WW 2.45pm
- Monday 14th December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 15th December – KS2 Nativity 10am / 2pm (info to be sent)
- Tuesday 15th December – Carol Service at St John's Church at 5.30pm
- Wednesday 16th December – YR3 WW 2.45pm
- Wednesday 16th December – Santa Dash! (info to be sent)
- Friday 18th December – Break up for Christmas & non - uniform day £1

Brilliant Handwriting Winners!

Reception: Tina
YR1: Frankie
YR2: Arnika
YR3: Elias
YR4: Elsie
YR5: Alby
YR6: Corban

Whole school attendance:

Good attendance (above 96%) is essential if children are to make good progress in their learning and to close gaps. Please try to make sure your child is in school every day possible.

96.9%

Next week:

Tuesday 10th November
YR1 local walk

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day
YR2 WW 2.45pm

Thursday 12th November
Bun sale 50p

Friday 13th November
Gods Gift 2.45pm (invitations to be sent)

National School Meals Week

To celebrate NSCW on Tuesday 11th we will be serving cottage pie, cheese and onion pasty and chocolate upside down cake, jacket potatoes and sandwiches will be available as normal.

On Friday it is 'Build your own burger' day also, jacket potatoes and sandwiches will also be available too!

Mr Hudson Crook has taken on a new role across the school. He will be part of our ongoing support for parents and will be our Parental Support Leader. His role will be to provide further support with any issues or concerns you may have following discussions with your child's class teacher.
This is an exciting and supportive new role, designed to strengthen the support available to families and ensure that you have additional guidance and help when needed.

HOUSES POINTS TALLY


GABRIEL — 3rd-78


MICHAEL — 1st-96


RAPHAEL — 2nd-84


URIEL — 4th-73

Star of the Week:

RECEPTION– Mila
YEAR 1– Jack
YEAR 2– Evin
YEAR 3– Raven
YEAR 4– Lucas
YEAR 5– Aisha
YEAR 6– Mariam

