St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary School,
a Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter

Our Mission is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

What a wonderful week it has been at St John's, filled with faith, reflection, kindness and some fantastic learning experiences across our school family!

One of the highlights of our week was our **Reception Open Day**, when we had the pleasure of welcoming prospective parents and families into our wonderful school! Our Year 6 children were magnificent ambassadors for St John's, confidently showcasing everything that makes our school such a special place to learn and grow. Their knowledge, enthusiasm and genuine pride in St John's shone through as they spoke to visitors and shared their experiences of school life. We could not have been prouder of the maturity and confidence they demonstrated! A huge well done to everyone involved! Our wonderful Wellbeing Ambassadors, **Sammy and Olivia**, also took their kindness beyond the school gates on Tuesday afternoon, spending time crafting at the BRI and spreading joy, gratitude and appreciation to our incredible NHS workers. What a lovely way to recognise those who dedicate their lives to caring for others! We are so proud of the girls for representing St John's and demonstrating our Gospel values through such thoughtful actions.

Across our classrooms, the learning has been equally impressive! In Year 1, our young mathematicians have been busy mastering their number bonds to 10, while also putting their geographical skills to the test! Armed with maps and a sense of adventure, the children planned their own routes before heading out into our local area to follow them. What a fantastic way to bring geography to life! Year 2 have been equally busy! Alongside their beautiful Wednesday Word reflections, the children have been enjoying *Troll Swap*, creating their very own imaginative trolls and using descriptive noun phrases to bring their characters to life. They also celebrated **National School Meals Week** by completing the 'Earth Day' activity sheets provided by CaterLink. Some wonderful creativity and thoughtful learning on display. Well done, Year 2!

Over in Key Stage 2, a huge well done goes to **Alexis and Meera in Year 3**, who led a brilliant class worship focused on the theme of 'Remembrance'. What a lovely example of our children growing in confidence as they share and celebrate their faith! Year 3 have also been developing their gymnastics skills this half-term, beginning with careful stretches and warm-ups before exploring balancing techniques and putting their creativity to the test with a variety of jumps and poses from the benches. Some impressive agility, coordination and courage on display! Our older children in Years 5 and 6 have been demonstrating their impressive knowledge of online safety, sharing their learning with parents and answering questions alongside our local PCSOs. The children were absolute superstars, confidently offering advice and practical tips about how to stay safe in the digital world. A huge thank you to our PCSOs and all the parents and carers who joined us for this valuable opportunity to learn together and help keep our children safe online.

Of course, this week has also been a particularly poignant one as we came together to mark **Remembrance Day**. Our incredible Mini Vinnies and Faith Leaders led a beautiful, reverent and educational whole-school Remembrance Service, demonstrating such maturity, grace and respect as they helped us reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who have served our country. At 11am on Wednesday, every child and adult across St John's paused, putting aside their work to observe two minutes of silence in honour of our fallen heroes. It was a deeply moving moment of unity and reflection as our entire school family remembered those who gave their tomorrows for our today. **We will remember them. Lest we forget.** Finally, we rounded off our week with a wonderful celebration of **World Kindness Day**, beginning with a thoughtful assembly led by our fantastic Wellbeing Ambassadors and continuing with buddy activities across year groups. It was heartwarming to see our children coming together, sharing smiles, supporting one another and celebrating the simple but powerful gifts of kindness and love. What a lovely way to end such a meaningful week!





Our Virtue is Prayer

As we reflect on all that we have experienced, we return to the message of this week's Gospel **Matthew 25:1–13** Jesus calls us to keep our lamps burning brightly, reminding us that our faith is something we must nurture and demonstrate through our everyday actions. From the compassion shown by our Wellbeing Ambassadors and the respectful remembrance of those who sacrificed so much, to the confidence of our young school leaders and the kindness shared between our children, we have seen countless examples of Christ's light shining brightly throughout St John's.

Upcoming dates for Autumn 2:

- 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

Early Help (Caroline) will be at parents evening on Wednesday 18th November with some advice and freebies, all parents are welcome to drop in to see her!

Brilliant Handwriting Winners!

Reception: Alara
YR1: Elias
YR2: Pearla
YR3: Nathaniel
YR4: Jj
YR5: Ahmad
YR6: Dominic

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.

96.7%

Next week:

Sunday 15th November
Family mass at St John's Church 11.15am

Monday 16th November
Wear odd socks for Anit bullying week
Book Fair Open from 3.25pm

Tuesday 17th November
NHS Vision testing reception
Parents evening
Book Fair Open from 3.25pm

Wednesday 18th November
YR1 WW 2.45pm
Parents evening
Book Fair Open from 3.25pm

Thursday 19th November
Book Fair Open from 3.25pm

Friday 20th November
Whole school mass organised by YR3/YR4 10.45am (all parents are welcome of any year group)
Gods Gift 2.45pm (invitations to be sent)

As part of our commitment to continually improving our catering service, we would be grateful for your support in completing our Parent and Pupil Survey. The survey can be completed by parents alongside children at home. It takes approximately 9 minutes to complete and will provide us with valuable feedback on what we are doing well and, importantly, where we can improve our service. The survey will remain open until 20 December, and we encourage as many families and pupils as possible to take part.
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCYZD5L Thank you for your support in helping us gather this important feedback!
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HOUSES POINTS TALLY



GABRIEL	1st-138
MICHAEL	3rd-114
RAPHAEL	2nd-127
URIEL	4th-86

Star of the Week:

RECEPTION– Rosie
YEAR 1– Ramandeep
YEAR 2– Zakariya
YEAR 3– Alexis
YEAR 4– Demelza
YEAR 5– Aaisha
YEAR 6– Safiyah

