St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary School,
a Voluntary Academy

20th November 2026

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Newsletter

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Our Mission is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

This week at St John's, our Gospel focus has been the **Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30)**, reminding us that God has blessed each of us with unique gifts and talents to nurture and share with others. Throughout our Celebrations of the Word, the children have reflected on how we can use these gifts to make a positive difference in the world around us.

Our Year 1 children delivered a beautiful whole-school Celebration of the Word, articulating God's Word with wonderful confidence and reverence in front of parents and families. Equally, Years 3 and 4 prepared a truly special whole-school Mass, bringing our school family together in prayer and worship. A reminder that **all parents and families are warmly invited to join us for our class Masses every Friday at 10:45am**. We would love to see you there!

This week also marked **Anti-Bullying Week**, with everyone proudly wearing odd socks to celebrate our individuality! Mrs Johnson and our fantastic Wellbeing Ambassadors led a meaningful and informative assembly, raising awareness of bullying and encouraging everyone to recognise and challenge unkind behaviours. Their important message reinforced the kindness, respect and acceptance at the heart of our St John's family.

Meanwhile, **Reception** have been developing their early writing and fine-motor skills through glitter writing and feeding a hungry bear! **Year 1** explored the importance of kindness and understanding bullying, writing thoughtful messages on hearts for our whole-school Kindness Tree. **Year 2** travelled back in time to investigate the Great Fire of London, creating timelines of key events. A special mention to Raven, Doretta and Nathaniel for their beautiful class worship on forgiveness!

Over in KS2, **Year 3** explored the signs and symbols of Mass, deepening their understanding of our Catholic faith and enriching their preparations alongside Year 4 for this week's Mass. **Year 5** have been locating rainforests around the world, discovering that most lie between the tropics, while Tillie, Aaisha and Thomas led a wonderfully reverent and meaningful class worship. **Year 6** have enjoyed everything from arm-circle sensory circuits and exploring tundra regions to becoming budding electrical engineers investigating circuits! What a fantastic variety of learning across school!

Finally, a **huge thank you to our staff, parents and carers for making this week's Parents' Evenings such a success**. We are incredibly proud of our children and remain grateful for the continued encouragement and support of our wonderful families.



Our Virtue this week is Prayer



As we reflect on this week's Gospel, **Matthew 25:14-30**, we are reminded that **God does not ask us all to have the same talents, but He does ask us to make the most of those we have been given.** Whether through worship, kindness, creativity or determination, we have seen these gifts flourishing throughout St John's. Our challenge is to recognise the talents within ourselves and others, encourage them to grow and use them to bring joy and hope to those around us. **After all, our talents are not simply gifts to keep, but blessings to share!**

Upcoming dates for Autumn 2:

- 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!!
- 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
- Thursday 10th December – YR5 WW 2.45pm
- Monday 14th December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 15th December – KS1 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

St John's Christmas Disco!

Wednesday 9th December 2026

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

3:15 – 4:30pm

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

4:45 – 6pm

Tickets £5

Price includes a gift left by Santa!

Ticket price also includes drink and a snack.
Please pay by ParentPay by Wednesday 2nd December.
Tuck shop will also be available!

Brilliant Handwriting Winners!

Reception: Kole
YR1: Haider
YR2: Arielle
YR3: Misha
YR4: Bella
YR5: Elia
YR6: Ruby

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.

94.6%

Next week:

Wednesday 25th November
YR6 WW 2.45pm

Thursday 26th November
God's Gift 2.45pm (invites to be sent)

Friday 27th November
Inset Day – School closed!!



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-179
MICHAEL	4th-165
RAPHAEL	3rd-170
URIEL	2nd-178

Star of the Week:

RECEPTION– Nhyi
YEAR 1– Grayson
YEAR 2– Phoebe
YEAR 3– Doretta
YEAR 4– Dahi
YEAR 5– Sophie
YEAR 6– Lucy

