



**St. John the Baptist**  
Catholic Primary School

We will prepare the way by loving, living and learning with the Lord



"Here is the light you will reveal to the nations"

Luke 2: 32

# Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 17.01.20

*Compassionate*

*and*

*Loving*



## Confirmation Workshop

Thank you to the mums and dads who joined us yesterday for our Confirmation preparation workshop.

It was lovely to come together and reflect on the importance of this sacrament.

The children also made some lovely banners (with a little help from their very creative parents!)



## AGT Workshop



**Murder at Midnight**

On Thursday morning some of our Y4 pupils were invited to Castle Bromwich Junior School to solve a murder mystery!

The children enjoyed the opportunity to work with pupils from other schools to develop their skills of detection, problem solving and sleuthing.

## May Bank Holiday

Please note that this year's May Bank Holiday will be held on **Friday 8th May** and not on Monday 4th May. School will be open as normal on Monday 4th May and closed to children on Friday 8th May.

Thank you.

## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Evelyn H in

Reception,

and

Pierce P in

Year 6.

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Sophie H	NN
Kayden C	Reception
Tiani S	Year 1
Jasmine N	Year 2
Amelia E	Year 3
Mason N	Year 4
Mazie H	Year 5
Camila P-B	Year 6

For being compassionate and loving.

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 97.3%

*Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery 1 and Year 4.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Conal S and Caitlin O'K.





Spring Term 2020

### Next Meeting

**Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** at **Widney Junior School, Solihull B91 3LQ**. Claire Howell and Fran Dunn, Specialist Occupational Therapists from SAS on 'Sensory Processing and Autism'.

**Meetings start at 7:15 and they are free**

There is no need to book. For more information go to our Facebook page or email Jan Bradshaw at [janbrad55@hotmail.com](mailto:janbrad55@hotmail.com)

## Wearable Devices & Mobile Phones



### Wearable Devices

We have noticed a few children coming to school wearing Apple or other Smart watches so wanted to remind parents/carers that children are not permitted to wear these devices to school.

If a child comes to school wearing one they will be asked to remove it and it will be kept in the School Office until the end of the school day when it can be collected.

### Mobile Phones

Our school policy is that only Year 6 children who have permission to walk home unaccompanied should bring a mobile phone to school. The phone should be switched off and handed to the School Office on arrival to school and collected again at the end of the day.

If a child is found with a mobile phone in school, it will be taken to the school office until the end of the school day. We thank you for your support in this matter.



## Adult Clothing needed!

**mens/ladies suit jackets or waistcoats**

**Do you have?**



**hats (not caps)**

**sparkly ladies tops**



**mens ties/bow ties**



**fashion scarves**



**mens/ladies smart shoes (no trainers)**



**feather boa/fascinators Bead necklaces**

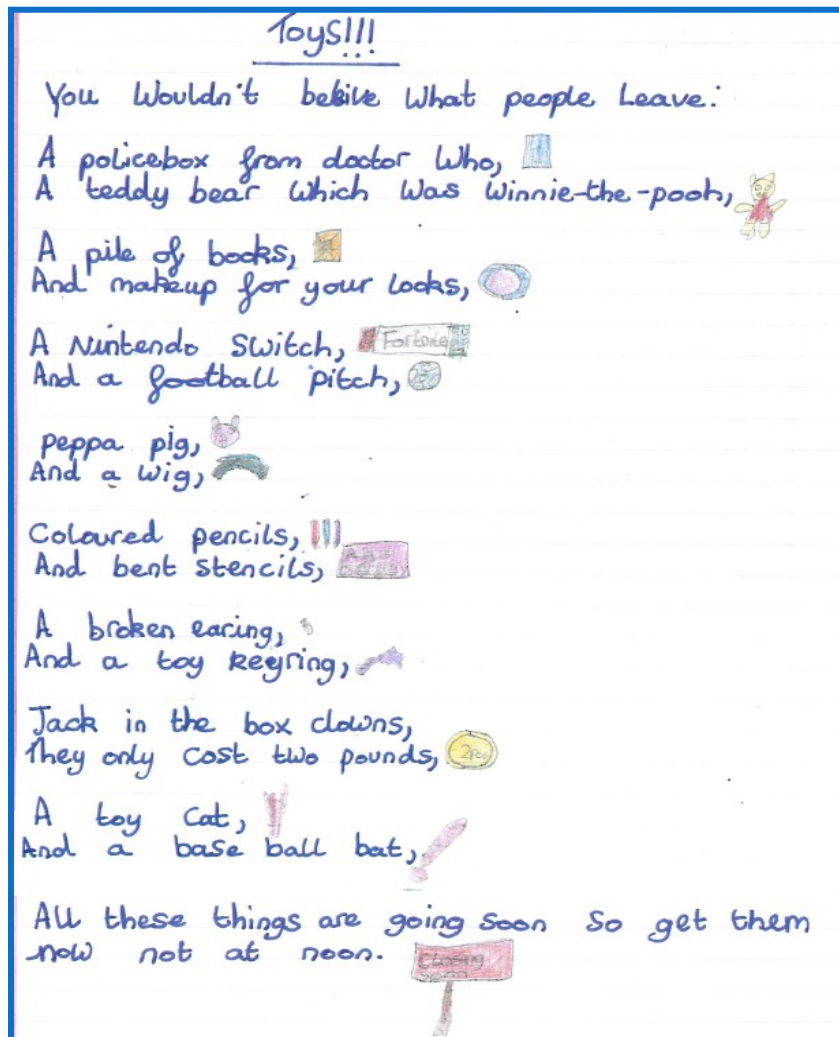


Please note, we will not accept donations after Wednesday 22nd January.



# Excellent Work

This week our example of excellent work comes from Amelia in Year 3.



## New Bike Hub - NSSC

A new Bike Hub, based at North Solihull Sports Centre, is set to offer free cycling and wellbeing activities for adults and children thanks to the Active Communities initiative led by Solihull Council and The Active Wellbeing Society in Birmingham.

Delivered by the Big Bike Project, and funded by Sport England, the Bike Hub will enable residents to design and be part of a programme of cycling activities tailored to helping beginners, people wanting to increase their cycling confidence and skills and those who don't usually get the chance to cycle.

The programme will feature Learn to Ride sessions and Leisure Rides as well as regular maintenance courses and bike fix sessions led by Dr Bike. These will help provide the skills and encouragement to enable people living in the area to ride a bike as part of everyday life.

On Thursday 16 January at 10am, the Leader of Solihull Council, Cllr Ian Courts, will officially open the Bike Hub.

Following the launch regular weekly Learn to Ride sessions (aimed at beginners and those looking to improve their skills and confidence) will take place every Thursday from 1pm to 3pm starting on 23 January. Weekly Led Rides from the Sports Centre will start on Thursday 20th February at 1pm.

To find out more visit [www.active-communities.org](http://www.active-communities.org)

## Dates for your Diary

**Wednesday 29th January**

7.00pm - Confirmation

**Friday 14th February**

2.00pm - Break up for half term

**Monday 24th February**

8.55am - Children return to school

**Friday 3rd April**

2.00pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

**Monday 20th April**

8.55am - Children return to school

**Friday 8th May**

All day - May Bank Holiday (school closed)

**Friday 22nd May**

2.00pm - Break up for Half Term

**Monday 1st June**

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children )

**Tuesday 2nd June**

8.55am - Children return to school

## Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Kyle H in Year 6 for working well in PE with his partner and displaying great enjoyment during the lesson.

## Online Safety - tip of the week!

*Online safety hero says...*



*Remember there are age restrictions  
on Social Media sites for a  
reason.*

*Do you know what Social Media  
sites your child is using?*

*Make sure you know!*

*#socialmedia*

*#keepyourchildsafes*







Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull



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Follow

Year 1 have enjoyed learning all about the ways God would want us to live in his world through role play and by reading some of the parables and considering all of the different ways we want to be more like Jesus e.g. generous, helpful, loving and kind.



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Y4 Maths of the day! ✖÷✖✖



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jan 9

Year 1 had a lovely time starting our 'Toys' topic this week. Today the children presented their favourite toy to the class and got to ask questions. They ended the afternoon playing with their toys and enjoying a little indoor picnic!



St John the Baptist Retweeted

National Online Safety @natonlinesafety · 22h

Understand your 'Mobs' from your 'Mods' this #WakeUpWednesday We've taken a look at video game 'Minecraft'. Learn how parents & carers can build their knowledge to ensure children are playing the game safely. Download here >> [beta.natonlinesafety.com/guides/minecraft...](https://beta.natonlinesafety.com/guides/minecraft...) #OnlineSafety #Minecraft



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 16h

Y5 debate based on book characters from The Savage by David Almond



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jan 10

Well done to our new Nursery children for settling in this week and to the rest of Nursery who have helped their new friends 😊

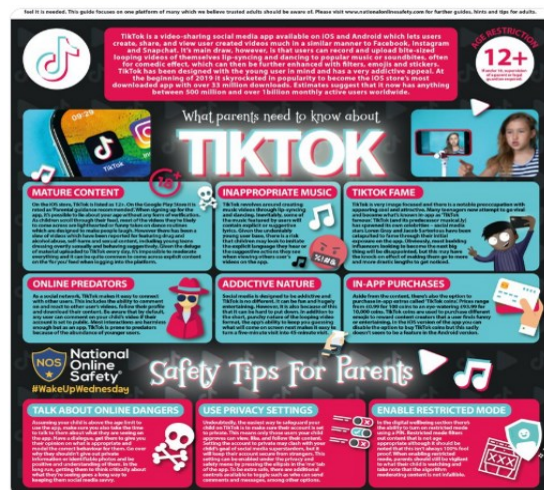


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National Online Safety @natonlinesafety · Jan 8

It's TikTok o'clock! 🕒 This #WakeUpWednesday we take a look at the popular video-sharing social media app 'TikTok'. What is it, what are the dangers and how can parents & carers ensure children use the app safely? Download here >> [bit.ly/36v2uNX](https://bit.ly/36v2uNX)

#OnlineSafety #TikTok



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God of light, you sent the Spirit down upon your Son so that others might know who he was. Send your Spirit on us, so that we might spread your message of love and peace to others.*

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear how something special happened to Jesus after his baptism. The Holy Spirit came down and rested upon him.

John told us how he saw the Holy Spirit come like a dove to rest on Jesus. Because of this John believed that Jesus was the Son of God.

A dove is one way that the Holy Spirit shows itself, but most of the time the Spirit is invisible. We cannot see it.

One way to think about the Holy Spirit is the wind. You cannot see the wind, but you can see the branches of the tree moving when the wind blows. The wind can be very strong. The wind can also be very helpful.

Like the wind, the Holy Spirit is very strong and helps us. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are baptised and the Spirit stays with us all through our lives, helping us to do things that are difficult.



Jesus asks us to love other people, to care for people who are sick and to bring good news to people who are poor. This is not always easy but when we do these things, other people can see the Holy Spirit working through us, just as we can see the wind in the trees.

The Holy Spirit can help us to be kind and generous and brave and to work together with others to make the world a better place for all people.

*God of power, fill us with your Spirit and inspire us to make changes to our lives so that we can help others around the world. Amen.*

*Have a lovely weekend*

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