

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

## Friday 23rd May 2025



As we approach the end of this brief yet very productive half term, it's great to reflect on the many accomplishments and experiences that have enriched our school community. Our pupils have worked hard, and their efforts have been complemented by a diverse array of visitors and experiences, further enhancing the educational opportunities we provide.

This half term, we have offered a full programme of RE Inspire workshops, and it has been lovely to see so many parents, carers, and their children engaging within our school environment. This collaborative approach to learning has undoubtedly strengthened our educational partnership.

The month of May has offered us a cherished opportunity to honour Mary, our Mother. Through praying The Rosary and learning of her caring yet very strong character, we have deepened our appreciation of her significance as both the mother of Jesus and the mother of our Church.

As we continue through Eastertide, our attention now turns to the Feast of the Ascension. This pivotal event, occurring 40 days after Easter, commemorates Jesus' physical ascension into heaven. We express our gratitude for His earthly sacrifice and find solace in the promise of our eventual reunion with Him.

I wish you a happy and restful half-term break. Upon our return, we eagerly anticipate the many events and opportunities that await us in the final half term of this academic year.



# Reflection

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

In this Sunday's Gospel, we encounter Jesus giving upon his disciples the gift of peace, coupled with a reassuring message to cast aside fear. This timeless wisdom is so relevant in our contemporary world, where many conflicts and wars jeopardise the safety and well-being of countless individuals. As we reflect on these words, we are reminded of Pope Leo's recent exhortation to build bridges of understanding. We pray that Jesus' gift of peace and the Pope's plea will inspire those in positions of authority to pursue peace across the globe. Let us unite in prayer for this cause, recognising our shared responsibility in fostering a more harmonious world.

### Our Virtues

Compassionate  
and  
Loving

loving  
hopeful  
attentive  
faith-filled  
generous  
eloquent  
intentional  
truthful  
learned  
wise  
grateful  
discerning  
compassionate  
active  
curious

### Catholic Social Teaching

#### The Dignity of Work

The economy must serve the people, not the other way round. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected – the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organisation and joining of unions, to private property and to economic initiative.

### Our Pope's Prayer Intention

In May we are inspired by Pope Francis to pray for working conditions  
Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

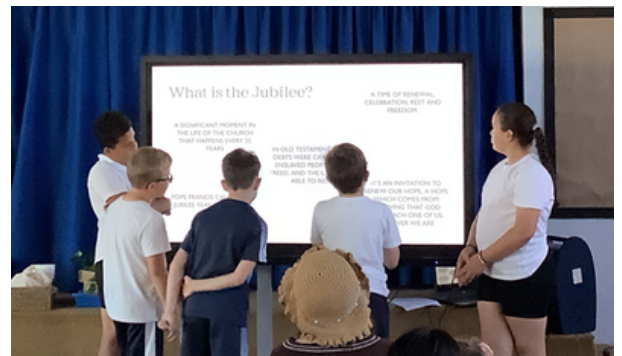




# Year 5 RE Inspire Workshop



Year 5 started their 'Hope workshop' in Church. We had a prayer service and prayed for our hopes. Thank you to all the family members that made it to the workshop.



We went back into the hall on our pilgrimage. We discussed scripture and talked about the ways we could follow Jesus on our journey of 'Hope'. We created keepsakes to keep us strong in faith in this special year.





## Year 6 RE Inspire Workshop



On Wednesday, Year 6 welcomed our adults in to church and school for our Pilgrims of Hope workshop. This offered us time to reflect on our own journey and where we will be going next as we leave St John the Baptist. We created our own keepsake mugs to remember this journey and our hopes for the future.

It was lovely to see and work alongside so many of our adults! Thank you to all who took time out to join us.





# The Chelmsley Tale!

On Thursday, the children were treated to an amazing performance from The Chelmsley Tale! The children loved watching the exciting performance and then we were treated to an engaging workshop all about the magic of storytelling.





# Quad Kids Event

On Thursday morning Year 4 were very lucky to take part in Quad kids!

We went to North Solihull Sports Centre and took part in 4 challenges: 50m sprint, 400m, javelin and standing long jump! We had a fantastic morning and thoroughly enjoyed our time competing!





A big thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work fund raising, so far they have raised £511.50 for our school

If you have any hobbies and would like to have a stall at our Summer or Christmas fayre please let the PTFA committee know and they will happily help.



# Awards

## Star of the Week

Our Star of the Week for Early Years and Key Stage One is

Axel C



Our Stars of the Week for Key Stage Two is Ire T

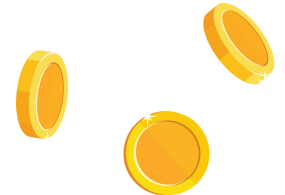


## Virtues



Nursery	Sienna McS
Reception	Caleb A
Year 1	Ayda- Grace C
Year 2	Zoe M
Year 3	Isla- Mae M
Year 4	Year 4
Year 5	Lily W
Year 6	Tiana N- S

## Star Readers



Elijah	Jaiden
Riley	Faateh
Ire	Marcus
Nikolaj	Scarlett





# Celebrations



## Birthdays

Niamh W Y1

Koby J Y2

Aisha M Y6

Mia D Y4

Natalia D Y4



We wish you a very happy birthday from everyone at St. John's!

## Ready to Learn

Our most punctual class, this week, who were in everyday, on time and ready to learn is...

# Year

# 4 & 5

# Well Done

## Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week is...

# Year

# 1

# 97.8%





# Subject Superstars

This week our SJB Scientists have been working extra hard in our science lessons!



Early Years have been experimenting with magnets to help us make our superheroes fly!

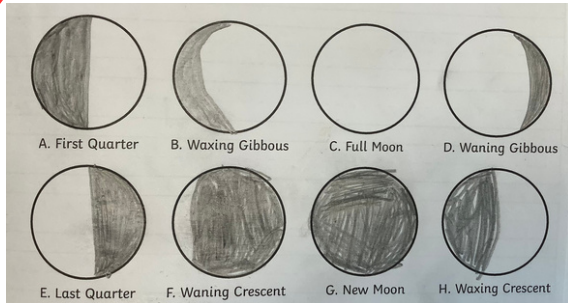


In Year 1, we have been collecting data about the sunflowers we have been growing.





# Subject Superstars



In Year 2, we have been researching the phases of the moon.

Year 3 have been investigating the permeability of rocks.



Year 4 have created their own water cycles and we have been observing them each day.





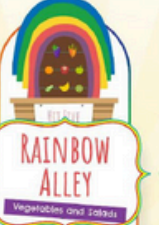

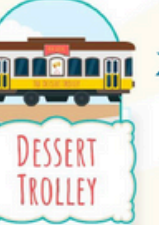



## Ordering Meals on Blue Runner

A reminder to please continue to pre-order your child's meals on Blue Runner. Thank you to everyone that has already activated their account. If you do still need to activate your account and need help, please pop into/ or call the school office.

**FOOD FESTIVAL**  
By Aspens

# LUNCHTIME

WORLD  
Week 1

	 <b>THE MAIN EVENT</b>	 <b>MEAT-FREE MAGIC</b> <small>Veggie Dish</small>	 <b>RAINBOW ALLEY</b> <small>Vegetables and Tofu</small>	 <b>BIG TOPPING</b> <small>Filled Jockies</small>	 <b>DESSERT TROLLEY</b>	
<b>Spring Summer 2025</b> 21/04/25, 12/05/25, 02/06/25, 23/06/25, 14/07/25, 04/08/25, 25/08/25, 15/09/25, 06/10/25						
<b>MONDAY</b>	All Day Breakfast	Cheesy Masala Pizza Naan and Wedges	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Biscuit Bars	 DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Chicken Tikka Masala with Rice	Mexican Bean Wrap with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Classic Trifle	 DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT AND CUT FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable and Stuffing Loaf with Roast Potatoes	Carrots and Cabbage	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Banana Loaf Cake	 PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY Topped Pasta Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Greek Meatballs with Diced Potatoes	Falafels in Pitta with Diced Potatoes	Vegetable Medley	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Carrot Cake	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips	Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Coconut Crisp Bar	

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## STAY SAFE ONLINE!



**MAKE UP A USERNAME.**

DON'T USE YOUR REAL NAME.

**THINK**  
carefully before you say something online or post or send an image.



Everything can be **SHARED**

Don't be scared to unfriend or block people who upset you. Report people if necessary.



**Question everything you read online.**

If you think someone knows your password:

**CHANGE IT!**



WATCH OUT FOR PEOPLE **PRETENDING TO BE**

**SOMEONE THEY'RE NOT**

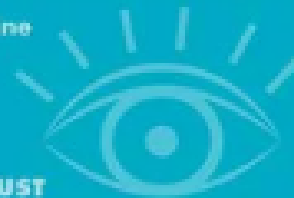
Try to only have online friends who are your **REAL** friends.



**There's a lot of fake stuff out there!**

If you see something online that **UPSETS** you or makes you feel **UNCOMFORTABLE:**

**TELL AN ADULT YOU TRUST**



PEOPLE YOU MEET ONLINE ARE **STRANGERS.** DON'T ARRANGE TO MEET THEM IN REAL LIFE.

Don't share your passwords, even with friends.

**STAY PRIVATE ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**



**BE CAREFUL & KIND ONLINE!**

Don't say anything online that you wouldn't say in real life. Before you post, think whether you would be happy for your family to see it.

**MAKE YOUR PASSWORDS HARD TO GUESS. DON'T USE YOUR NAME. MIX THINGS UP WITH CAPITAL LETTERS, NUMBERS, QUESTION MARKS AND EXCLAMATION MARKS.**





## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28 April 2025

Half Term Holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025

Term Ends: Friday 18 July 2025

INSET Day - Monday July 21st

## Diary Dates

First Confessions (Y3) Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June- 3.30pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June - non uniform day (PTFA Fathers' Day donations)

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June - 10.00am - First Holy Communion

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Early Years Sports Day (morning)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Afternoon

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Production- 9.15am

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - 9.15am