

# St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025



As we start another academic year at St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, I'm delighted to welcome our pupils back to their learning journey. The beginning of a new school year brings fresh opportunities and new possibilities, and I hope our whole school community is feeling refreshed and excited about what lies ahead.

We've already planned an exciting programme of activities and educational experiences that will enhance our pupils' learning throughout the coming months. The wonderful thing about school life is that alongside these planned activities, there are always those special moments of discovery and achievement that can happen at any time during our educational journey together.

I'm truly grateful to God that everyone in our school community has returned safely and in good health, ready to embrace the challenges and rewards of the new academic year. My heartfelt prayer is that every child in our care will have the opportunity to fully develop their God-given skills and talents, helping them to flourish both academically and personally as they continue their educational journey with us.



**Our Lady and All Saints**  
Catholic Multi Academy Company  
Strong in Faith



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# Reflection

## Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus tells the crowds two short stories to explain what being a disciple means, and to show us that if we want to follow him, we must give up everything. The first story is about a man who wants to build a tower. He must work out the cost to make sure he enough money and resources to finish the job. The second story is about a king who is going to war. He must first count his soldiers and resources to make sure he can win the battle. Both stories tell us about how important it is not to rush straight into something without thinking about it first. We need to prepare so that we can see our project through to the finish. It needs to be done properly. Jesus is telling us that following him and being a disciple is something that we must see through to the finish. We need to follow Jesus always and this isn't always easy. Often, we can be distracted by other people or by thinking about what we want rather than about what Jesus wants for us. Throughout our lives as followers of Jesus we might have to choose to do what Jesus wants even if it means not always being popular. It is hard but God is with us all the way to help and guide us.

## Our Virtues

Eloquent  
And  
Truthful

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

## Catholic Social Teaching

### Family and Community

God made us to be part of communities, families, and countries, so all people can share and help each other. We are called to work for the good of each and of all. As humans we are not created to live alone, community is clearly linked in the history of humankind. One way for us to practise solidarity is to participate in pursuing the common good for a community. Every member of society has a duty to develop this common good and every member has a right to enjoy the benefits brought about by it.

## Our Pope's Prayer Intention

**For our relationship with all of creation**  
In September, let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.





# JHNCC Open Evening



## John Henry Newman Catholic College 2025 Open Evening

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

### 4pm to 7pm

[office@jhncc.org](mailto:office@jhncc.org) | 0121 770 5331

### Heart Speaks to Heart



# Awards

## Star of the Week

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



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Isla E

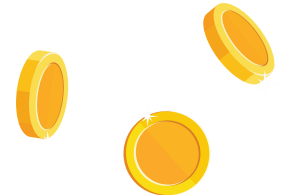


## Virtues



Year 1	Bonnie B
Year 2	Gracie- Leigh A
Year 3	Favour Julius O
Year 4	Sophie H
Year 5	Ashton B
Year 6	Michael N

## Star Readers





# Celebrations



## Birthdays

Abi H - Y4

Cavarlli G - Y1

Abbasyn H - Y4

Jacob K - Y6

Kyrie D - Y3

Daisie-Maye W - 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 6

# Well Done

## Attendance

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

# Reception

# 100%





# Menu

## 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 3

	 <b>THE MAIN EVENT</b> <small>Meat Free</small>	 <b>MEAT-FREE MAGIC</b> <small>Veggie Dish</small>	 <b>RAINBOW ALLEY</b> <small>Vegetables and Zaisis</small>	 <b>BIG TOPPING</b> <small>Fillet Jacket</small>	 <b>DESSERT TROLLEY</b>	 <b>DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE</b>
<p><b>Spring Summer 2025</b> 05/05/25, 26/05/25, 16/06/25, 07/07/25, 28/07/25, 18/08/25, 08/09/25, 29/09/25, 20/10/25</p>						 <b>DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT</b> <b>AVAILABLE DAILY</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	BBQ Sweetcorn Pizza Slice with Wedges	Macaroni Cheese	Green Salad	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Strawberry Frozen Yoghurt	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mild Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Marble Cookie	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Cheese and Onion Slice with Skin on Roasties & Gravy	Carrots and Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Sweet Potato Brownie	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Caribbean Chicken and Pineapple Stew with Rice	Sweet Potato Coconut Bean Stew with Rice	Sweetcorn	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Apple Crumble and Custard	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips	Vegetable Fingers and Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Brookie (Brownie & Cookie Mix)	 <b>PASTA TWIRLER</b> <b>AVAILABLE EVERY DAY</b> <b>Topped Pasta</b> Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

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# Online Safety

A PDF of these Q&A's. Purchase from [www.A-PDF.com](http://www.A-PDF.com) to remove the watermark.



## 7 questions to help you start a conversation with your child about online safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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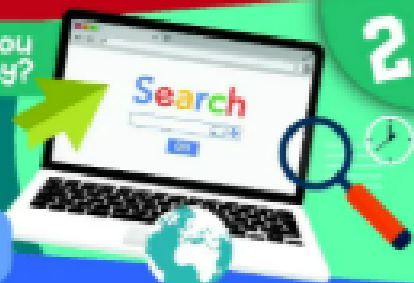


Which apps/games are you using at the moment?

THIS WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD OVERVIEW OF THE TYPES OF THINGS YOUR CHILDREN ARE DOING ON THEIR DEVICES, ALONG WITH THEIR INTERESTS. REMEMBER THAT THEY MIGHT NOT TELL YOU EVERYTHING THEY ARE DOING, SO IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ASK THEM TO SHOW YOU THEIR DEVICES, BECAUSE NEW APPS AND GAMES ARE RELEASED REGULARLY. IT IS IMPORTANT TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION OFTEN TO ENSURE YOU ARE UP TO DATE WITH WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

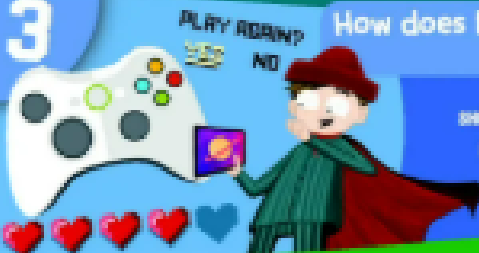
Which websites do you enjoy using and why?

AS IN THE TIP ABOVE, ASKING THIS QUESTION WILL ALLOW YOU TO FIND OUT WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE, AND ENCOURAGE POSITIVE CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY. ASK THEM HOW THEY USE THE WEBSITES, AND TAKE AN INTEREST IN HOW THEY CAN USE THEM IN A POSITIVE WAY. ALSO ASKING THEM TO SHOW YOU IF POSSIBLE.



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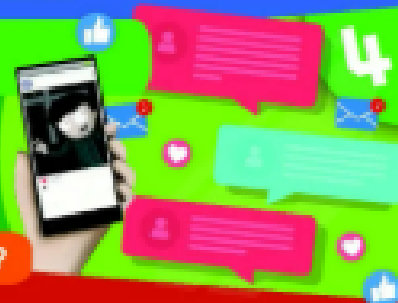


How does this game/app work? Can I play?

SHOW A GENUINE INTEREST IN WHAT THEY ARE DOING. WHILE YOU ARE PLAYING A GAME, OR USING AN APP WITH THEM, IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT SOME THINGS THAT THEY DON'T NECESSARILY THINK IS A DANGER TO THEM, IF THEY ACT LIKE THEY DON'T WANT TO SHARE THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH YOU, QUESTION WHY.

Do you have any online friends?

CHILDREN CAN FORM POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE ONLINE, AND THIS CAN BECOME MORE COMMON THANKS TO ONLINE MULTI-PLAYER OPTIONS, BUT THEY MAY NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A FRIEND AND A STRANGER. YOU COULD MAKE THE QUESTION MORE SPECIFIC TO YOUR CHILD, FOR EXAMPLE, 'HOW DO YOU FEEL BEFORE YOU ASK THAT YOU WANT TO PLAY GAMES WITH?' THEY MAY NOT WANT TO ANSWER, THIS INDICATES YOU WITH YOU, SO ENSURE YOU TEACH THEM ABOUT REAL LIFE RELATIONSHIPS.



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Do you know where to go for help?

ALTHOUGH YOU MAY BE THE ADULT THEY TRUST THE MOST, SOME CHILDREN STRUGGLE TO TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS ONLINE DUE TO CONFUSION OR EMBARRASSMENT. BECAUSE OF THIS THEY MAY STRUGGLE TO APPROACH THE NORMAL PEOPLE WHO WOULD HELP, SUCH AS YOURSELF OR A TEACHER. HAVE A CHAT TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT EXACTLY WHOSE THEY CAN GO FOR HELP, AND HOW THEY CAN REPORT ANY ACTIVITY THAT THEY BELIEVE IS INAPPROPRIATE ONLINE.

Do you know what your personal information is?

YOUR CHILD MAY BLOCKEDLY KNOW WHAT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS BUT THEY MIGHT NOT THINK ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE SHARED. HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT WHO PERSONAL INFORMATION IS AND HOW THIS CAN AFFECT THEM IF IT IS SHARED BEYOND THE INTENDED RECIPIENT. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD UNDERSTANDS THE DANGERS OF SHARING CONTACT DETAILS OR PHOTOS, AS INFORMATION SUCH AS THIS CAN SPREAD QUICKLY ONLINE.



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Do you know your limits?

CHILDREN MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF DEVICE OR GAME ADDICTION. TALK TO THEM OPENLY ABOUT HEALTHY HABITS AND ASK WHETHER OR NOT THEM SPENDING TIME ONLINE OR PLAYING A GAME IS AFFECTING THEIR SLEEP, PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL, OR IF THEY ARE GENERALLY LOSING INTEREST IN OTHER ACTIVITIES. YOU MAY LEAD ON TO ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSING THE INTRODUCTION OF TIME LIMITS WHICH AT HOME.



# Term Dates

## Autumn Term 2025

**Term Starts: Monday 1st September 2025**

**Half Term Holiday: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025**

**Term Ends: Friday 19th December 2025**

**End of Term Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026**

## Spring Term 2026

**Term Starts: Monday 5th January 2026**

**Half Term Holiday: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026**

**Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026**

**End of Term Holiday: Monday 30th March 2026 to Friday 10th April 2026**

## Summer Term 2026

**Term Starts: Monday 13th April 2026**

**(May Day: Monday 4th May 2026)**

**Half Term Holiday: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026**

**Term Ends: Monday 20th July 2026**

**End of Year Holiday Starts Tuesday 21st July 2026**

## Inset Days

**Monday 1st Sept**

**Friday 24th Oct**

**Monday 19th Jan**

**Monday 23rd Feb**

**Monday 15th June**

**Monday 20th July**