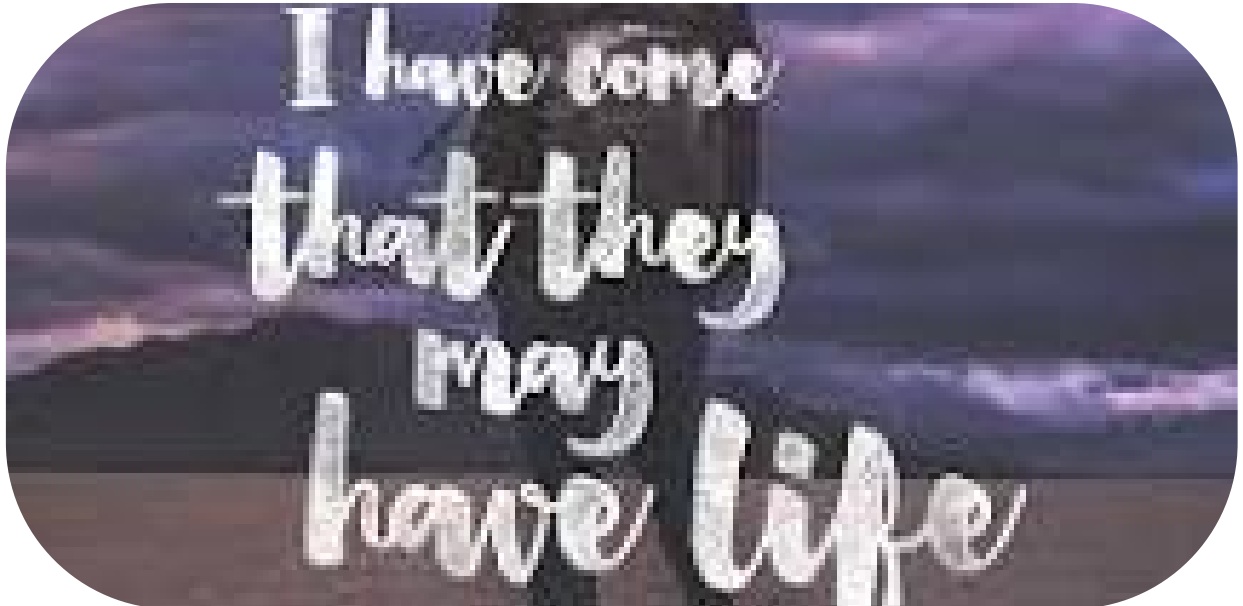


St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 19thth September 2025



I am delighted to share some significant developments in pupil leadership this week. Following a rigorous interview process, we have appointed our Head Boy and Head Girl for the academic year. I extend my warmest congratulations to Owen H and Amelia N, who I am confident will serve as exemplary ambassadors for our school.

In addition to these prestigious roles, we have also successfully appointed our House Captains and Sports Captains, further strengthening our pupil leadership framework.

A particularly noteworthy achievement this week was the GIFT chaplaincy training undertaken by a select group of Year 5 pupils. These pupils were chosen through a comprehensive application and interview process and received expert training from Sister Judith Rucci. This role represents a substantial commitment and an extraordinary opportunity for our pupils to develop leadership skills through a spirit of service.

We are excited to witness the positive impact our new chaplaincy team will have across our school and parish in the coming months. These experiences relate with the biblical passage from John 10:10:

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." This quote emphasises that Jesus's purpose is to give people an abundant, thriving life—not just mere existence—characterised by spiritual wholeness, a connection with God, and a deeply satisfying experience. This is also our hope for every child at St. John's, and through developing and expanding pupil leadership opportunities, we aim to bring this hope alive.



Reflection

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's gospel, the manager's job was to look after a rich man's property and money.

The rich man was cross with him because he was not careful with his money. He spent too much of it. And so, the rich man told the manager he could no longer have a job.

There are many rich people in the world and there are even more people who have very little money. Do you think it is fair that some of us are rich and have lots of nice things, and some of us are poor and do not have all the things we need to live a safe and healthy life?

Another word that is sometimes used instead of manager is steward. We are all stewards of this world, but also of each other. We are called by God to look after both each other and the earth, wisely and fairly.

In this gospel, Jesus says that if we can't be trusted in small things, we won't be trusted with bigger things. He says that we can't serve both God and money in our lives. God must come first. Then other people. Then money and the things that we own last. He also says that we should be generous with the money that we do have and use it to look after others.

How will you make sure that you put God and other people before your possessions in the coming week? What will you do to show that you serve God in your life?

Our Virtues

Eloquent
And
Truthful

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

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.

Pope Leo XIV
Prayer Intention





Awards

Star of the Week

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

Niamh W



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Anna K- D

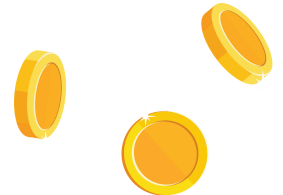


Virtues



Year 1	Mercy O
Year 2	Louie M
Year 3	Jerusha N- J
Year 4	Ava D
Year 5	Lilly M
Year 6	Maigan B

Star Readers



Faateh A





Celebrations



Birthdays

Freddie E Year 1
Daeshia J Year 2
Micheal D Year 6
Tobias H Nursery
Jasmine M Year 6
Louie M Year 2



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 1

Well Done

Attendance

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

Year 5

98.7%





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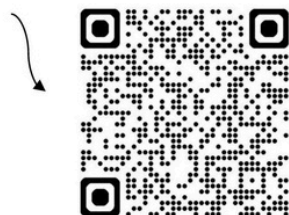
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Elmwood Fri 4 th July 9:30-12pm		Riverside Mon 4 th Aug 12-2:30pm
Hatchford Wed 24 th Sep 9:30-12pm		Elmwood Fri 3 rd Oct 9:30-12pm