

St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School



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

Friday 5th December 2025



As we approach the second Sunday of Advent, we find ourselves reflecting on a deeply meaningful gospel that resonates with our school's identity. The prophetic words from Isaiah—"**Someone is shouting in the desert, prepare the way for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!**"—beautifully encapsulate our school mission. These words, connected to our patron St. John the Baptist, reinforce our core aim: to prepare each of our children to become faith-filled and successful individuals of the future.

The Advent season itself is a time of preparation, and we have been encouraging our pupils to demonstrate exceptional kindness to one another as a meaningful way of preparing for the coming of Jesus. This spiritual journey has been wonderfully illustrated through various school activities.

This week, our Year 1 pupils led a particularly engaging parent and carer Christingle making workshop, providing a wonderful opportunity for family involvement and faith exploration.

Additionally, our Key Stage One pupils delivered an exceptional Christmas production, showcasing their talents while celebrating one of the most significant moments in our faith tradition.

We look forward to continuing our preparations for the birth of Jesus and proclaiming His Word during these final two weeks of term, embracing the spirit of hope and anticipation.



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



THE ARCHDIOCESE of BIRMINGHAM



Reflection

Second Sunday of Advent

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear about our school patron, St. John the Baptist.

John *tells* everybody that Jesus *is* coming and that they need to get ready. *He* warns the people coming to be baptised that they need to say sorry for the things that they have done wrong and change their lives for the better. This will help them to be ready for Jesus.

When we say sorry, it means that we will try to do better next time. If we change our own lives for the better and try to do the right things, we can help to make the world a happier place for other people too.

John the Baptist lived at the time of Jesus. He had great faith and set an example for everyone of how to live a good life.

This week, perhaps we can try to be brave like John the Baptist and speak up for what we believe in. We can say sorry when we get things *wrong*, and we can try to do better next time.

Our Virtues

Learned

and

Wise

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

Catholic Social Teaching

Dignity of the Human Person

Human dignity is the foundational principle of Catholic social teaching, holding that every person is sacred and worthy of respect because they are made in the image and likeness of God. This principle asserts that people are more important than things and that social institutions should be measured by whether they enhance or threaten human life and dignity.

Our Pope's Prayer Intention

For Christians in areas of conflict

In December, let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.





Celebrating Learning

Year 1

Christingle Parent Workshop



Thank you to all those who could attend the Christingle workshop on Monday. The children explained what the Christingle represents. "The orange represents the world because God created our world" "The sticks represent the four seasons." "The sweets represent the fruits of the earth." "The red line around the orange represents Jesus' blood." "The candle represents Jesus is the light of the world."



Well done to the
'Christmas Jumper Competition winners



KS1 Christmas Performance 'The Star of Wonder.'

Well done to all the children, they projected their voices and sang beautifully.



Awards

Star of the Week

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



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Tiffany B

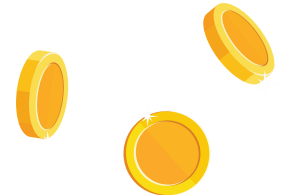


Virtues



Nursery	Alvin K- T
Reception	Emerald B
Year 1	Evie H
Year 2	Evie- May L
Year 3	Precious O
Year 4	Willow T
Year 5	Mia D
Year 6	Scarlett H

Star Readers



Hallie K	Kelsie K
Luna Q	Oscar H
Evie H	Umar A
Haris A	Vincentia A
Remi- May A	Axel C
Ruby G	Precious O
Max T	Pearl B
Carter H	Faateh A
Lily W	Lian O'K
Ire T	Scarlett H
Lena A	





Celebrations



Birthdays

Remi-May A Year 3

Evie-Rose W Year 1

Caleb A Year 1

Faateh A Year 5

Elijah M Year 1

Jerusha N-J Year 3



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...

Reception

Well Done

Attendance

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

Nursery

100%





Menu

Ordering Meals on Cypad from 02.11.2025

Please pre-order your child's meals on Cypad by 8am at the latest each day.
Please speak to the office staff if you need any support with meal ordering.
Thank you.

Weekly Menu: World Autumn winter 25 - 26 week 3



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Main	Main	Main	Main
Pizza Margherita	Chicken Tikka Masala	Roast Chicken	Jerk Chicken Pasta	Fish Fingers
Cheese Swirls	Vegetable Korma	Carrot & Stuffing Puff Pastry Plait	Sweet Potato & Chickpea Balti	Vegetable fingers
Topped Pasta Cheese & Tomato Sauce	Topped Pasta Cheese & Tomato Sauce	Topped Pasta Cheese & Tomato Sauce	Topped Pasta Cheese & Tomato Sauce	Topped Pasta Cheese & Tomato Sauce
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Topped Pasta & Cheese	Topped Pasta & Cheese	Topped Pasta & Cheese	Topped Pasta & Cheese	Topped Pasta & Cheese
Jacket Potato with beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with beans & Cheese	Jacket Potato with beans & Cheese
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Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich
Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich
Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	Tuna Sandwich	
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Childs Choice Dessert	Childs Choice Dessert	Childs Choice Dessert	Childs Choice Dessert	Childs Choice Dessert

Allergens

Pizza Margherita: **Cereals containing gluten, Eggs, Milk, Soya**; Cheese Swirls: **Cereals containing gluten, Eggs, Milk**; Topped Pasta Cheese & Tomato Sauce: **Cereals containing gluten, Milk**; Topped pasta & Tomato Sauce: **Cereals containing gluten**; Topped Pasta & Cheese: **Cereals containing gluten, Milk**; Jacket Potato with beans & Cheese: **Milk**; Jacket Potato with Baked Beans: **No allergens**; Jacket Potato with Cheese: **Milk**; Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayonnaise: **Eggs, Fish**; Ham Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Soya**; Cheese Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Milk, Soya**; Tuna Sandwich: **Cereals containing gluten, Eggs, Fish, Soya**; Childs Choice Dessert: **Cereals containing gluten, Eggs, Milk, Soya, Sulphur Dioxide**; Chicken Tikka Masala: **Milk**; Roast Chicken: **Cereals**



Family Support



PINS - PARENT CARER SESSION

Partnership For Inclusion Of Neurodiversity In Schools

**St John The Baptist Catholic
Primary School**



BEHAVIOUR THAT CHALLENGES

This workshop is open to all parents and carers of children who attend the school.

When children display behaviour that challenges, it can leave parent carers feeling isolated, judged, or unsure of where to turn. It's important to remember: you're not alone, and support is available.

- ✓ Q and A ask us any questions you may have



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SCHOOLS



04/12/25



9:00am

Parent carers welcome
from drop off

Children's tips and advice



Follow our tips and advice to stay safe on the road.

To stay safe on the road you should:

- Always use the [Green Cross Code](#) STOP, LOOK, LISTEN!
- Always hold an adult's hand when you are near the road
- Wear a seat belt when travelling in the car and use the [right child or booster seat](#)
- Make sure you are properly trained to ride your bike on the road
- Always wear a cycle helmet and bright reflective clothes when on your bike
- Be [bright and be seen](#) whenever you are near a road
- Put away your headphones or mobile phone when crossing the road
- Always walk on the pavement or footpath where there is one
- Know and understand the [school crossing signs](#)

Learning the Green Cross Code

It's never too early to start teaching children the [Green Cross Code](#), encouraging children to stop, look, listen and think with you before crossing the road. It can be a fun activity to teach children while you're on the school run or a walk to the park. And your good habits crossing the road can soon become theirs.

But remember they still need your help. Younger children find it difficult to judge the speed and distance of traffic – so they don't know when it's safe to cross the road. And, they won't always remember road safety rules, especially if they're distracted or spot a friend across the road.

Think

Find the safest place to cross. Where possible use a pedestrian crossing.

Avoid crossing between parked cars, at bends in the road or close to the top of the hill to make sure drivers can see you.

Stop!

Stand on the pavement near the kerb and make sure you can clearly see the traffic.

Don't get too close to the traffic and give yourself lots of time to look around.

Look and listen

Look in every direction and be sure to listen carefully for things you can't yet see.

Sometimes you can hear dangers before you can see them.

Wait

Wait until it's safe to cross. If traffic is coming, let it pass. If you're not sure, don't cross.

Only cross when there is a safe gap and plenty of time to cross. Remember, traffic may seem far away but it may be moving quickly.

Look and listen again

When it is safe, walk straight across the road. Don't run. Keep looking and listening.

Look out for bicycles, scooters and motorcyclists travelling between lanes of traffic and do not cross diagonally.



Top 5 online safety tips for kids

1

Set up your device to protect your information.

2

Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.

3

Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.

4

Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.

5

Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.





The PTFA have raised £643 through running our Tuck Shop weekly, thank you for your continued support. The Wonka Bar sales have raised a whopping £221.50!

Elfridges



Gifts for under £5 (minimum £1 donation)

Let your child choose a gift
and have our Elves
wrap it in our magical Christmas store
ready to place under the tree this
Christmas.

Available during our Christmas Fayre.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 10th December - non- uniform - donate cakes

Wednesday 10th December - 9.15am -Early Years Christmas Event

Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 17th December - 9.15am- KS2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 17th December am - Early Years Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December - KS2 Christmas Party

Thursday 18th December - KS1 Christmas Party

Friday 19th December - Christmas jumper day



Term Dates

Autumn Term 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 27nd 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 20nd 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



Family Support

Solihull
Family Hubs



A Family Hub is a place where children, young people and families can go for services, advice and to meet other families. Raising a family, being a parent or carer, or navigating life as a young person can be a challenge so staff in the hubs can put you in touch with different services in the area.

Scan here for more information on the Family Hubs website or visit:

www.solihull.gov.uk/family-hubs



The Solihull Family Hubs app is available to download from the Apple Store and Google Play Store. It includes information on sessions at each of our hubs, online resources and much more. **Take a look today!**

Google Play



App Store





Family Support

Family Helpline

**Early Help support for families
and professionals in Solihull**

0121 788 4327

Live from 3 March 2025

Available Monday-Thursday 09:00-16:30,
Friday 09:00-16:00

Our dedicated team of duty workers support
with topics such as:

- Parenting and family guidance
- School attendance and support in coordinating Early Help assessments and plans
- Signposting to local services such as Solihull Family Hubs
- Child behavioural issues and social development
- Health and emotional wellbeing
- Referrals to Family Support Workers

For safeguarding concerns, such as if a child is at risk of being harmed, call the Solihull Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0121 788 4300



Working
for Children
and Families
in Solihull

