St. John the Baptist
Catholic Primary School

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

Friday 23rd October 2026



As we reach the end of what has been a long first half term, the summer now seems a long time ago. It has been a term of many successes and many reasons to celebrate, and I am grateful to everyone who has contributed to the life of our school community.

This week alone, we attended our annual Our Lady and All Saints MAC Thanksgiving Mass. St John's was represented beautifully by a group of Year 5 pupils, who looked smart, behaved immaculately and read with confidence. I was personally very proud of them. Their conduct reflected the care, preparation and values that define our school.

We now look forward to a restful half term break, and I hope that families are able to spend time together and recharge. We anticipate a hopeful and successful return to school for the second half of the autumn term, and I wish all our pupils, families and staff a peaceful and happy break.

Reflection

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus says the greatest and the first commandment is that we should love God with all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind.

When we love someone, we try to show this in the way that we treat them. We can show that we love God when we pray - by giving thanks and praise to God. And by remembering all that God asks us to do. We can also show our love for God by trying to behave in a way that pleases God.

Jesus also asks us to love our neighbour as ourselves.

Our neighbours are the people closest to us, as well as all the people in the same street, at school and at church, in our town and in our world. After all, we're all part of the same big global family. And we're all loved by God.

Jesus wants us to treat other people as we would want to be treated, to make sure all people are treated fairly and have what they need.

We can all put our love into action to support our neighbours, both close and around the world and to help them and to ensure they feel loved.

Our Virtues

Compassionate and Loving



Catholic Social Teaching

Family and Community

The person is not only sacred but is a social being in relationship with other people. How we organise our societies in economics, politics, law and policy directly affects our capacity to build community. Marriage, family life and relationships are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened. All people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking the common good and well-being of all.

Our Pope's Prayer Intention

October - For mental health ministry

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



STEM Workshop



Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic day planning and building planes and cars. They worked in teams and looked at the different style of wings on a plane which they then made and tested to see how far they would fly.
For their cars, they made a car which was designed to carry a passenger - in this case an egg - to test whether it would survive a crash test. Year 5 were more successful as none of their eggs were damaged. Unfortunately, a few of Year 6 eggs did not survive!















Awards

Star of the Week

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



Our Star of the Week for Key Stage Two is Thomas O







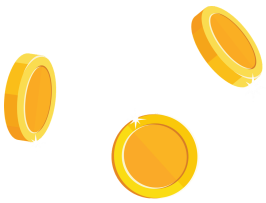
Mission Awards



Leon W	For having a questioning mind
Kelsie K	For having a kind heart
Roy K- T	For having a thirst for knowledge
Harry E	For having a kind heart
Lillie- Mai B	For having a hunger for justice
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Star Readers





Jasper B	Zoe M
Amla C	Roy K- T
Vincentia A	Shay M- W
Ryan B	Isla- Mae M
Abigail M	

Celebrations



Birthdays



Kaiden A - Year 2
Ashton B - Year 6
Ava-Rose B - Year 6
Vincentia Ahinakwa - Year 4
Grayson G - Year 6
Dexter C - Year 4
Favour J-o - Year 4
Esme S - Year 3
Sienna Mc - Year 1

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

Ready to Learn

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

Year 4

&

Nursery



Attendance

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

Nursery

100%



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SEPTEMBER 2027

RECEPTION AND NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE.

OPEN DAYS

Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.30am

Tuesday 17th November at 2pm

Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 3.30pm

We take Nursery children the term after their 3rd birthday so have a January and April intake for Nursery as well as September. We offer 15 and 30 hours.

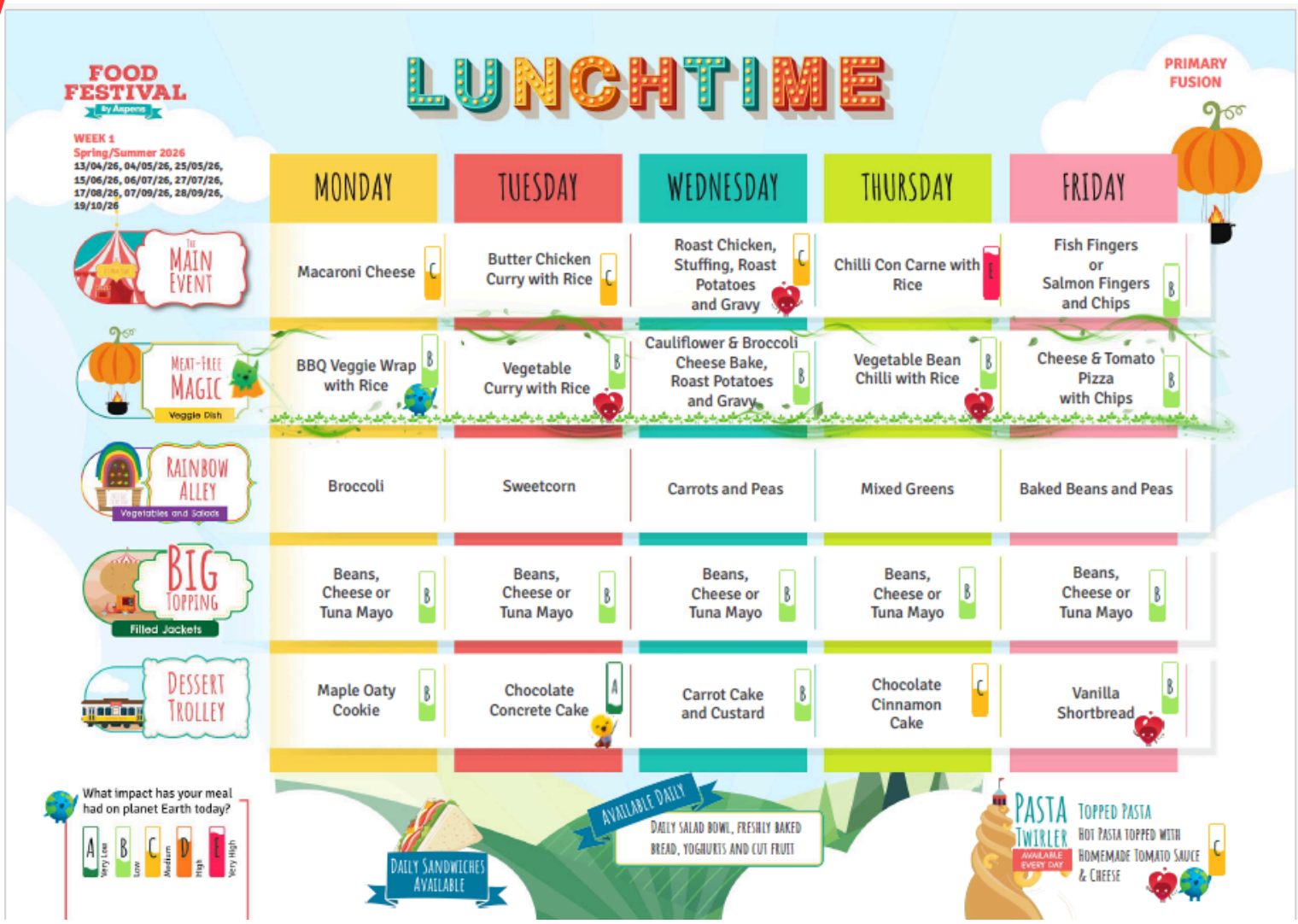
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Scan the QR code to see our wonderful provision.

Please contact the school office on 0121 770 1892 if you would like to arrange a visit.

COME ALONG TO ONE OF OUR OPEN DAYS

Lunch Menu


FOOD FESTIVAL
By Aspens
LUNCHTIME
PRIMARY FUSION
WEEK 1
Spring/Summer 2026
13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26, 15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26, 17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26
MONDAY
TUESDAY
WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
FRIDAY
THE MAIN EVENT
Macaroni Cheese C
Butter Chicken Curry with Rice C
Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy C
Chilli Con Carne with Rice E
Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips B
MEAT-FREE MAGIC
Veggie Dish
BBQ Veggie Wrap with Rice B
Vegetable Curry with Rice B
Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Roast Potatoes and Gravy B
Vegetable Bean Chilli with Rice B
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips B
RAINBOW ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads
Broccoli
Sweetcorn
Carrots and Peas
Mixed Greens
Baked Beans and Peas
BIG TOPPING
Filled Jackets
Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo B
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DESSERT TROLLEY
Maple Oaty Cookie B
Chocolate Concrete Cake A
Carrot Cake and Custard B
Chocolate Cinnamon Cake C
Vanilla Shortbread B
What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today?
A Very Low
B Low
C Medium
D High
E Very High
DAILY SANDWICHES AVAILABLE
AVAILABLE DAILY
DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURTS AND CUT FRUIT
PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
TOPPED PASTA
HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE C

Park and Stride



We are promoting the carpark at the Sports and Social club on Mull Croft as alternative parking away from school and are displaying railing banners showing the location of the alternative parking and suggested routes. Leaflets are available in school if needed. Thank you to those who have already shared that they are supporting this initiative as away of improving safety for our children.

Breaktime Snacks

Please ensure that, if you choose to send your child with a morning breaktime snack, it is healthy, and inline with our Healthy Eating Policy.

We have seen a large increase in children bringing packets of crisps and chocolate bars for their snack.

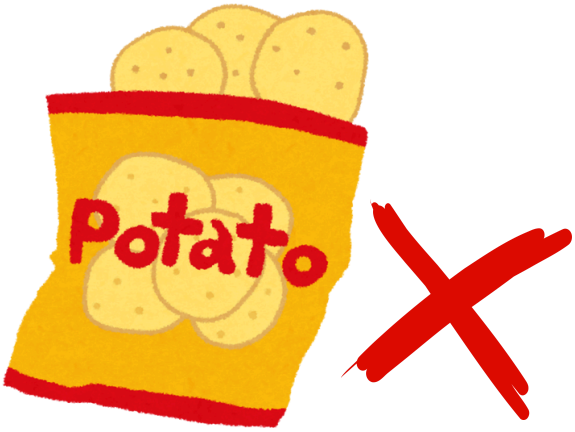
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Morning snacks should ideally be fresh fruit, or dried fruit or fruit based bars. Any children with crisps or chocolate will be asked to return the item to their bag to take home.

Please be reminded that we offer bagels and free fresh fruit to our children, each day, so there are always alternatives.

Another problem which has resulted in the increase in unhealthy snacks, is an increase in litter on our school site. Where possible, we ask that snack choices avoid items that are contained in plastic bags or wrappers.

Thank you for your support in this matter.





Online Safety



Term Dates

2026 - 2027

Autumn Term

Term begins: Tuesday 1st September

Half term: 26th - 30th October

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Spring Term

Term begins: Monday 4th January

Half term: 15th - 19th February

Term ends: Thursday 25th March

Summer Term

Term begins: Monday 12th April

Half term: 31st May - 4th June

Term ends: Wednesday 21st July

Inset Days 2026/ 2027

Tuesday 1st September

Wednesday 2nd September

Monday 2nd November

Monday 18th January

Friday 12th February

Monday 21st June

Admissions

Newsletter information:

School name is consulting on its admission arrangements for 2028-29 from 1st October 2026 to 20th November 2026. ~Please note the revised consultation date. You can find a copy of the proposed admission arrangements on our website. If you have any comments or views you should send them to Laura Grice, OLAAS Governance Lead at gricel@olaas.co.ukor 5pm on 20th November 2026.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th November - Nursery Open Day- 9.30am

Tuesday 17th November - Nursery Open Day- 2.00pm

Tuesday 18th November - Nursery Open Day- 3.30pm

Wednesday 9th December - Christmas Fayre

Saturday 12th December- Living Nativity (St. Anne's School)