



**St. John the Baptist**  
Catholic Primary School

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



"The word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us"  
John 1:14

# Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 27.11.20

*Intentional*

*and*

*Prophetic*

Thursday was designated 'Art Day' here at St John's, all years had a wonderful time spending the day getting messy whilst creating fantastic pieces of art!



**ART  
DAY**



Early Years really had so much fun today being artists! We looked at 'Starry Night' by Vincent Van Gogh, the children used mixed media to make their versions of the painting.

[#SJBWEAREARTISTS](#)

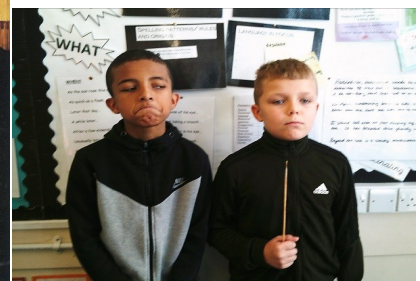
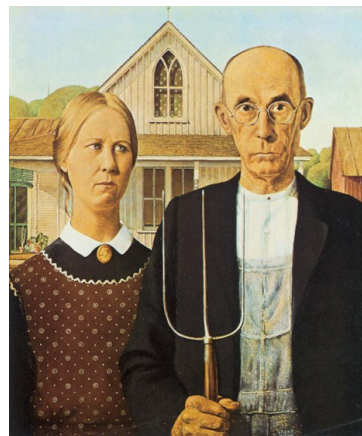




For 'Art Day' Year 4 created a nativity scene, they also won a certificate for coming 2nd place in the Virtual School Games. Also pictured is the 'World We Want Walk' where Year 4 went round and looked at everyone's work to share our learning with each other to make us feel closer to the other classes.



Year 5 have enjoyed learning about the artist Grant Wood this week. After studying his life and influences we have made our own version of one of his most famous works called American Gothic and copied the characters pose while trying to guess what they were thinking.



Year 6 developed their oracy skills by having a debate about whether it would be better to be an Athenian or Spartan. They also developed their artistic skills by replicating a picture from Paul Nash - representing surrealism through the stimulus of war.





## Dates for your Diary

### Friday 4th December

All day - non-uniform day (school fund donations 50p per family)

### Monday 7th December

All day - non-uniform day (**Y1 children only** - Feast of St. Nicholas)

### Friday 11th December

All day - non-uniform day (school fund donations 50p per family)

### Wednesday 16th December

1pm - Cinderella Virtual Panto Performance

### Friday 18th December

All day - non-uniform day (Christmas Jumper day - no donation required)

2.00pm - Break up for Christmas Holiday

### Monday 4th January

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

### Tuesday 5th January

8.55am - Children return to school

### Friday 12th February

2.00pm - Break up for half term

### Monday 22nd February

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

### Tuesday 23rd February

8.55am - Children return to school

## Online Safety - tip of the week!

*Online safety hero says...*



*Check the age ratings of online games, they have an age rating for a reason!*

*Adults—play the games before your child so you can check if it is suitable.*

*#onlinegaming*



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to Erik K-D in

Year 1,

and

Ritchie R in

Year 5

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Abigail M	NN
Mikayla F	Reception
Taylor S	Year 1
Mikel B	Year 2
Arcange P-L	Year 3
Hareem T	Year 4
Brodie D	Year 6

For being intentional and prophetic.

### Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 4 with 99.3%



*Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Nursery, Year 4 & Year 6.

### Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Dillon O'N, Roman-Ray F and Maigan B.



# Reception Admissions - September 2021

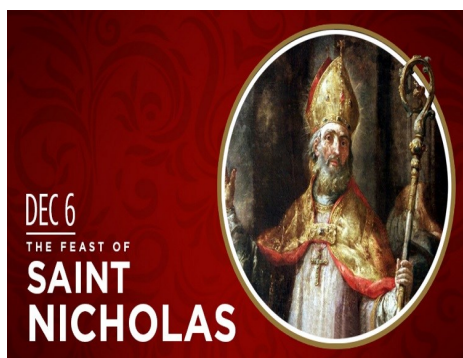
Children born between 1 September 2016 - 31 August 2017 start full time school in September 2021.

- Apply online if you live in Solihull
- Closing date for applications: 15 January 2021
- Offers will be made: 16 April 2021
- Number of schools you can apply for: 5

Children attending the nursery do not usually get a higher priority for a place. We strongly recommend that you include your catchment-area school even if it is your lowest preference. If you are not offered a place at one of your preferred schools you will be offered a place at the nearest school with a vacancy after all the offers are made. For more information go to [making a realistic application](#).

Apply online by following the below link:

<https://eservices.solihull.gov.uk/Synergy/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>



## Non-Uniform Day - Year 1

To celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas Monday 7th December will be a non-uniform day for children in Year 1.

We raised an amazing £151.62 for Children in Need, thank you to all those who contributed. Children in Need help improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the UK and the money we've raised will make a huge difference.





Dear parents, carers & guardians of Primary aged children,  
The online world can be a bit overwhelming at times but it is important we understand what our children are doing online so we can help make them safer. The Safer Schools App aims to help with this.  
We are delighted to invite you to download our new Safer Schools App provided by our school insurance provider Zurich Municipal.



**About the App**  
The App is designed to support and protect children by educating and empowering them both at school and at home. Through their log-in, your children get access to information that is relevant to them and you will receive tips and advice on how to keep them safer online.

Excited? Ready to make your children safer?  
Download the Safer Schools App now!

Make sure to enable push notifications to keep up-to-date with our tips, advice and guidance on how to make your children safer.

The Safer Schools App has been developed by Inceps Safeguarding Group in partnership with Zurich Municipal.  
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Don't forget to download our school app that has lots of important online safety advice to help you and your child stay safe online.

# SJB Sports

St John's has won an award for participation in the School Games Award's virtual competition running throughout the Autumn Term and Year 3 and 4 won the Silver award in their football activity. We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Coach Byford for organising the events and recording all the data.



## PRIMARY AUTUMN TERM PARTICIPATION AWARD



**GOLD**

**St John The Baptist Catholic Primary**

**FOR ENGAGING IN...**

5+ Autumn term Virtual School Games events



Awarded by Hollie Williams - North Solihull Sport Partnership Lead



## FOOTBALL



**YR. 3/4 FOOTBALL**

**St John The Baptist RC Primary**



Awarded by Hollie Williams - North Solihull Sport Partnership Lead

@SOLIHULLNORTH

#BACKTOSCHOOLGAMES



# No Pens Wednesday

Would you rather be an Athenian or a Spartan? This was the question posed to Year 6 on No Pens Wednesday. The children prepared, practised and performed speeches to persuade other classmates to join their Greek community.

Using our Oracy Skills, we looked at how to use our voices and gestures to put our points across in a mature, yet persuasive manner.



## Christmas Chocolate & Sweet Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets will be available for every child to purchase from Monday 7th December, 50p per strip with the winning tickets being drawn on Tuesday 15th December. Children can purchase tickets from their class teacher. Good luck!



On Wednesday 16th December at 1pm the whole school will be treated to a fantastic virtual performance of Cinderella, presented by Panto Live! Judging by the sneak preview we know the children are going to love it!







Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jul 17

If your child will be 3 before September we have space's available in our Nursery for mornings only or all day (if you qualify for 30 hours). Please get in touch if you'd like more information.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 26

FKS have enjoyed Art Day today! We used lots of mixed media to make our own versions of Starry Night by Vincent Van Gogh #SJBWEAREARTISTS #vincentvangogh



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 26

Art Day was filled with clay sculptures for Year 4. They have created amazing nativity scenes, just a splash of paint on their stables to come! #SJBWEAREARTISTS #NATIVITY #JESUSISBORN @BhamDES



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Year 2 have enjoyed creating mixed media artwork for Art Day today #SJBWEAREARTISTS #EdwardBurneJones



Solihull Council @SolihullCouncil · Nov 25

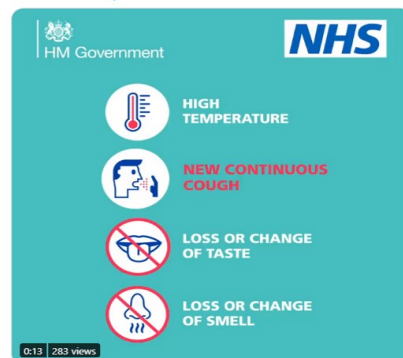
If you have symptoms of #coronavirus book a test as soon as possible.

This helps protect those around you.

The symptoms are:

high temperature  
a new, continuous cough  
a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

Call 119 or visit [bit.ly/3f5sE6](https://bit.ly/3f5sE6)



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 25

Today in Year 6, we had a debate linking to our topic - Ancient Greece. Using our #voice21oracy skills, we prepared, practised and performed our persuasive sentences to the rest of the class. What would you rather be: an Athenian or a Spartan? #nopensdaywednesday



National Online Safety @natonlineafety · Nov 25

Play does have limits! 🎮 This #WakeUpWednesday we're taking a look at the all new PlayStation 5! Your free guide provides tips to ensure kids play safe. Download via the app today.

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And there was even more to see... 🌈🍌🍌



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Nov 23

What an amazing 'work walk' today, getting the opportunity to look at what everyone got up to in Loving Week! 🌈🍌🍌





## First Sunday of Advent

*God of love, you sent your Son Jesus into the world to show us how to live. Help us to be ready for when he comes again*

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent – a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. Jesus asks us all to keep watch for him so that we will be ready when he comes.

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

*Jesus said, "Be on watch, be alert, for you do not know when the time will come. It will be like a man who goes away from home on a journey and leaves his servants in charge, after giving to each one his own work to do and after telling the doorkeeper to keep watch. Be on guard, then, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming — it might be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or at sunrise. If he comes suddenly, he must not find you asleep. What I say to you, then, I say to all: watch*

Jesus promised us that one day he would return. In this gospel story Jesus is telling us that we must be ready when he comes again, but that we cannot be exactly sure when that will be.

Advent is a time when we especially think about getting ready to welcome Jesus, when we remember his birth at Christmas and when he comes again in glory. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus asks us to look out and keep our eyes open for what is happening around us, so that we are ready when he comes.



How will you make sure you are ready for Jesus when he comes again?

*Living God, help us to listen to your word, to be kind and generous and helpful to others and to be ready to welcome Jesus when he comes.*

*Amen.*

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