



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

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



"These have been written in order that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah,  
the Son of God"  
John 20:31

# Newsletter

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 23.04.21

*Compassionate*

*and*

*Loving*

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the start of Summer Term, the sun is shining and long may that continue! We have had a great week in school; the children have been very settled and well behaved and a clear enthusiasm for learning has returned.

It truly feels as if we are returning to some normality which is just fantastic. Thank you to almost all of our families for ensuring that your children are now wearing their full, summer uniform again, it really does make such an important difference. For those who not fully compliant, an additional uniform reminder letter will be sent out today.

## Our Lady and All Saints MAC Launch Week



Happily the MAC launch week coincided with one of our school mission weeks. This has meant that we've been extremely busy, entering competitions, writing class prayers, sharing class prayer services and producing beautiful art work and displays.

We have linked our celebration of joining our new MAC family of schools with a focus on oracy. This has resulted in some beautiful speaking and listening opportunities as well as the chance to broaden our spoken vocabulary and develop greater confidence in public speaking. We are very proud of all children's achievements this week.

Many have been shared in our virtual celebration assembly but also please don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see the wide variety of opportunities that we offer. You can also follow the achievements of children across our MAC by following @OurLadyandAllS1 (our MAC Twitter account)

## Dates for your Diary

### Friday 30th April

All day - Non-uniform day (Captain Tom's 101st Birthday)

### Monday 3rd May

All day - School closed (May Day Bank Holiday)

### Friday 28th May

2.00pm - Break up for May Half-Term

### Monday 7th June

All day - Inset Day (school closed to children)

### Tuesday 8th June

8.55am - Children return to school

### Wednesday 21st July

3.15pm - Break up for Summer holiday

*Online safety hero says...*



*Make sure your personal profiles are secure by using a secure password.*

*Try to use three words joined together and use different passwords for each different account you have.*

*#sageprofile #securepassword*



## Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Josh C for good team work.



## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Abbasyn H

in Nursery,

and Daisy H in

Year 3

We're all really proud of you.

This week's virtues awards were given to

Kingsley C

NN

Mia D

Reception

Tia S

Year 1

Ryan M

Year 2

Lincoln C

Year 3

Luke K

Year 4

Alessia M

Year 5

Brodie D

Year 6

For being compassionate and loving.

### Attendance

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



*Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual classes this week were Nursery, Reception and Year 3.

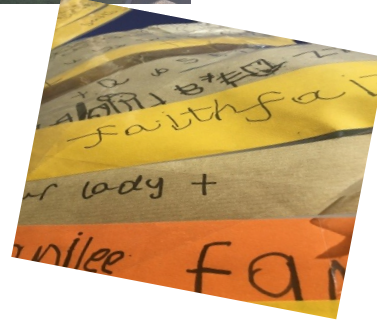
### Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Jenson-Jay N, Toby B, Rhinah B, Olly K and Ruby M.



# Living Week



## Living Week Art Competition Winners

Congratulations to Chloe H and Oscar B, who are the winners of our

[#StronginFaithArtCompetition](#)





Next Friday each class will be choosing a challenge that will consist of them doing something 100 times to celebrate Captain Tom's birthday, and raise money for charity. Money raised will go to various charities. Captain Tom was an amazing person who lifted spirits whilst raising much needed funds for our brilliant NHS, so let's get together and make this event an amazing one!

## Non-Uniform Day

Next Friday will be a non-uniform day in honour of Captain Tom's 101st birthday.

## Year 6 Mass



Today Year 6 children attended Mass, it's been such a long time since this was possible and of course was lovely to be able to come together for Mass and we very much look forward to continuing with class Mass each Friday.

## Happy St George's Day!



Today children and staff celebrated St George's Day by wearing something red.

## Parent Governor Opportunity

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on our local governing body and will shortly be arranging a parent governor election. This is an opportunity to support the development of your child's school and to help guide our place within the Our Lady and All Saints MAC. Being a governor can also be a personal benefit as it can be a valuable aid to career progression in many organisations.

If you are interested please contact Mr Gallagher, either by phone, at the school gate or by emailing our school office. Thank you for your support.



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## School Meals Parent Survey



Our award winning school meals in Solihull have never tasted better and we are proud to offer pupils across the borough a great range of delicious, healthy meals, using locally sourced, high quality ingredients. To ensure we are meeting your child's catering needs a Parent Survey can be accessed from the link below or the QR code at the bottom of this article from 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. Please take a few moments to give us your feedback. Thank you.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ROY4KI/>





## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Loving God, you know us and care for us. Help us to remember that all people are loved by you no matter who they are, and to care for others in the world as you do.*

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear Jesus tell a story where he calls himself the good shepherd. This story shows us that Jesus knows and cares for all people.

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become[a] one flock with one shepherd.*

*"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."*

Jesus called himself the good shepherd, who carefully looked after his sheep. When he said sheep, Jesus meant us, because he cares for us and for all people around the world.

Jesus wants us to follow his example. He asks us to care for all our brothers and sisters, no matter who they are or where they come from. And he doesn't want us to run away when things are difficult. He wants us to stand up for what we believe and know to be right.

As part of Our Lady and All Saints MAC, we have now joined an even larger family and faith community. As we work together and collectively strive to follow the example that Jesus gave us, we can all feel stronger and more supported than ever.

*We thank you for our friends and family; that we have people around us who protect and care for us.*

*We thank you for the gift of faith that you have given us, may we use it to help others; to care for those who need our help and to care for the wonderful world around us.*

*Make us ever strong in faith as we join together to form a new Catholic community in your name. Inspire us to work together to create good and to grow as successful individuals, making the most of the talents you have given to us.*

*Amen*



*Have a wonderful weekend.*

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