



"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said"  
Luke 1:38

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 11.03.22

*Intentional*

and

*Prophetic*

Another calm and successful week at St John's, where we have focused on our new virtues for this half-term: Intentional and Prophetic. They tie in beautifully with our personal Lenten journeys as we are asked to be 'intentional' in the way we behave and the choices we make and be 'prophetic' in the examples we set to others.

In our last assembly, I challenged our children to focus on giving small acts of kindness throughout this week. I hope that many of you have benefitted from these at home as well.

To conclude I'd like to share a special well done to the first of our new altar servers, who did a fantastic job during Mass this morning. They showed incredible respect and confidence, especially considering they only received their training earlier this week. So thank you and well done to Arcange, Samuel and Halina - great ambassadors for our faith!

## ***Prayer for the People of Ukraine***



THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

In his recent Pastoral letter Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham, asks that we unite in offering our prayers for the people of Ukraine.

Along with offering our prayers, we here at St John's will also be helping in practical ways by raising funds through our upcoming Lenten activities.

The first of our Lenten activities will be held next Thursday for St Patrick's Day. Children can wear something green for a donation of 50p per family.

Psalm 31:21-24 (NRSV)

Blessed be the Lord,  
for he has wondrously shown his steadfast  
love to me when I was beset as a city  
under siege.

I had said in my alarm,  
"I am driven far from your sight."  
But you heard my supplications  
when I cried out to you for help.  
Love the Lord, all you his saints.

The Lord preserves the faithful,  
but abundantly repays the one who acts  
haughtily.

Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the Lord.  
Amen.



# Class Activities - KS2

Year 3 ventured out on Tuesday for their first swimming lesson. It was great to take a trip on the coach and we loved our first lesson!

The next half term is going to be great, progressing on the skills we learn each week.



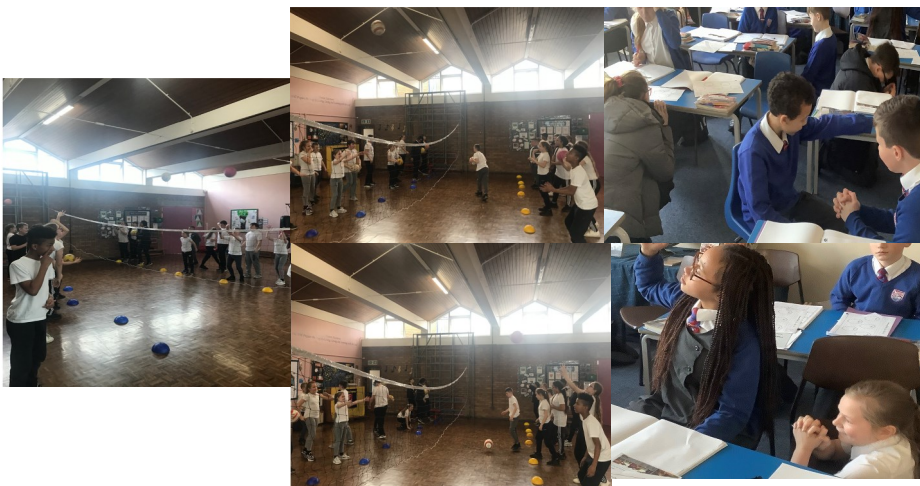
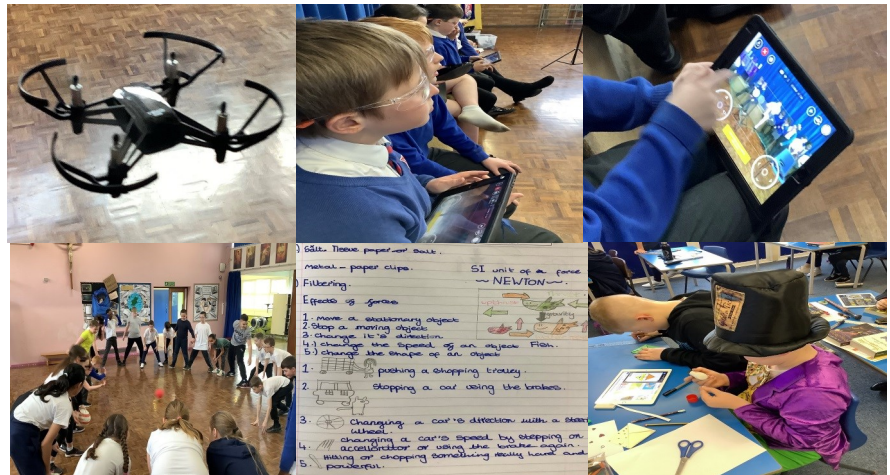
This week in Year 4, we have been reflecting further on our Lenten journey. We explored the story of Jesus tempted in the wilderness through Godly Play.

We also thought about the people of Ukraine during our collective worship, considering what actions we will take to help them, following the example of Jesus.

Year 5 have been busy. We have enjoyed more work with drones with direct flying from controllers using on-board cameras, as well as coding. Thanks to JHN School for the support.

In PE we have had to cooperate with partners and react quickly to win points.

And on World Book Day we enjoyed dressing as characters while creating book marks. In Science we are now starting a new topic based on Forces.



This week Year 6 learnt how to 'set' one another in Volleyball and role played the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus.





## Dates for your Diary

### Thursday 17th March

All day - Non-uniform day (wear something green for St Patrick's Day) 50p per family

### Friday 8th April 2022

2.00pm - Break up for Easter Holiday

### Monday 25th April

8.55am - Children return to school

### Monday 2nd May 2022

All day - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

### Friday 27th May

2.00pm - Break up for May half term

### Tuesday 7th June 2022

8.55am - Children return to school

### Saturday 11th June 2022

11.00am - Holy Communion at St John's Church

### Wednesday 29th June 2022

7.00pm - Confirmation at Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church

### Inset Day

### Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day

## Online safety hero says...



*Do you know the rules of how to behave and stay safe on the games, apps or websites you use? Ask an adult to help you find out how to block or report other users and how to play games with people you know in the real world rather than strangers.*

*#playwithfriends*

*#staysafe*

*#knowtherules*



## Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is James H in Year 3 for great individual tennis skills.



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# Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

*March: A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges*

*We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.*

## Lent - Family Activities

**Wonder Walks WEEK 3**

**Mark 4:30-32** NIV

'Again, Jesus said, "What can we say God's kingdom is like? What story can we use to explain it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. But when you plant the seed, it grows. It becomes the largest of all garden plants; its branches are so big that birds can rest in its shade."

**2.** Can you use a story to explain what you think God's Kingdom is like? Each person can tell a little bit, when they say, "but then..." someone else takes over telling the story.

**3.** Find the tallest tree or plant on your walk.

What height do you think it is?  
What size do you think the seed that it grew from was?  
How old do you think it is?  
Are there any birds having a rest in its branches?  
Take a photo of your plant or tree.

**4.** If God's Kingdom grows from things that are very small. What little thing could you do this week that would help God's Kingdom grow? Encourage each other to do that thing!

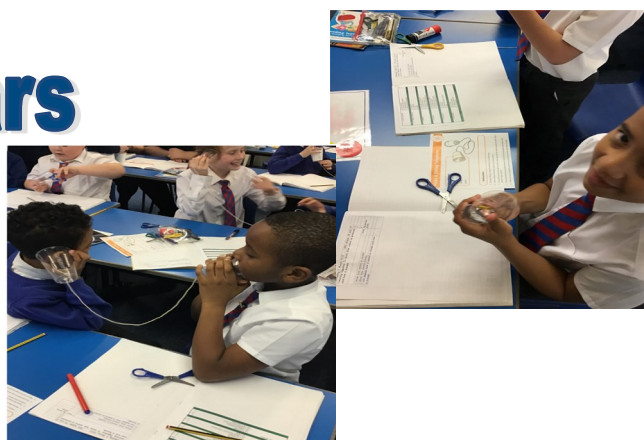
Why do you think Jesus said his Kingdom is like a big plant that grows from a tiny seed?

You can walk anywhere! Just pick a local route, and follow activities 1-4.

Week 3 of our Lent family activities.

## Science Superstars

This half term, we have been learning all about sound in Year 4. We have explored how to change the pitch and volume of a sound and how sound travels. We made our own string telephones and we could hear each other from a very long way away!



## Families Birmingham March-April Magazine

Please follow the below link to access March/April families magazine.

[Families Birmingham March-April 2022 by Families Magazine - Issuu](#)



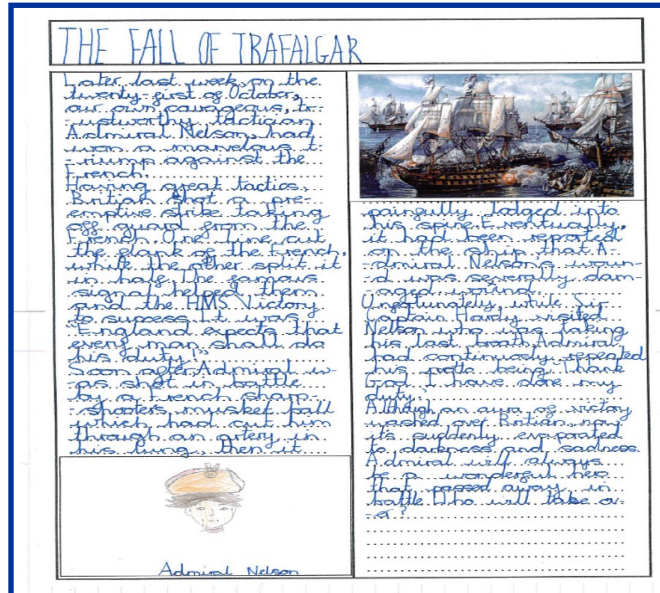
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# Parent & Carer Voice

Thank you to parents and carers for completing the Inclusion/SEND Questionnaire, we really appreciate your feedback and views.

## Excellent Work

This week's excellent work comes from Elisha I in year 5, who wrote a newspaper article about the Battle of Trafalgar.

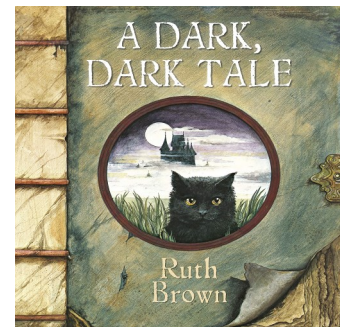


## Mr G's Recommended Reads

For our younger readers...

'A Dark, Dark Tale' by Ruth Brown

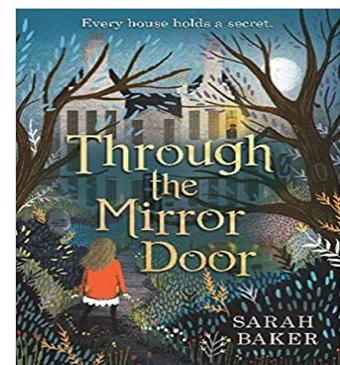
Follow the black cat's progress through the dark wood, into the dark house, and eventually to the surprise discovery at the back of the toy cupboard!



For our older readers...

'Through the Mirror Door' by Sarah Baker

Since her accident, Angela has been alone. When she is invited on holiday with her cousins, it is her chance to be part of a family again if she promises to behave herself. But secrets lie in the walls of the crumbling French holiday home and the forbidden rooms draw Angela in. Soon night-time footsteps, flickering candlelight and shadows in windows lead her to a boy who needs her help. To save him Angela must discover the truth about what happened in the house all those years ago . . . and face the terrible secret of her own past.



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## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Paisley McK

in Year 1

and

Tiani S

in Year 3

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Lennon K

Nursery

Shay M-W

Reception

Ava-Rose B

Year 1

Maigan B

Year 2

Aisha M

Year 3

Emilia K-D & Samuel O

Year 4

Ren D

Year 5

Billy D

Year 6

For being Intentional and Prophetic.

### Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Nursery with 97.3% *Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery and Year 1.

### Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Harley D and Mikayla F.



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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 · 20h**  
Year 5 learned about the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert and how we can use inspiration from this story in our own lives. #CollectiveWorship #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSt



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 2h**  
After training for the last few weeks with Father Michael, three of the children in Year 4 gave after serving a try during Mass today. It is lovely to finally be getting back to normal as we join together each week. They were a little scared, but they did us extremely proud! 🙌🙏



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 10**  
The children in EYFS were very excited this morning to receive a special delivery from the postman. We have now got 10 tiny caterpillars to look after and nurture into beautiful butterflies.



#### Who to follow

**pCloudy**  
@pcloudy\_ssts  
pCloudy, the next-gen continuous app testing platform that is disrupting the QA industry with futuristic tools. Test on real devices and desktop browsers now!  
Promoted

**St Anthony's Primary and 6 others follow**  
**Rosary RC Primary**  
@RosaryRC  
Rosary Catholic Primary School, Saitley, Birmingham.  
[Instagram.com/rosaryschoolb/](https://www.instagram.com/rosaryschoolb/)

**Our Lady's Primary and 12 others follow**  
**CAFOD in Birmingham**  
@CAFODBirmingham Follows you  
Birmingham Archdiocesan Office of CAFOD, the official Overseas Development Agency of the Catholic Church in England & Wales

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**National Online Safety @natonlinesafety · Mar 9**  
What do YOU know ... about Yubo? 🤖 This chat and livestream app for teens has caused concern after revelations of #OnlineSafety hazards such as inappropriate content and bullying. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide brings you the lowdown 📢

Download >> [hubs.ly/Q015HLYM0](https://hubs.ly/Q015HLYM0)



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 9**  
Today during #CollectiveWorship, we took time to pray for those suffering as a result of the conflict in Ukraine. After sharing our own prayers, we took time for our own reflections. We also thought about what action we will take to support these people. #CatholicSocialTeaching



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 8**  
How is your Lenten journey going? If you need some help, take something off our trellis to guide you and keep you on track. #PrayFastGive #Lent2022 #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSt @BCPP\_ @BhamDES



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 4**  
Today, we explored the story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness through Godly Play. Daisy explained that we shouldn't listen to negative influences & instead trust in God. Kai recognised that our Lenten journey is similar to that of Jesus, lasting 40 days. @OurLadyandAllSt



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 4**  
On Wednesday, we created Lenten pockets to help us with our prayers, fasting & almsgiving, adding some of our own intentions. Arcange added fasting from her tablet & Tyler added praying to ask God to help him be good.



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## Second Sunday of Lent – The Transfiguration

God of light, you sent your Son Jesus to show us how to live. Help us to make a change in our world, so that all people may live free from poverty and hunger.

In this Sunday's gospel we hear about an amazing thing that happened to Jesus, which showed the disciples just how important he was. A great change came over him...

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

*Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him and went up a hill to pray. While he was praying, his face changed its appearance, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly two men were there talking with him. They were Moses and Elijah, who appeared in heavenly glory and talked with Jesus about the way in which he would soon fulfill God's purpose by dying in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were sound asleep, but they woke up and saw Jesus' glory and the two men who were standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here! We will make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." (He did not really know what he was saying.)*

*While he was still speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them with its shadow; and the disciples were afraid as the cloud came over them. A voice said from the cloud, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen — listen to him!"*

*When the voice stopped, there was Jesus all alone. The disciples kept quiet about all this and told no one at that time anything they had seen.*

Jesus is changed. And everything now changes for the disciples too. After all, they know now that Jesus really is the Son of God.

Through our prayers this Lent we can hope for wonderful changes too. We can ask God to help us to act differently, to make the world a fairer place, and to treat others as we would wish to be treated.

The disciples thought perhaps they should stay on the mountain and worship Jesus, but Jesus took them back down. Our Christian life is mostly lived among people who need us to show God's love. Our faith is not something just for church, but it is something that we have to live out every day in all that we do.



What will you do to try and live more as God asks you to? How will you listen and change your life and the lives of others for the better?

*God our Father, help us to see your Son in all people and to treat them as we would wish to be treated ourselves. Help us to listen and to live our lives as you ask us to. Amen.*

Have a lovely weekend.

*I. Gallagher*

Mr I. Gallagher  
Headteacher