



"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 01.04.22

*Intentional*

and

*Prophetic*

## Parents'/ Carers' Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent/ carer consultation evening or who arranged a telephone appointment.

We had overwhelmingly positive comments and the atmosphere was lovely. It was so nice to be able to welcome you back into the school building and of course, for most of you, it was your first opportunity to see your child's classroom.

The teachers all really appreciated your kind feedback too, as I'm sure you can imagine, they all work incredibly hard and it's nice for that to be recognised.

Lastly, well done to our children who are all trying their very best and deservedly, received really good reports as well.

## Easter Festivities - reminder



We will be holding our Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade on Thursday 7th April at 9.15am, this is always a wonderful event and of course we welcome parents/carers to join us on the KS1 playground.

For children in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 there will be a 'Decorate an Egg' competition. Please ensure entries are brought into school for judging on Thursday 7th April.

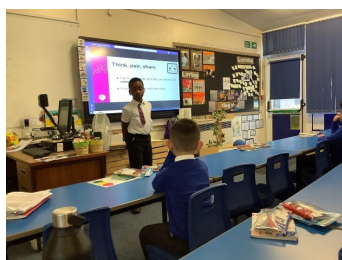
## Ukraine Rainbow

A reminder that next Thursday, 7th April will be a non-uniform day with a twist. We are aiming to make a whole school 'Ukraine Rainbow' please support this by helping your child to wear either blue or yellow, depending on their year group. Children in Nursery, Year 1, Year 3, Year 5 to wear as much yellow as possible and children in Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6 to wear as much blue as possible. All donations are welcome on this day, but we do recognise that lots of Lenten fundraising has already taken place.



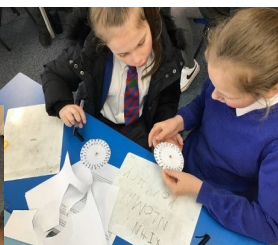
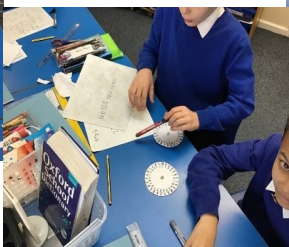
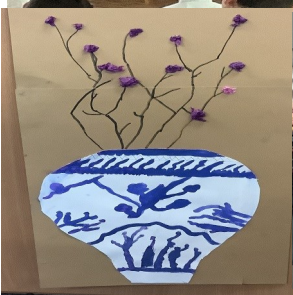
# Class Activities - KS2

In Geography Year 3 have been learning about South West England. This week we learned about agriculture and different foods available. We enjoyed trying Cheddar cheese, Cornish pasties and scones with clotted cream and jam. We all agreed that the scones were our favourite - some of us even had seconds!



On Thursday, one of our Year 4 E-Cadets taught the rest of the class all about keeping safe online. The children loved being taught by one of their peers. After completing different tasks in our pairs or threes we answered a questionnaire put together by the E-Cadets> Thank you for doing such a wonderful job Samuel!

Year 5 have been busy in many areas. We have enjoyed painting vases in Chinese style and in music we have worked together to improvise ideas and create rhythmic pieces to perform. Our Lenten fund-raising (biscuit sale) was fantastic and raised over £120 to support displaced people; well done to all who helped with this. In PE we have been practising tennis skills and playing "Rock-Paper-Scissors" as a jumping game. Finally, we worked in pairs to perform poems with onomatopoeia.



Year 6 have been learning about Alan Turing. We discovered how he invented a computer system which cracked the German code!

We even made our own 'uncrackable' codes using a cipher wheel.





## Dates for your Diary

### Thursday 7th April 2022

All day - Non-Uniform day (Ukraine Rainbow)

9.15am - Easter Bonnet Parade (Early Years, Year 1 & Year 2)

KS2 Decorate an Egg Competition - **Entries to be brought in for judging**

### 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 check if games are appropriate for the age of your child?  
Look out for the PEGI rating on the game it will tell you what age its suitable for.*

*You can find more information at:*

*<https://pegi.info/>*

*#gaming #staysafe #PEGIrating*



## Sports Star of the Week



This week's Sports Star of the Week is Hareem T in Year 5 for great focus all lesson in team games.



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## World Autism Acceptance Week

28 March to 3 April 2022



One in 100 people are on the autism spectrum and there are around 700,000 autistic adults and children in the UK. Autism affects how people communicate and interact with the world. Like everyone, autistic people have things they are good at as well as things they struggle with.

Autistic people:

need more time to process questions, requests and instructions

may struggle meeting new people

may struggle to pick up on unwritten rules

Autistic strengths:

intense focus

attention to detail

considered and reflective approach

honesty and integrity

creative thinking

St John the Baptist School promotes inclusion and acceptance of autism. We started the week with an assembly to develop our knowledge and understanding of autism. The children have also participated in a variety of activities to celebrate equality, appreciation and acceptance.



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# Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

## April: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

# Lent - Family Activities

**scottish**  
Wonders  
*Walks*

**WEEK 6**

**1. Mark 11:4-10 NIV**

'They found a colt out in the street. It was tied at a doorway. They untied it. Some people standing there asked, 'What are you doing? Why are you untying that colt?' They answered as Jesus had told them to. So, the people let them go. They brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their coats over it. Then he sat on it. Many people spread their coats on the road. Others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those in front and those in back shouted, 'Hosanna!'

**2.**  
Gallop like the colt in the story.  
How far can you go?  
Who is the fastest?

**3.**  
Chat about people you look up to e.g. a football team, sports person, musician etc.  
Talk about what you would shout out if you suddenly saw them coming towards you on your walk today? Shout it out if you dare!  
Chat about what you would have done if you had been in the crowd, when Jesus was coming along the road in this bit of the Bible.

**4.**  
Use your body to make all the letters of the word 'Hosanna'.  
Find out what the word Hosanna means. Chat about why the people were shouting that at Jesus. Make up a prayer to Jesus and use the word Hosanna in your prayer.

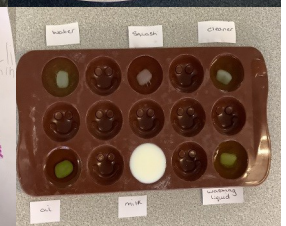
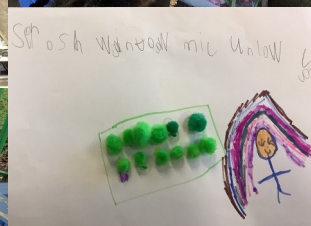
**You can walk anywhere! Just pick a local route, and follow activities 1-4**

Week 6 of our Lent family activities.

# Science Superstars

EYFS have enjoyed planting and growing bean plants this week. They enjoyed learning about the life cycle of the bean plant and we are observing our own plants growing. It is a big job as we have to make sure they are in a warm spot and remember to water them every day!

We also conducted a science experiment focused on 'dissolving'. We used jelly beans and a variety of different liquids to dissolve the jelly beans. We observed the process and found that water was the winner!



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# Excellent Work

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Assessment

The Cheeky Chase,

As morning approached, the snoring slumped pile of excited meerkats spring to their feet and stumbled upon their way at the sight of the scorching hot sun peaking through their secret home.

As they emerged from their cosy hole, the blazing sun roared over the joyful desert. To their amazement, on the starkest, ball tree hung the most sparkling, juiciest passion-fruit ever to exist, looking their cats in mischief, they set off on their wonderful mission to demolish this precious, mouthwatering vivid fruit.

Beyond their reach, there it lay patiently waiting for a friend. Among these hyper-thirsty cats, an unexpected intruder seemed to have had the same ideal looming over them in laughter, the cunning, greedy bird abducted the scrumptious fruit from the towering tree. Gasping in shock, they weren't quaking up.

Darting through the gorgeous sunrise, they began their cheery chase to win back their succulent breakfast. Without hesitation, they all scampered up and onto the wing of this wicked, scowling eagle. Still grasping onto the flying passenger with his razor sharp

Suddenly losing his tight grip, the tremendous fruit slipped out of his evil claws and travelled down hoping that the hard-working cats would come to its rescue. With no time to spare, they leaped down to save their delicious meal. As the passion fruit splatted below, souls crossed among their faces.

Fatigued and frustrated, they realised all the bother to devour the passion-fruit was truly pointless.

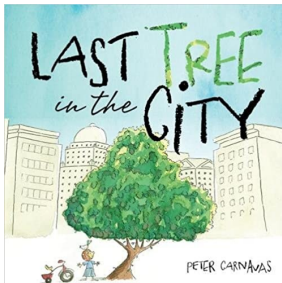
Assessment.

This week's excellent work comes from Amelia E in Year 5.

## Mr G's Recommended Reads

For our younger readers...

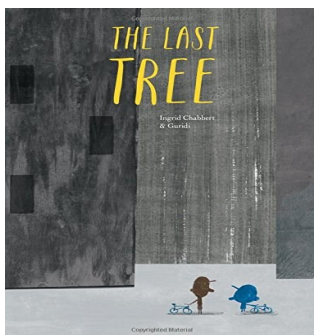
'Last Tree in the City' by Peter Carnavas



Edward is sad after he finds the last tree in the city is no longer standing. After some reflection, he finds a way to make things better. A lovely but sad tale about

For our older readers...

'The Last Tree' by Ingrid Chabbert



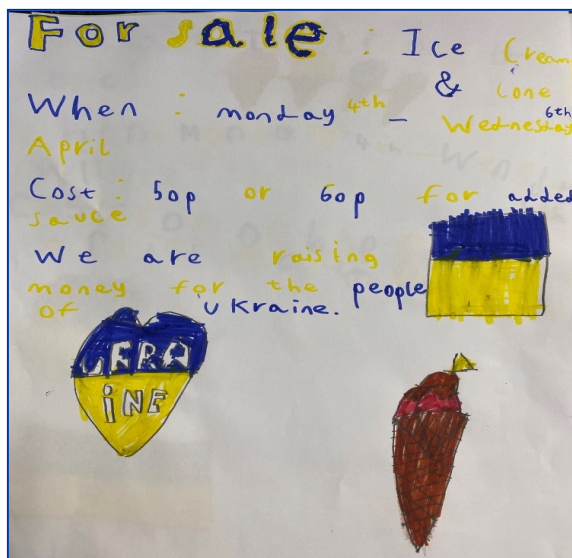
A small boy longs to roll and play in the grass like his father had when he was a child. But the boy lives in a concrete city without any grass or trees. Then one day the boy and his friend discover a sapling hiding behind a low wall. The boy has never seen a tree before. When they hear that a new building is being built right on the spot where their tree was growing, the friends know they have to dig it up and replant it in a safe place. They have to make sure the last tree survives. This poignant picture book with a futuristic feel offers a powerful environmental message about the critical importance of conserving the natural world.



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# Lenten Fundraising - Year 3



Year 3 will be selling Ice Cream, Mon-Wed, 50p or 60p with sauce.

All proceeds going to the charity supporting the people of Ukraine

## A big 'thank you' from Year 1

Year 1 would like to say 'Thank You' to all the families that donated to the Ukraine Appeal.

On Thursday, some of the Year 1 children travelled in the school minibus to deliver your donations to the 'Sacred Heart Church,' Glascote, Tamworth.

They were overwhelmed by the generosity of the families from our school. Well done everyone!



## Early Years' Chocolate Sale - Lenten Fundraising

Next Tuesday and Wednesday, Early Years will be selling their delicious homemade chocolate for 50p per bag. All proceed will go towards the Ukraine appeal.



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## STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Rian R

in Nursery

and

Harry E

in Reception

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Jonathan D

Nursery

Ryan B

Reception

Whole class

Year 1

Archie W

Year 2

Georgia H

Year 3

Jaymee-Lee F

Year 4

Amelia E

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 Year 3 with 97.1% *Well done!*

### Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.

### Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Nadine P, Tady L, Danyal-Lee T and Ren D.

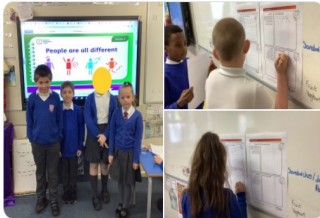


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Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull

**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 29m**  
As part of Autism Acceptance Week, Year 3 learnt about how we are all different and we shared our ideas on how we can be kind and support each other. @OurLadyandAIS1 #AutismAcceptanceWeek



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 22h**  
Today, some of the Year 1 children delivered our donations for the Ukraine Appeal to the Sacred Heart Church, Glascoate, Tamworth. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of the families from our school. Well done everyone. #RE @OurLadyandAIS1



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 31**  
Year 2 took part in some learning about #AutismAcceptanceWeek. They talked about #MyIdeasPad and how we all have different brains. They all talked about how to help and support each other as we are all different and unique. @AutismEducation1 @OurLadyandAIS1 @educationgovuk



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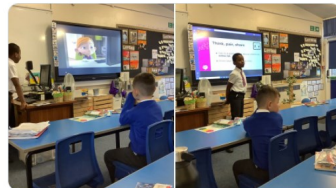
**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 37m**  
During Collective Worship, Year 3 thought about Lent and fasting. We thought about poverty around the world and we wrote our own reflections and prayers. #CollectiveWorship #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAIS1



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 23h**  
Year 6 reflected on their PE learning journey in volleyball, by thinking deeply about how they used their Head, Heart and Hands skills throughout the PE unit. They discussed their use of tactics, collaboration, resilience, feedback and integrity. #PEunit @SJBsolihull @SJBsolihull



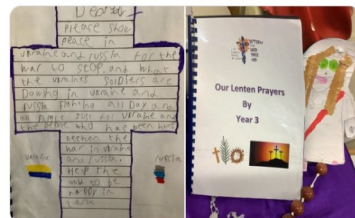
**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 31**  
Today our #ECadet led our lesson, teaching his friends about risks online. #onlineSafety



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 31**  
Year 4 took part in a timetables treasure hunt! Two children saved up and bought this prize with their class reward system. #Year4ClassBank @OurLadyandAIS1



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 30**  
Year 3 created a Lenten prayer book. They wrote thoughtful prayers to remind us to bring #Peace during Lent. #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAIS1 @BCPP\_ @Pontifex



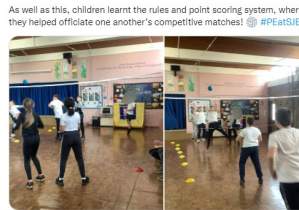
**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 27**  
Well done to our superstar readers. Keep up the good work! #SJBsolihull @OurLadyandAIS1 @AccReader @OpenUnit\_RIP



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 21h**  
Year 1 - Data and Information - Grouping data. Choosing how to group objects, describing groups of objects and recording how many objects are in a group. @OurLadyandAIS1 #Computing



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 23h**  
Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed the volleyball unit. We learnt so many shots, such as: the dig shot, the set shot and the spike shot.



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 31**  
Today I had the pleasure of enjoying lunch with these children. They bought this with their hard earned money! Thank you for choosing to spend your money for time together at lunch. #Year4Rewards



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**National Online Safety @natonlineSafety · Mar 30**  
Is sharing, caring? This #WakeupWednesday, we're taking a closer look at Facebook. It's one of the world's most popular social media platforms, but with no age verification, it's important to be aware of the #ChildSafety risks...



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**BBC Bitesize @bbcbitessize · Mar 28**  
It's World #AutismAcceptanceWeek 2022



**St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Mar 27**  
Well done to our star readers. Each were awarded a golden token during our celebration assembly as recognition for their super effort with reading. #SJBsolihull @OurLadyandAIS1 @AccReader @OpenUnit\_RIP



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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*God of mercy, we ask you to help us to do what is right. Help us to see that we all get things wrong sometimes and to say sorry when we do.*

When people have done something wrong to us we often feel angry and want them to be punished, don't we? But in this Sunday's gospel Jesus teaches us that this isn't always the right way. After all, we're not perfect either are we?

**Gospel:** John 8:1-11

*Then everyone went home, but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early the next morning he went back to the Temple. All the people gathered round him, and he sat down and began to teach them. The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught committing adultery, and they made her stand before them all. "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. In our Law Moses commanded that such a woman must be stoned to death. Now, what do you say?" They said this to trap Jesus, so that they could accuse him. But he bent over and wrote on the ground with his finger.*

*As they stood there asking him questions, he straightened himself up and said to them, "Whichever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her." Then he bent over again and wrote on the ground. When they heard this, they all left, one by one, the older ones first. Jesus was left alone, with the woman still standing there. He straightened himself up and said to her, "Where are they? Is there no one left to condemn you?"*

*"No one, sir," she answered.*

*"Well, then," Jesus said, "I do not condemn you either. Go, but do not sin again."*

We have all done things wrong. Jesus knows that none of us are perfect. He forgives us for the things that we have done wrong and no matter what he always loves us. But he also asks us to change, to try our hardest not to do the wrong thing again.

Jesus asks us not to judge people who have done something wrong, because we all do wrong things sometimes. Instead we should try to forgive them, as God forgives us. But we should also try to help them see that they need to change, so that they no longer allow themselves to make wrong choices.



Let us try to forgive those who treat us unfairly and to follow Jesus' example of love for all people. But let's also try to make a change – to do what is right, and to help others to feel God's love in the way that we treat them.

Have a lovely weekend.

*I. Gallagher*

Mr I. Gallagher  
Headteacher