



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

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 20.05.22

Grateful

and

Generous

Platinum Jubilee Picnic & Street Party!

Next Friday we will be holding a picnic & street party to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It will also be a non-uniform day, with children to wear red, white and blue. If your child wishes to order a delicious picnic box, they can notify their class teacher on Friday morning. The price of a picnic box is standard charge of a school meal, £2.20 or £2.05 for children in Nursery. Please note there will be no charge if your child is FSM or Universal Infant Free Meal entitled.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Competition



The brief is simple – create a picture based on our Queen - Anything goes!

The maximum size for entries is A3. The closing date for entries is Thursday 26th May 2022.

The competition is open to all SJB children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2 with a winner for each key stage.

The winners will be announced in assembly on the last day!

We can't wait to see your artwork!

Remember to follow our school Twitter account to see the artwork!



Class Activities - KS1

Year 1

History: The children have learned about King John and the Magna Carta, King Henry III and Simon de Montfort who set up a parliament.

Music: This half term the children are learning a new song called 'Your Imagination,' I have heard some lovely singing this week.

Computing: The children have had fun learning to give commands to the Beebots, allowing them to travel forwards, backwards, left and right. Well done Year 1!



Year 2

In computing this week, we have really enjoyed designing programs and creating algorithms using the Scratch Jr software.

We have continued working on ball control in PE and in science we have been investigating solids. We have also learned about the climate in Northern Europe and I think it's safe to say that the majority of us are happy with our mild weather in the UK compared to the colder climates of Scandinavia. In music, we have been listening and appraising music linked to friendship, including Bruno Mars' 'Count on Me' and 'We Go Together' from Grease. We have continued rehearsing our own friendship song and used the glockenspiels to play the tune.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 26th May

1.15pm - Reception Vision Tests (NHS Team)

Friday 27th May

All day - Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party & Picnic (non-uniform day)

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...



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.

#safeprofile #securepassword



Sports Star of the Week

This week's Sports Star of the Week is Freddie-Jay L in Year 3 for great effort and listening in tag rugby.



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Science Superstars



Year Science Superstar Jamie has enjoyed researching and sharing information about the stars on the planets, bringing in materials from home to share with the class.

SJB Sports

On Wednesday some of our Year 6 children took part in a range of tennis skills at Coleshill Leisure Centre. Luke achieved the highest score on keep-ups, Ruby performed consistently well on all activities, Jack displayed excellent effort and Billy won a badge for good team work!

They all were awarded stickers for demonstrating School Games Values, they had an amazing time and we are extremely proud of them!



Solihull Parent Carer Voice are holding an event for parents of children who will be starting reception in September 2022.

This event is aimed at parents of children who have or may have special educational needs and/or disabilities or parents who have concerns about their child's development. This meeting will discuss what schools generally expect children to be able to do when they start in reception, what you can do to support your child if they can't do these things yet, how you can communicate with your school to discuss any support your child may need.

We will also be talking about what services there are once you start school, the handover from health visitors to school nurses etc.

This is on the 14th July 10am-12pm at The Hub, Touchwood, Solihull. If you would like to register for a place please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZdheJkEyar>



Preparation for Starting School!

Do you have a child who is starting school (Reception Year) in September?

Would you like to know more about how to help your child be school ready? Tips about how to help them, or about how to talk to school about things that they may need extra support with when they start school?

Would you like to know more about what services help when your child is in school, and about the handover from health visitors to school nurses, from early years support to the Specialist Inclusion Support Service?

If so please join us on 14th July 10am - 12pm at The Hub, Touchwood, Solihull.

To register for a place please use the QR code to complete the form.



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Mr G's Recommended Reads

This week my book selections share the theme of friendship.

For our younger readers...

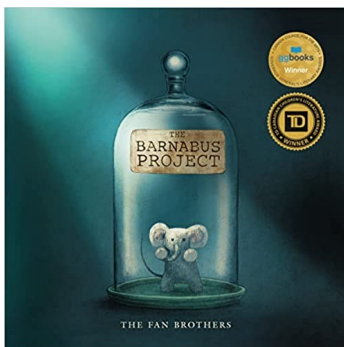
'I'm Sticking With You' by Smriti Halls and Steve Small



It's wonderful to have good friends to see you through the good times and the bad. But sometimes, friends can also be a bit . . . well . . . overbearing. This lovely rhyming text is a lovely 'bear hug' of a story.

For our older readers...

'The Barnabus Project' by The Terry, Eric and Devin Fan



Deep underground beneath Perfect Pets, where children can buy genetically engineered perfect creatures, there is a secret lab. Barnabus and his friends live in this lab, but none of them are perfect. They are all Failed Projects.

Barnabus has never been outside his tiny bell jar, yet he dreams of one day seeing the world above ground that his pal Pip the cockroach has told him about: a world with green hills and trees, and buildings that reach all the way to the sky, lit with their own stars. So he decides it's time for him and the others to escape. With his little trunk and a lot of cooperation and courage, Barnabus sets out to find freedom -- and a place where he and his friends can finally be accepted for who they are.



Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

May: Faith-Filled Young People

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.



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STARS OF THE WEEK!

Congratulations to

Mia D
in Year 1,
and
Leon McG
in
Year 4

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Isla E	Nursery
Layla-Mae B	Reception
Tommy K	Year 1
Owen H	Year 2
Kya C	Year 3
Olivia K	Year 4
Kalem M-W	Year 5

For being Grateful and Generous.

Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 5 with 98.7% *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Year 3.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Charlie M, Joel O'K, Leon McG and Tianna C.



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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

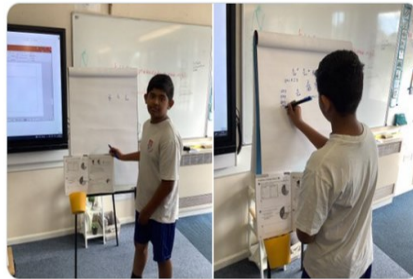
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Jul 17, 2020
If your child will be 3 before September we have space's available in our Nursery for mornings only or all day (If you qualify for 30 hours). Please get in touch if you'd like more information.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 10h
Our Year 6 children took part in a range of tennis skills today at Coleshill Leisure Centre. They were all amazing and were rewarded for demonstrating #SchoolGamesValues. #SJBPE #WeAreAllSaints @OurLadyandAllSaints @energise_sports



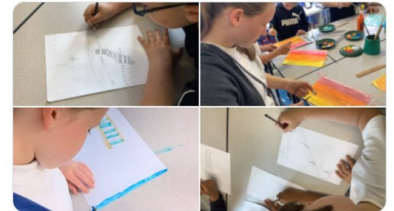
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 10h
Our year 6 #Superstar Ritchie explaining a tricky fractions and pie charts question. #PowerMaths #SJBMaths @OurLadyandAllSaints



You Retweeted
National Online Safety @natonlineafety · 19h
"National Online Safety has joined the server" 🇬🇧 Discord helps around 350 million gamers globally to communicate and cooperate. Mixing young and older users, however, can cause #OnlineSafety risks. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide investigates 🔍



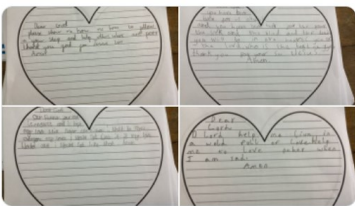
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 11h
Year 6 have been using a range of media to create their own interpretations of Heaven. They discussed their ideas of what heaven may look like and what it meant to them. #CatholicLife #Faith #SJBWeAreArtists #RE #Heaven @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP_



Who to follow

- Birmingham Diocesan Education Service and 2 others follow
WestminsterCathedral @WestminsterCath
Seat of @CardinalNichols, Archbishop of @RCWestminster, Mother Church for Roman Catholics in England & Wales, & vibrant central London parish
- St Wilfrid's follows
Miss Pate @Miss_Pate_ Follows you
- Pope Francis and 3 others follow
Papa Francisco @Pontifex_pt
Bem-vindo ao Twitter oficial de Sua Santidade Papa Francisco

St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 18h
Year 3 started off their #collectiveworship by choosing the hymn 'Love Shone Down', we felt that represented the word love well. We made our own beautiful prayers of the heart and love #lovealways @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 13
Our fantastic Year 4 children choosing to use the money they earned in class to buy time in the #SJBBookNook. 🌟📖 #SJBRewards #SJBWeLoveReading @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 17
Year 3 had an interesting Art lesson, using different techniques for Line. We drew some images with our eyes closed, with our opposite hand and without the pencil leaving the page. It was quite tricky but fun!! #SJBWeAreArtists @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 13
Our wonderful Year 5 child took it upon herself to create beautiful roses at home with her Mom. She brought them in to lay at the feet of Mary Our Mother in her special month. #MayIsTheMonthOfMary #OurLady #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSaints @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 13
Well done to our Year 6 for completing their SATS this week. We are proud of you all 🌟📖 #SJBaimHigh #AllSaintsUseTheirGiftsWiseley @OurLadyandAllSaints



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · May 13
EYFS enjoyed making some dance routines to represent the Holy Spirit. #CollectiveWorship #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSaints



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Dear God, help us to make our world a peaceful place so that all people can live free from the fear of fighting and war. We ask this through Christ our Lord and Prince of Peace

In today's gospel, Jesus gives the disciples a very special gift – the gift of peace.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Whoever loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and my Father and I will come to him and live with him. Whoever does not love me does not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am still with you. The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you.

"Peace is what I leave with you; it is my own peace that I give you. I do not give it as the world does. Do not be worried and upset; do not be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am leaving, but I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father; for he is greater than I. I have told you this now before it all happens, so that when it does happen, you will believe."

Jesus gave his disciples a very special gift – the gift of peace - and he told them not to be afraid. This gospel and its message is particularly relevant and important today as we see the horror of war in Ukraine. Let's hope that the peace that Jesus left for his followers, influences those who bring war and helps them to seek a peaceful solution to their conflict.

Let's also hope that the people of Ukraine are comforted by the love of Christ and hold faith that the peace of Jesus will one day return to their country.



In our own lives, we have arguments and fall outs so we too can try to behave in a way that brings peace. We can look for ways to resolve our small conflicts and contribute to making the world a happier place.

Living God, may we bring the light of your peace to those we meet. Help us to find a peaceful way to solve our problems, so that the world may be a safer place for everyone to live in.

Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher