



St. John the Baptist

Catholic Primary School

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



"In the beginning the Word already existed;
the Word was with God, and the Word was God"

John 1:1

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 23.09.22

Compassionate

and

Loving

This half-term's Catholic Social Teaching focus is Stewardship of God's Creation

The earth and all life on it is God's creation. We are called to take care of it because it is a holy gift from God and the only place we can live. When we make bad or thoughtless use of the world's resources, many people suffer. When we make good choices about how we treat other living things (people, animals, plants) we help all living things to live as God intends. Making wise choices about the care of God's creation is called good stewardship.

St Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul was born to a poor peasant family in the French village of Pouy on April 24, 1581. He was ordained in 1600.

From that point forward he spent his life preaching missions to and providing relief to the poor. He even established hospitals for them.

This work became his passion. He later extended his concern and ministry to convicts. To support his mission, he founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of women, to help, as well as a religious institute of priests - the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians.

The Vincentians remain with us today with nearly 4,000 members in 86 countries. In addition to his order of Vincentian priests, St. Vincent co-founded the Daughters of Charity along with St. Louise de Marillac.

There are more than 18,000 Daughters today serving the needs of the poor in 94 countries.

St Vincent de Paul was eighty years old when he died in Paris on September 27, 1660.

To recognise the importance of his work, he often referred to as "The Apostle of Charity" and "The Father of the Poor". St Vincent de Paul's feast day falls next week, also on the 27 September.



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Class Activities - KS1

This week in maths, Year 1 have been exploring the different resources to strengthen their understanding of concepts such as one more and one less than a given number, counting forwards, backwards, in twos and comparing groups.

In science, the children are exploring the topic of our senses, this week is about our ears.

The children went outdoors, sat in a circle, closed their eyes and then listened to soft and loud noises. Learning about sound waves travelling through the air and recapping how our eyes send messages to our brain, so do our ears.



In English, we have been using songs, actions and role play to reinforce retaining a story sequence and events.

We have had a fantastic week, well done Year 1.

Polite Notice - Scooters/Bikes

Please can we ask that parents/carers remind your child/dren who travel to school on a scooter or bike, that they be especially careful when accessing the school car park. The car park is an extremely busy area particularly at the start and end of the school day, and whilst we appreciate that travelling to school on bike or scooter is a great way to reduce our carbon footprint, we also want to ensure our children remain safe.





SCAMPS PLAYGROUP

-a calm, inclusive play and support group for children with additional needs and their families-

Each session is run by an experienced SEND teacher and includes:

- specialist sensory equipment
 - toy library
 - sensory story
 - singing and signing with visual aids
 - parachute relaxation
 - snacks and hot drinks

**Every Thursday
at
Nether
Whitacre
Village Hall**

10-11.30am
£5 per family
donation
appreciated

Contact:
Claire: **07732890899**

Facebook: @SENplaygroup or
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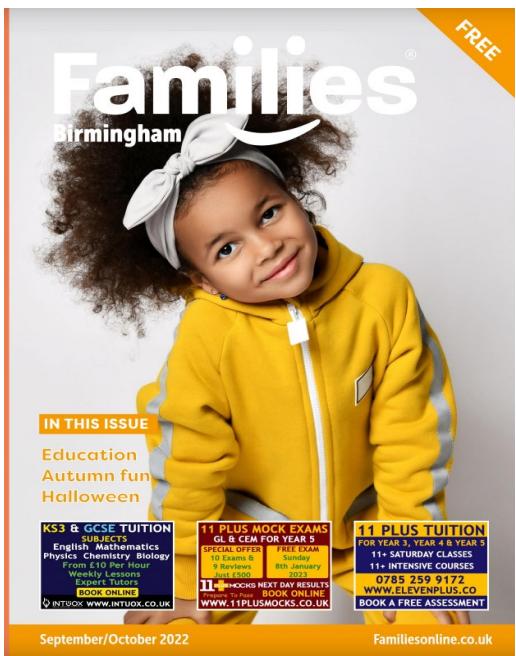
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Website: **scampsplaygroup.com**

Email: **scamps.play@gmail.com**



Families Birmingham Magazine



You can read the latest edition of the 'Families Birmingham' magazine by accessing the below link.

<https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/fambhamseptoct22digital?fr=sYzUwZjUzNDYyNDA>

Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th October

All day - Harvest non-uniform day - contributions of tinned food.

Friday 21st October

3.15pm - Break up for October half term

Monday 31st October

8.55am - Children return to school

Friday 16th December

3.15pm - Break up for Christmas holiday

Wednesday 4th January

8.55am - Children return to school

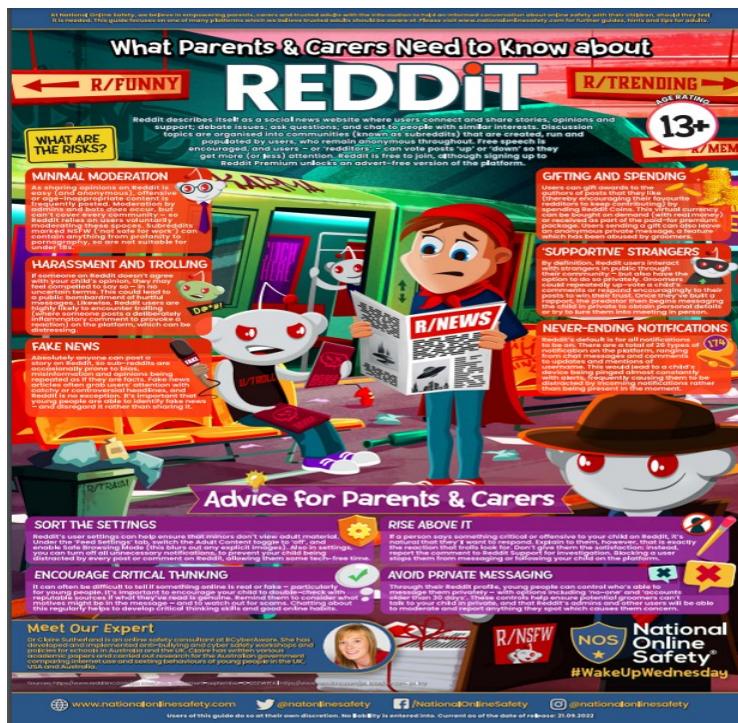
Inset days 2022 - 2023

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 27th February 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

National Online Safety



Harvest Non-Uniform

Friday 7th October will be a Harvest non-uniform day, we are asking for contributions of tinned food that we will donate to a local food bank.



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★ STARS OF THE WEEK! ★

Congratulations to

Ava-Rose B

in

Year 1

and Lacey Mae S

in

Year 6

We're all really proud of you

This week's virtues awards were given to

Maura M	Nursery
Riley T	Year 1
Ruby B	Year 2
Taylor S	Year 3
Scarlett M-P	Year 4
Samuel O	Year 5
Ella A	Year 6

For being Compassionate and Loving

Attendance

Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 95.4%. Well done!



Ready to learn Award

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



Birthdays



Happy birthday this week to: Talulah H, Jasmine McN-J, Miley M-D, Louie M and Harley H.



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Excellent Work

Date: Tuesday 20th September 2022 RRS Article 22 Right to require words and adjectives

Learning Objective: To describe events from an alternative point of view, using strong verbs and adjectives.

I can use verbs to evoke feeling.	I think	My teacher thinks
I can use emotive adjectives to evoke feeling.	✓	✓
I can use descriptive adjectives for people's feelings.	✓	✓
Retrieval 1. Circle the verbs. <u>stricken</u> <u>limp</u> <u>within a couple of minutes</u>	stricken	limp
Retrieval 2. Circle the adverbs. <u>longingly</u> <u>behind</u> <u>scared</u>	longingly	behind
Retrieval 3. Circle the modal verbs. <u>want</u> <u>forever</u>	want	forever

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Perilous and disturbing, turbulent and ominous, intimidating, the menacing streets of terror mirrored my worst nightmare. Unknown visions lay before me, flashing amongst my eyes. Frenzied moments crashed the streets. Heavy breathing echoed throughout the deafening silence. Hostile and threatening scenes enveloped the street of doubt. Flashbacks of the previous moments travelled my mind. Sounds emerged from the cobbled alley-ways. Ambiguous danger pierced my surroundings.

A good example of handwriting from Year 6. Amelia E.

Science Superstars

Year 4 have been learning about the 'Human Body'. They took part in an experiment to test the effects of liquids on egg shells as they couldn't use real teeth! They made their predictions and we have been observing the egg shells changing. Today we will take the eggshell out of the liquids and discuss our results .



You Retweeted



Walsingham Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady
@WalsinghamEN

Beautiful to witness you teaching the next generations about the importance of Our Lady of Walsingham.

St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 21

Year 4 reflected on our Pilgrimage to Walsingham. "Mary showed us how to be caring." "Mary is so special, she is our Mother." The children looked at the statue of Mary at the shrine and discussed the symbols. #CollectiveWorship #RE @WalsinghamEN @OurLadyandAllSt @TenTen_UK



SJB Twitter

Our SJB tweets received some fantastic responses this week! As featured opposite, Walsingham Catholic Shrine of Our Lady commented on how beautiful it is to see St John's teaching the next generations about the importance of Our Lady of Walsingham. We also tweeted about our Year 4 artists and received feedback from The National Gallery, telling us to 'keep up the good work'! Be sure to check out all our fantastic tweets and the excellent feedback we receive about them [@SJBsolihull](#)



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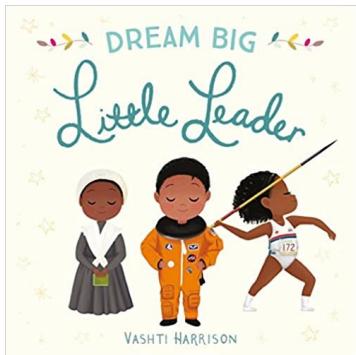
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Mr G's Recommended Reads

My choices this week are inspired partly because our country has recently appointed a new government but more because St John's has seen democracy in action this week. We've held House Captain elections and interviews for our school Head Boy and Head Girl. The books below might help to inspire other leaders of the future too.

For our younger readers...

'Little Leaders' by Vashti Harrison



Dream big, little one.

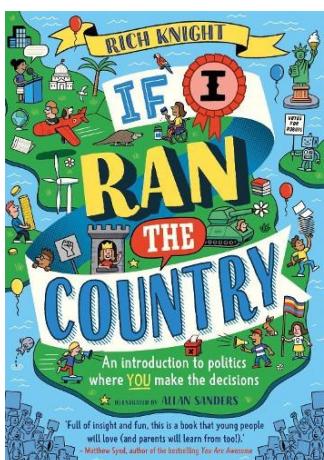
There's so much you can do.

Just all the women who came before you . . .

This book will inspire all little people of today to become the leaders of tomorrow. It focuses particularly on the achievements of black women, offering examples of strong leadership in a child friendly format.

For our older readers....

'If I Ran the Country' by Rich Knight



A lovely, clever and fun way to help children understand government by making them think what they would do if they ran a country. Hopefully it will engage and encourage some strong leaders for the next generation! With essential life and leadership skills and tips - from teamwork, confidence and compassion to discovering who you are and what you believe in, this book could encourage a Prime minister of the future.





Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

September

Abolition of the Death Penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country

Solihull Parenting Team



AUTUMN TERM TIMETABLE

Open to all Solihull parents and carers



BEING A PARENT GROUPS



EMPOWERING
PARENTS
EMPOWERING
COMMUNITIES

Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with tools & strategies to help manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as build and understand your relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups will be delivered both face-to-face and virtually, starting with a welcome session & then running weekly for a further 8 sessions:

FACE TO FACE:

Tuesday 9.30am to 11.30am
Oliver Bird Hall (B91 3RQ)
Target age: 0-9 years
Dates: 27/9/22 – 29/11/22

Thursday 9.30am to 11.30am
Kingshurst Evangelical Church (B37 6NP)
Target age: 9 years plus
Dates: 29/9/22 – 1/12/22

VIRTUAL via Microsoft Teams:

Tuesday 6pm to 7.30pm
Target age: 9 years plus
Dates: 27/9/22 – 29/11/22

Thursday 6pm to 7.30pm
Target age: 0-9 years
Dates: 29/9/22 – 1/12/22

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S BEHAVIOUR

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years, delivered face-to-face for 10 sessions:



Monday 9.30am – 11.30am
Widney Junior School
(B91 3LQ)
26/9/22 – 5/12/22

Wednesday 9.30am – 11.30am
Solihull College
Woodlands Campus (B36 0NF)
28/9/22 – 7/12/22

Thursday 9.30am – 11.30am
Solihull College
Blossomfield Campus (B91 1SB)
29/9/22 – 8/12/22

FIVE TO THRIVE



For parents with babies & children aged 0 to 4 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore activities that build healthy brains in babies & young children and maintain healthy brain function throughout life.

MONDAY 10am – 12pm
Three Trees Community
Centre (B37 7TP)
7/11/22 – 12/12/22

TUESDAY 10am – 12pm
The Bridge
(B90 3AG)
13/9/22 – 18/10/22
or 8/11/22 – 13/12/22



Book your place now, or find out more by contacting the Solihull Parenting Team at: bsmft.parenting@nhs.net or by finding us on Facebook – Solihull Parenting Team



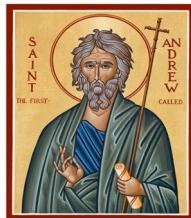
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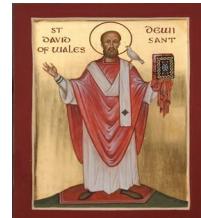
House Captains

Also congratulations to our House Captains, who have been democratically voted for, after presenting speeches to their House members.

This year's House Captains are:



St Andrew's
Laceymae S and Aidan H



St David's
Connie K and Ire A-P



St George's
Kayden D and Kloe G



St Patrick's
Kalem M-W and Jessica K

Head Boy and Head Girl

Our Head Boy and Head Girl have also been appointed through a rigorous interview process which included a presentation and interview questions!

So congratulations to Ren D and Ryah McN who I'm sure will be excellent ambassadors for our school.

Sports Captains

Congratulations to Joel O'K and Amelia E who, following interviews, have been appointed as Sports Captains.





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](#)

Pinned Tweet
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 · 21h
Our Year 4 artists used different tones today to show form and drama. They looked at the way the light hit the fruit. #StillLife #Chiaroscuro #SJBWeAreArtists @OurLadyandAllSt1 @NationalGallery



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 21
Year 4 #sciencesuperstars have been busy today. They set up an experiment to observe the effect of different liquids on eggshells, as they couldn't use real teeth! They made their predictions 🧐💡 #SJBWeAreScientists @OurLadyandAllSt1 #AllSaintsAreRiskTakers



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 21
Year 1 enjoyed learning about the Pilgrimage to Walsingham and the shrine of Our Lady. They reflected on the importance of an example to us. I-We should listen to God, E-Help others and be kind, A-Do not be scared of God. #RE #CollectiveWorship @OurLadyandAllSt1



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You Retweeted
The Prince and Princess of Wales @KensingtonRoyal · Sep 19
Goodbye to a Queen, a mother, a grandmother and a great grandmother.



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 19
"May flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." 🌹 Rest in Peace 🌹 Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 🌹 ❤️ @OurLadyandAllSt1 @BCPP_



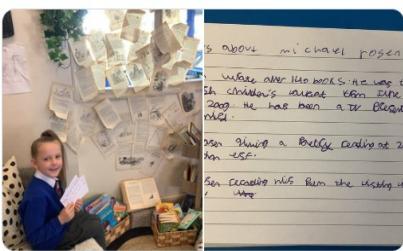
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 20
Year 3 reflected on our Pilgrimage to Walsingham. They spoke about the ways that they could be like Mary our Mother. "Trust in God's words" "Listen to God through prayer" "Follow in her footsteps" #RE #collectiveworship @OurLadyandAllSt1



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 16
Year 4 created iMovies in #computing to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II. Such an inspirational Monarch to us all. @OurLadyandAllSt1 #QueenElizabeth 🌹 @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 16
Our Year 4 superstar Destiny, went home and researched our current class author, Michael Rosen. Always going above and beyond with her work. ★ #SJBReadingforpleasure @OurLadyandAllSt1



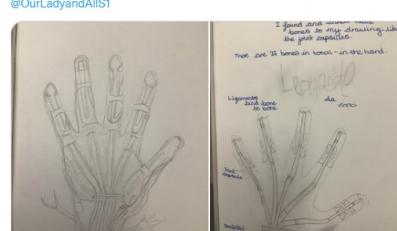
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Year 4 thought about how Abram felt when he was chosen by God. They put their ideas across during #GodlyPlay and talked about their creations to the class. #RE #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAllSt1 @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Sep 16
Our talented Y6 artists, Ella and Amelia studied Da Vinci's Vitruvian Man. They created such detail and likeness to their form. #SJBWeAreArtists @OurLadyandAllSt1



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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God, every one of us is special and loved by you. Help us to do all that we can so that everyone throughout the world has enough to eat.

In this Sunday's gospel, we hear the story of two men, one of whom is rich and feasts every day on good food. The other man, Lazarus, is poor and he longs for something to eat. This story helps us to see how we should treat one another.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

"There was once a rich man who dressed in the most expensive clothes and lived in great luxury every day. There was also a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who used to be brought to the rich man's door, hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the feast in heaven. The rich man died and was buried, and in Hades, where he was in great pain, he looked up and saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. So he called out, 'Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!'

But Abraham said, 'Remember, my son, that in your lifetime you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain. Besides all that, there is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so, nor can anyone cross over to us from where you are.' The rich man said, 'Then I beg you, father Abraham, send Lazarus to my father's house, where I have five brothers. Let him go and warn them so that they, at least, will not come to this place of pain.'

Abraham said, 'Your brothers have Moses and the prophets to warn them; your brothers should listen to what they say.' The rich man answered, 'That is not enough, father Abraham! But if someone were to rise from death and go to them, then they would turn from their sins.' But Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.'"

God created the world with enough for everyone. But we are not sharing fairly. Some of us are like the rich man and we have more food than we can eat or more money than we need. Some of us are like Lazarus and go to bed hungry every night.

Every single person in the world is special. We are all loved by God. And every single person in our global family has the right to enough food to live a healthy life. But there are big problems in our world and sometimes, when something is difficult, we ignore it, hoping that the problem will go away.

The rich man in Jesus' story is a bit like this. He ignores Lazarus, even though Lazarus is right outside his gate and he walks past him every day.

God calls us to share what we have and to do all that we can to help each other get enough to eat and to live comfortably. God asks us not to ignore each other, but to reach out and help one another.



Generous God, you created the world with enough food for all to share. Help us to play our part in making sure that all people can have their fair share of food to eat. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Have a lovely weekend.

I. Gallagher
Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher