



St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary School,

a Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter

Our Mission is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

What a fantastic first full week we have had at St John's! It has been wonderful to see our children settle so quickly back into school life, reconnect with friends and teachers, and throw themselves into their learning with such enthusiasm. There has been a real sense of excitement, joy and togetherness around school. This week, our Celebration of the Word has focused on **Matthew 18:15-20**, reminding us of the importance of reconciliation, forgiveness and working together when difficulties arise. It has been a lovely Gospel to begin our new school year with, helping us to think about how we treat one another and how, as a school family, we can support each other to grow and flourish.

Our new starters in Reception have had a wonderful first week! They have enjoyed making new friends, exploring their new classroom and beginning to discover all the exciting learning opportunities around them. They have also started to think about **God's beautiful world**, developing a sense of appreciation for the beauty and wonder that surrounds us and learning that **God made our wonderful world**. What a lovely way to begin their journey at St John's!

Year 1 have made a **fantastic start** to the new school year. They have been busy learning about their class saint, **St Patrick**, whilst also putting their mathematical skills to the test and practising their counting. It has been brilliant to see their enthusiasm and confidence already beginning to shine. Year 2 have certainly enjoyed making the most of our outdoor spaces! They have been exploring the world around them and developing their understanding of **living and non-living things**. There has been lots of curiosity, discussion and discovery — exactly what we love to see!

Our Year 3 children have had a particularly meaningful week, exploring the word '**reconciliation**' and thinking carefully about what it means to work through difficulties with our friends following a disagreement. This linked beautifully with our Gospel focus this week and gave the children an opportunity to reflect on how we can forgive one another and move forward together. **Miss Rashad is already incredibly proud of Year 3** and the mature way they have approached their learning and relationships this week. A huge well done to Year 4, who **planned and delivered a wonderful Mass for the whole school on Wednesday**. It was a beautiful celebration and the children demonstrated such reverence, confidence and reflection throughout. Father Paul was particularly touched by the reverence shown by the children and commented on how beautifully their conduct reflected the quality and spirit of our brilliant school.

Year 5 have had a brilliant start, too! They have been busy **building towers from spaghetti**, **exploring typography and celebrating St Paul**. They even managed to fit in a beautiful Worship on Wednesday afternoon, reflecting on how we can **grow with God during this new school year**. And finally, our Year 6 children have certainly **hit the ground running!** They have been busy planning and building spaghetti bridges, putting their problem-solving and teamwork skills to the test. In PE, they have also been developing their rugby skills, focusing on the key techniques needed for **perfect passing**. It has been fantastic to see our oldest children embracing their responsibilities and setting such a positive example as role models for the rest of the school. A very busy — and very successful — first week!



Our Virtue this week is '**Respect**'

This week, our Gospel comes from **Matthew 18:15-20**, where Jesus speaks about what we should do when someone hurts us, upsets us or when a disagreement occurs. His message is simple but incredibly important: **we should not allow difficulties between us to grow. Instead, we should have the courage to talk, listen, forgive and work together to put things right.** As we begin this new school year, perhaps we can all reflect on one simple question:



"What can I do when something goes wrong, to help make things right?"

Message from The Parish:

To the parents of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils at St John the Evangelist

Dear Parents and Carers I hope your children have settled well back into school. They certainly seem happy enough!

I am contacting you now just to remind you that the deadline for applying for the First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation programmes for 2026/27 is Friday 11th September. Application forms can be downloaded from the parish website (www.marymotherofgod.org.uk). Hard copies of the application form are available in church porches or can be obtained from the Parish Office.

Also, we have an introductory meeting for parents whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday (12th September) between 4pm and 4.45pm at St Winefride's Hall. This meeting is intended for parents but by all means bring your children too if necessary and they can play or read at the far end of the hall.

Year 6 pupils who have not made their First Confession or received their First Holy Communion can do both this year as well as receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Don't miss the deadline! With best wishes Fr Paul Rev Mgr Paul Grogan

You may be aware that there has been a change to Free School Meal eligibility that has now come into place. It means that if you are in receipt of Universal Credit your child/ren may be entitled to a Free School Meal. This is irrelevant of your family's income. If your family is in receipt of Universal Credit, please can we ask that you apply for Free School Meals via this link - [Free School Meals | Bradford Council](#).

We have been made aware that the link is only working intermittently at the moment unfortunately, so you may have to try the link a few times, apologies, (this is due to the amount of people reapplying under the new eligibility criteria). If you are unable to check online, please come to the school office where we will do the check on your behalf.

Brilliant Handwriting Winners!

Reception: /
YR1: Macaulay
YR2: Evin
YR3: Mubarak
YR4: Azaliah
YR5: Nyra
YR6: Husnain

Whole school attendance for Summer 1 Term:

Good attendance (above 96%) is essential if children are to make good progress in their learning and to close gaps. Please try to make sure your child is in school every day possible.

95.7%

Next week:

Monday 14th September

Tuck Shop for KS2 at break time
YR6 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

Wednesday 16th September

Reception/YR6 Celebration 11am
YR2 Worship 2.45pm

Friday 18th September

Gods Gift 9.05am (invitations to be sent)

PE Days:

On your child's PE day they should come to school in their PE kits.

Reception: Friday

YR1: Wednesday

YR2: Monday and Tuesday

YR3: Thursday and Friday

YR4: Tuesday and Friday

YR5: Monday and Thursday

YR6: Tuesday and Wednesday

HOUSES POINTS TALLY

	GABRIEL	2nd-92
	MICHAEL	4th-76
	RAPHAEL	1st-98
	URIEL	3rd-80

Scientist of the Week:

RECEPTION— Kane

YEAR 1— Lenny

YEAR 2— Sylvie

YEAR 3— Harry

YEAR 4— Elsie

YEAR 5— Gloria

YEAR 6— Junior

