



St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary School,

a Voluntary Academy

18th September 2026

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Newsletter

Our Mission is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

We have enjoyed another wonderfully busy and blessed week at St John's, filled with faith, celebration and fantastic learning!

Our Gospel focus has been **Matthew 18:21-35**, where Jesus teaches us about the importance of **forgiveness, mercy and compassion**. We have encouraged our children to think about how we can live this message each day – saying sorry, accepting an apology, showing kindness and always being ready to give others another chance. It was wonderful to see so many families join us at **St John's Church for our Education Sunday Mass**. A special thank you to **Mr Lavin** for reminding us of the importance of an education rooted in the Catholic faith and the special partnership between home, school and parish.

Our **Reception and Year 6 children** also took part in a beautiful Welcome Celebration, where our newest pupils met the Year 6 buddies who will support and guide them on their journey through primary school. We are so proud to welcome our Reception children into the St John's family and know that their buddies will help them to feel **safe, happy and loved**. Thank you to everyone who joined us and to **Father Paul** for sharing this special celebration.

Year 2 welcomed their families for a wonderful Celebration of the Word, demonstrating fantastic reading, reflection, reverence and singing. We were incredibly proud of them!

Emotional wellbeing was another important focus this week, with a special visitor working with children across school. Our pupils explored their emotions, self-esteem, positive growth mindsets and ways to look after both their **minds and bodies**. Year 1 summed up an important message beautifully: **there are lots of emotions, and it is okay to feel them all!**

There has been plenty of classroom learning too! Year 3 tackled **action verbs and verb phrases**, Year 5 tested their knowledge of **God's Covenants**, while Year 6 excelled at **'Noun Snap'!** Our Year 6 pupils also delivered some incredibly persuasive speeches as they stood for **House Captain**, and on Friday we will meet our newly appointed **Head Boy and Head Girl**.

As another week draws to a close, our Gospel reminds us that forgiveness allows us to **begin again**. Whether at school, at home or within our wider community, Jesus calls us to show the same patience, mercy and love to others that God shows to us. We have had another truly blessed week at St John's and are so proud of all our children. **Thank you, as always, to our families for your continued support, encouragement and love!**



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

The message of **Matthew 18:21-35** is one that speaks powerfully to all of us. Jesus reminds us that forgiveness should not have limits. God's mercy towards us is generous and unconditional, and we are called to show that same mercy in the way we treat one another. For our children, this can be lived out in the small moments of every school day: **saying sorry when we get something wrong, accepting an apology, giving someone another chance, choosing kindness after a disagreement and not holding onto resentment**. This message extends beyond the school gates too. Within our families and our wider community, there will inevitably be times when we disagree or upset one another. Our Gospel challenges us to respond with patience, understanding and forgiveness, remembering that each of us makes mistakes and each of us needs the opportunity to begin again.

Congratulations to our New Head boy, head girl, deputy head girl and deputy head boy and our new House Captains. We are so proud of you!

Head boy : Junior

Head girl: Evie

Deputy head boy: Dominic

Deputy Head girl: Cordelia

House Captains:

Gabriel : Freya

Michael: Leo

Raphael: Lucy

Uriel: Olivia

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: Judi

YR1: Oliver

YR2: Inaya

YR3: Iris

YR4: Blake

YR5: Aaisha

YR6: Evie

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.

97.2%

Next week:

Wednesday 23rd September

YR3 Class mass 9.15am

YR1 Worship 2.45pm

Friday 25th September

Gods Gift 9.05am (invitations to be sent)

St John's is a strictly **nut-free** school due to children in school who have severe allergies. This includes Nutella, chocolate bars containing nuts, chocolate spreads, nut-based snacks and any other products containing nuts or traces of nuts.

If your child brings any of these items into school, they will be removed for safety reasons, and you will be informed via message. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in helping us keep all our children safe. Thank you

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

3rd-48



MICHAEL

1st-65



RAPHAEL

4th-44



URIEL

2nd-60

Star of the Week:

RECEPTION— Zion

YEAR 1— Jaiden

YEAR 2— Hadi

YEAR 3— Samuel

YEAR 4— Ayesha

YEAR 5— Ramos

YEAR 6— Joshua

