St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary School,
a Voluntary Academy

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Newsletter

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Our Mission is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

What another wonderful week of faith, learning and celebration we have enjoyed at St John's! This week, our Gospel focus has been **Matthew 22:15-21**, where Jesus reminds us to *"Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."* Through this powerful message, we have reflected on the importance of making good choices, fulfilling our responsibilities and, above all, giving our hearts to God through our words and actions.

Our Reception children welcomed some very special visitors from the dental and **fluoride team** this week, learning all about keeping their teeth healthy and strong! The children discovered how to prevent tooth decay and look after their beautiful smiles, with some receiving an extra layer of protection through fluoride treatment! Year 1 joined their Year 4 friends for a wonderful Buddy Worship, demonstrating such maturity and reverence as they shared God's Word together. Meanwhile, Year 2 became enthusiastic explorers, heading off on a woodlice hunt! Searching carefully in dark, damp places, our young scientists recorded their discoveries using tally charts. Year 3 also enjoyed a beautiful **Buddy Worship** alongside Year 6, raising the roof with their glorious singing in praise and thanksgiving for God's wonderful gifts!

Year 5 have been putting their engineering skills to the test in DT, investigating how to strengthen frames and create sturdy structures. Meanwhile, Year 6 have finally completed their fantastic 2D to 3D artwork, bringing their tundra animals to life! Can you guess which amazing creatures they have created? Our **After School Club** has also been bursting with creativity and laughter this week, with children designing their own pumpkins using different shapes before showing off some impressive moves and flexibility during a lively game of Twister!

Finally, we are absolutely delighted to welcome **Samual and Alexis as our newest Year 3 Mini Vinnies!** It was heartwarming to see so many Year 3 children expressing a desire to serve others and live out our Catholic values. During our whole-school Celebration of the Word, our existing Mini Vinnies randomly selected two names from those who had volunteered. Congratulations to Samual and Alexis! We know you will be wonderful ambassadors for kindness, charity and service, and we are so proud to welcome you into our **St John's Mini Vinnies family!**



Our Virtue Focus is Respect

As we reflect on this week's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that while we all have responsibilities in our daily lives, our greatest responsibility is to God. Here at St John's, we give back to God not through money or possessions, but through the love, kindness, respect and generosity we show to others. Whether helping a friend, showing forgiveness or simply making someone smile, every act of goodness is a gift to God. **Let us remember that the greatest gift we can offer God is a heart filled with love and a willingness to serve others.**

"Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God." **Matthew 22:21**



From Tuesday 3rd November we have a new school dinner menu. Please click the link for the choices.

St John the Evangelist Catholic Primary School - School Meals

Next week:

Tuesday 3rd November

School back open as normal!

Friday 6th November

Gods Gift 9.05am (invitations to be sent)

Dress up as rockstars day to celebrate TTRS!! (see below for more info!)

A HUGE WELL DONE TO OUR HOUSE WINNERS THIS HALF TERM! 🎉

Congratulations to House Gabriel!

As a reward for their hard work and fantastic efforts, every child in the winning house has received a voucher to spend at **'Berries'!** 🍓🎟️

We are incredibly proud of everyone's achievements and the teamwork shown throughout the half term.

Keep up the amazing work! 🌟

Friday 6th November – TT Rockstars Relaunch Day

To get the children excited and motivated about practising their times tables, both staff and pupils are encouraged to dress down in their rockstar outfits. This can be as simple as jeans and a top, there is absolutely no need to buy anything new. The aim is to have fun and get everyone involved. We can't wait to see your outfits!



Poppies Sale:

In the lead-up to Remembrance Day, we will be selling poppies in school to help support the **Royal British Legion**. Children will have the opportunity to purchase a poppy, poppy pencils, wristbands, snap bands, reflector zippers, stickers etc. Prices start from 20p to £1.50.

Thank you for your support!

Brilliant Handwriting Winners!

Reception: Eli
YR1: Grayson
YR2: Zakariya
YR3: Huzaifah
YR4: Otis
YR5: Manraaj
YR6: Mariam

HOUSES POINTS TALLY

GABRIEL	1st-754
MICHAEL	4th-690
RAPHAEL	3rd-733
URIEL	2nd-753

Whole school attendance for Autumn 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.

97.7%

Star of the Week:

RECEPTION– Muhammad
YEAR 1– Niamh
YEAR 2– Aurora
YEAR 3– Noah
YEAR 4– Penelope
YEAR 5– Lorna
YEAR 6– Ruby

