



St John the Baptist's Weekly Newsletter

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Faithfulness, Courage and Respect



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Welcome families



We've had another great week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their PE sessions, particularly Year 5 who went swimming for the first time yesterday! They were all brilliant in the water and a credit to St John's. In addition, the children are loving the sports after school clubs which started this week.

Nursery and Late Foundation have settled amazingly well and are continuing to impress staff with their super attitudes to learning and enthusiasm for school life. We're so proud of you all.

We thank you for continuing to work together to keep our community safe as infection rates are still high locally. We are extremely vigilant in school with our cleaning, handwashing, and ventilation. We thank you for your continued support.

On Monday morning, it was wonderful to lead collective worship in the hall with Year 1 and 2. Our fabulous children came into the hall beautifully and were so reverent. We thought about the virtues Respect and Courtesy and how we show courtesy to everyone because we are all made in God's image and are special. Next week Years 5 and 6 are coming together followed by Year 3 and 4 the following week.

With the very best wishes, Mrs Hartley

Virtue to live by: Respect/Courtesy

I am respectful. I treat others as I would like to be treated. I show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.



Diary Dates

First Holy Communion 10am Mass on
Sunday 19th September

Thursday 21st October – School
Closes

Friday 22nd October – Inset Day

Monday 1st November – School
re-opens



Attendance

Our school attendance target for each class is **96%**. Classes are rewarded for achieving the highest attendance for the week.
Congratulations to Year 6 who had the winning attendance for last week!

Late Foundation	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
99.01%	94.58%	98.71%	96.52%	99.00%	99.16%	100.00%

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion parents are reminded that the children who have received First Holy Communion during the summer will come together to be presented to the Parish and receive their certificates at the **10am Mass on Sunday 19th September**. They are encouraged 'come dressed up' for the occasion. As the previous letter indicates parents and parishioners are asked to bring along something savoury and something sweet to share as a 'Shared Table' celebration for communicants and families in the Hall afterwards. Masks are strongly recommended when not eating.

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns regarding the safety of children please contact the safeguarding team.

DSL: Mrs Hartley (Head of School)

Deputy DSLs: Mrs S Spittle, Mrs D Ferguson, Miss B Noone and Mr Flood (Executive Headteacher)

Celebration Assembly

This week our Gold Book superstars are:

Late Foundation – The Whole Class

Year 1 – The Whole Class

Year 2 – Thea & Alex R

Year 3 – David & Samanta

Year 4 – Harrison & Seth H

Year 5 – Oliver G & Blessie

Year 6 – James & Bradley



We are really looking forward to coming together tomorrow as Key Stages to celebrate our Gold Book assembly!

Eco Council and School Council

Elections for the above will be held in classes week beginning 27th September. Please can children work on their presentations and posters ready to start their presentations next week, week beginning 20th September, ready to share with their classes if they would like to represent their class. Exciting times!

Wednesday Word

Please see the link below for this week's Wednesday Word.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/serving?pid=MTA101634&v=37.18>

100 Club

The 100 Club will continue and if you have previously had a number then please look out for a letter coming home next week.

CONFIRMATION-Message from Father Mark

We are hoping to celebrate Confirmation for YEAR 7 and above on the Solemnity of Christ the King, 21st November at 10am. If the Bishop grants the permission and faculty, I will celebrate the Sacrament in St John's. YEAR 6 will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop Marcus at a Deanery Confirmation early in the new year. However, all those to be Confirmed (CURRENT YEAR 6 AND ABOVE) are asked to complete and return the application form which is available from Fr Mark after either the Vigil or Sunday Mass only.

Please can children bring a coat to school

As the weather is changing, please can children bring a coat to school. Many thanks in advance.

A huge thank you!

Reading is a key priority for us at St John's and before the summer we revamped the school library. Last week we were so grateful for the generous donation of books from Zoe Lancaster (Kiki and Arlo's auntie) for our children to enjoy. We will be setting up reading areas/opportunities for children in our outdoor classroom and gazebo this term and if you are having a sort out at home then we would welcome any donations. Many thanks in advance.

