



St John The Evangelist Catholic Primary School, a Voluntary Academy

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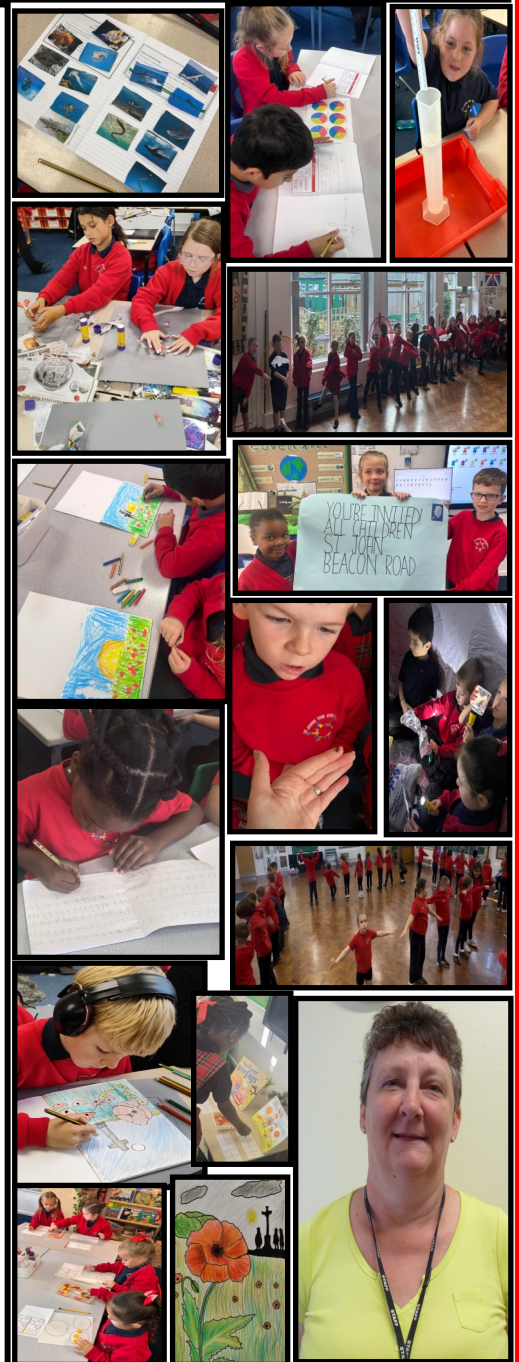
Our Mission is to follow in the footsteps of Jesus

What another wonderful week of faith, learning and celebration we have enjoyed at St John the Evangelist! This week, our Gospel focus has been **Matthew 22:1-14**, the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, reminding us that God lovingly invites each and every one of us to be part of His Kingdom. We have also celebrated **British Values Day**, exploring the importance of **democracy** alongside the Catholic Social Teachings of **Charity and the Common Good**. Our children have reflected on the importance of having a voice, respecting the opinions of others and working together for the good of our whole school family. Democracy was certainly brought to life through our exciting **School Council elections**, with our newly elected representatives set to be announced during Friday's God's Gifts Celebration! We cannot wait to celebrate our new pupil leaders!

Our youngest learners in **Reception** have been busy practising their super letter formations in the sand, whilst continuing to celebrate God's wonderful gift of creation through play, prayer and reflection. In **Year 1**, reflection has taken on a rather different meaning! Our budding scientists have been investigating reflective and non-reflective materials, with some truly dazzling discoveries! They have also been putting their mathematical minds to work, using part-whole models to tackle some tricky additions. Meanwhile, **Year 2** have been showing tremendous care and precision with their handwriting, producing beautifully presented work that they can be incredibly proud of!

Moving into **Key Stage 2**, our wonderful **Year 3** children delivered a beautiful Celebration of the Word, exploring God's invitation to the Kingdom of Heaven. Their knowledge, understanding and reverence were a joy to witness! They have also been unleashing their imaginations, creating fantastic fictional characters for their very own Prehistoric Park! Over in **Year 4**, the children have been 'busting moves' and 'boogying down' during their street dance lessons in P.E. There have certainly been some impressive moves on display! **Year 5** have been travelling back in time to Ancient Egypt, producing some stunning artwork inspired by this fascinating civilisation. They have also taken to the skies with their paper aeroplanes, investigating the effects of air resistance through some fantastic scientific enquiry!

Finally, our brilliant **Year 6** children celebrated a truly special Class Mass this morning. Their reverence, maturity and thoughtful participation reflected the wonderful faith that continues to grow throughout our school. A huge thank you to **Father Paul** for leading our celebration and to all the parents, carers and family members who joined us and made the occasion even more meaningful. Year 6 have also created some beautiful **Remembrance artwork**, demonstrating incredible creativity, care and reflection. We are so proud of the finished pieces and the thoughtful messages behind them!



A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Wonderful Gill Dixon!

"This week marks a truly special, but emotional, moment in the life of St John the Evangelist as we say a fond farewell to our much-loved caretaker, **Gill Dixon**, who retires after an incredible **37 years of unwavering dedication, loyalty and service** to our school."

"For many are called, but few are chosen." - Matthew 22:14

How fitting these words are as we celebrate Gill's remarkable contribution to our school. For 37 years, Gill has answered her own calling through a life of faithful service, generosity and commitment to others. She has shown us that serving God does not always require grand gestures or recognition, but can be found in the simplest acts of kindness, the work of our hands and the love we show to those around us. **Gill has not simply looked after our school building; she has helped look after our school family.** You may be retiring from St John's, Gill, but you will never retire from being part of our family. With all our love, gratitude and very best wishes,

thank you from the bottom of our hearts...Your St John's family!

A polite reminder that fidgets, makeup, gaming/trading cards (including Pokémon cards), toys and similar items are not permitted in school. We have noticed an increased number of children starting to bring these items into school again, so we would appreciate your support in reminding your child that these items should be left at home. If any of these items are seen or brought into school, they will be confiscated by staff and taken to the school office. Parents/carers will then be contacted via Arbor and asked to come into the school office to collect the item. These items will not be returned to children. Please ensure that your child does not bring these items into school, as they can cause distractions and disruption to learning. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Next week:

Wednesday 21st October

YR6 Worship 2.45pm

Thursday 22nd October

Fluoride Varnish for Reception and YR1

Friday 23rd October

Gods Gift 9.05am (invitations to be sent)

Non uniform day £1 donations

Break up for October half term!

Tuesday 3rd November

School open as normal



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Reception Open Morning

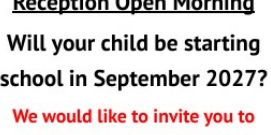
Will your child be starting school in September 2027?

We would like to invite you to our open morning on

Tuesday 10th November

9.30 - 10.30am.

For further information please contact the school office on 01274 679030 or email office@sje.bwcat.co.uk










Parents Evening November 2026

The letter has gone home with your child today for Parents evening. This will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November. Please complete the form and return to the class teacher. If you do not return the form completed, you will be allocated a random time. Thank you

HOUSES POINTS TALLY

	GABRIEL	2nd-140
	MICHAEL	3rd-133
	RAPHAEL	4th-114
	URIEL	1st-147

Brilliant Handwriting Winners!

Reception: Fatima

YR1: Ollie

YR2: Pola

YR3: Noah G

YR4: Alice

YR5: Chloe

YR6: Lucy

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.

95.9%

Star of the Week:

RECEPTION— Ella

YEAR 1— Thea

YEAR 2— Henry

YEAR 3— Amelia

YEAR 4— Jj

YEAR 5— Evie-mae

YEAR 6— Husnain

