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Dear Parents and Carers

X (Formerly Tweet) of the Week from Pope Francis (@Pontifex)

In this #YearOfPrayer to prepare for the Jubilee of 2025, I encourage everyone to deepen their commitment above all to take part in the celebration of Mass and to pray for the Church's mission of evangelization.
vatican.va/content/france...



Mrs Sessions

It is with sadness and regret that on behalf of the Governing Body I am writing to inform you that, following 7 years dedicated service to St. Johns School, Mrs Sessions has made the decision to retire. She will be leaving the school at the end of Term 6 - July 2024.

We feel that we have been privileged and blessed to have a head teacher that has worked tirelessly to provide a broad well balanced and exciting curriculum. The school is well respected in the diocese, among local schools and the community.

We will now be working with the Clifton Diocese and the Local Authority to appoint a successor.

I am sure as members of the school community you will wish her a happy and healthy retirement.

With Kind Regards

Mike Simmons
Chair of Governors

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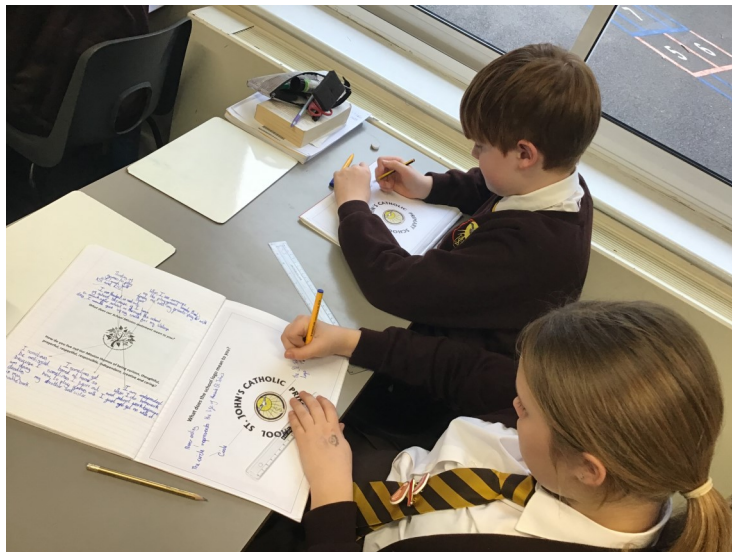


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School Mission Afternoon

On Thursday 25th January the whole school engaged in our 'School Mission Afternoon'. It provided quality time for the children to reflect on our mission and what we are called to be and do in our world. The children engaged in singing, art and powerful reflections. One of the areas of focus was to revisit the timeline and heritage of our school community and recognise the important work of the Sisters of St John of God who founded our school community.

Persephonie in Class 9 shared '*At St John's we have a purpose to be all the things that God wants us to be. We look up to the older people but as we grow through our learning and mission statement we will be the ones that everyone looks up to.*'



School Reading Books

Please could you check over the holidays if you have any school reading books at home that your child is not currently reading and return them to school after half-term.

Thank you.



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Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who have had birthdays this week, will celebrate over the weekend or during the holidays a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Pupils will receive their pencils in Celebration Assembly today.

Pupils

Rose B
Kimpreet D
Lucas N-A
Alicja P
Adam W
Alexander D
Lorenzo T-H
Oliver T

Amelia J
Ayva B
Joshua S
Trixiana W
Blanka C
Freya M
Jami K
Holly A



Dates for your Diary

Fri 9th February - EYFS & Class 11 cake sale after school
(please take cakes to class in the morning).

Mon 12th - Fri 16th February - Half Term, School closed to all children.

Mon 19th February - Start of term 4

Wed 21st February - Year 4 to Trowbridge Museum

Thurs 22nd February - Year 3 to Trowbridge Museum

Sunday 25th February at 10.30am - Children's Mass

Friday 8th March at 2pm - EYFS Mother's Day Celebration



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Sharing Sunday's Gospel through The Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to this week's copy of the **Wednesday Word** which can be copied and pasted into your browser.

We hope you enjoy sharing the Bible Scripture together with your child.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=119.3>

Leaders in Faith Award.

Congratulations to the following children who have earned these awards:

Bronze Award:

Finley T

Silver Award:

Zara K
Amy P
Liviah T



West Wilts Dance Festival

On Tuesday evening, the children in Dance club performed at the Bath forum for the West Wilts Dance Festival. The theme for this year's Festival was, 'lights, camera, action!'.

With the help of Caroline Newton, the "dance lady", the children have been working hard to create and perfect a dance routine based on this theme.

They performed their routine with great energy, enthusiasm and personality. It was professionally and beautifully executed.

Well done and thank you to everyone involved!

Updates on the Photo and DVD of the evening will be shared in due course.

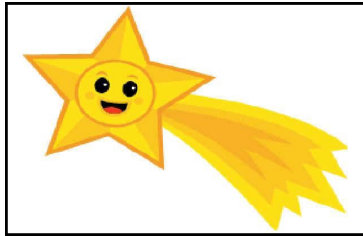


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Stars of the Week



House points

St. Rose - 193

St. Anthony - 164

St. Dominic - 163

St. Therese - 114

The theme from our mission statement this week is being Creative

Class 1:	Alfred W	for his creativity in his block play. Alfred has made some impressive structures—a civil engineer in the making!
Class 2:	Kylie M	for her amazing creativity in her art work. Independently making collages, bracelets and pictures.
Class 3:	Raphael M	for his piece of art based on the scripture "all things are possible with God".
Class 4:	Dougie F	for a fantastic piece of creative writing.
Class 5:	Trust V	for showing creativity in his RE art work and English writing this week! Well Done!
Class 6:	George B	for creating a very realistic cave painting.
Class 7:	Sofia S	for raising funds for Animal Aid.
	Yaman K	for a vivid cave painting.
	Kacper H	for a vivid cave painting.
Class 8:	Sofia A	for showing bundles of creativity within all aspects of her learning.
Class 9:	Jennifer M	for her independent and creative digital art work that shows how Pope Francis reveals Jesus' actions and word today.
Class 10:	Samantha W	for showing creativity by putting her ideas into motion, especially in her chapel session where she worked well with her group.
	Tobi A	for putting his best foot forward in all subjects, using his creativity and resilience to be proactive against challenges.
Class 11:	Maja M	for creativity in gymnastics this week. She is certainly on the way to fulfilling her dream of being a contortionist!