

"Our Mission - At St. John's we grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus"



St. John's Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

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

Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the Feast of all Saints. Let us ask them to sustain us in our fidelity to the Gospel and to guard our hearts in the hope of sharing their joy in communion with the Lord and with all whom we have loved.



Feast of the Solemnity of All Saints Mass

On Wednesday morning the whole school - including our fantastic children in EYFS - joined the parishioners and Canon Tom to celebrate the Feast of the Solemnity of All Saints. It was a beautiful service where Canon Tom reflected on the uniqueness of each individual and how one day we could be saints! Thank you to the children in KS2 who supported us with reading and serving during the Mass and to the school choir who lead us so well in song. It was wonderful that so many parents and grandparents were able to join us too.

Please see the note from Canon Tom which was included in the Parish newsletter on the 29th October. All our planned liturgies and Class Masses during November will be postponed until a later date in the academic year. We keep Canon Tom and his family in our prayers.

An Update Message from Canon Tom: *Dear all, may I take this opportunity to thank you all for your very kind messages, emails, and Mass cards that I have received over the last few days. They have been very comforting to me and my family with whom I have shared them with. My mother is comfortable but very weak and fragile and mercifully, not in any pain. She receives care four times a day and when I am not able to be at home, a night carer sits with her during the night. My dad, although fragile himself keeps well enough and provides as my sister said 'the giggles'! As for the time being I am unable to be in Trowbridge, Westbury and Bradford on Avon for weekday Masses except the Solemnity of All Saints on Wednesday 1st November. Any planned Mass intentions will be moved and offered when I am able to do so. I will be back for the Saturday vigil Masses and Sunday Masses. Thank you again for all the kind thoughts and for the continued prayers.*



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Is My Child Too Ill For School?

This new guidance has come through from the NHS.

The guidance states that "it is fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes".

If your child is too ill to attend school, please leave a message on the answerphone by **8.30am** on **every day that they are off school**.

Please give a brief description of their symptoms e.g. temperature of 39 degrees or diarrhoea, rather than just saying unwell or poorly.

For further details, please copy this link into your browser.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

	Is my child too ill for school? Find out when it's best to keep your sick child at home and when it's OK to send them to school or nursery. www.nhs.uk
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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/holiday-special-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=107.9>



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Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Board at the school. Parent governors are elected by other parents and support the Board in their strategic role, not the day to day running of the school. The role of a parent governor is not as a spokesperson for the views of parents; they are the same as all other governors on the Board, providing a 'parental viewpoint' ie representative parents rather than representative of parents.

You do not need to have a background in education, a range of work and life skills are valuable to bring to this role. You will need to be able to commit time to attend meetings at school and undertake training, and keep your knowledge up to date.

If you are interested in finding out more about what the role involves and the time commitment, please contact Mike Simmons, Chair of Governors, MSimmons@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who have had birthdays this week or will celebrate over the weekend a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY. Pupils will receive their pencils in Praise Assembly today.

Pupils

William S
Hannah N
Aubree T
Jakub S
Esme C





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Stars of the Week



Class 1: Nancy D—for demonstrating our school values in everything she does.

Class 2: Aubree T—for being a fantastic role model. Always happy to help tidy up, join in with learning and having a great attitude to learning.

Class 3: Aubree P—for being a wonderful member of the class, trying her best in all she does and showing care and respect to all.

Class 4: Lilly R—for working hard to develop her resilience.

Class 5: Jackson W—for working incredibly hard every day and being a role model to others!

Bella L—for always being ready to learn and a great role model to others!

Alicja P—for showing God's love through her actions.

Louie P—for his fantastic learning attitude in class and always ready to learn!

Class 6: Louisa C—for being a great role model and always extremely helpful.

Lena S—for making great progress with her learning behaviour this week.

Class 7: Kacper M—for explaining his mathematical work so clearly.

Class 8: Amy P—for always being ready and respectful Superstar!

Theo G—for putting in so much creativity into every task!

Class 9: Persie D—always remembering her manners.

Class 10: Dina D'S—for always being ready to learn, contributing in all lessons and following behaviour expectations.

Alaska H—for being a kind, helpful member of Class 10 who is always smiling during her learning.