

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



St. John's Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents and Friends

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

On this feast of #OurLadyoftheRosary, let us #PrayTogether, meditating on the mysteries of our salvation so that the face of God's love might be revealed to us more and more.



End of Term Holidays

The end of Term 1 holidays start on **Thursday 19th October** until **Friday 27th October**.

The school re-opens to all pupils on **Monday 30th October 2023**.

Winter Uniform

All pupils are to return to school after half term in their **winter uniform**. Details are on the school website. Also could girls with long hair please make sure it is tied back for school.

Now the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure your child wears a winter coat into school every day. Children will go out in the playground every day at both break time and lunchtime.

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/invitation?pid=MTA101634&v=106.8>



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Harvest Service

On Friday 6th October the whole school - including Foundation Stage children - celebrated a wonderful Harvest Service together led by Canon Tom. Thank you so much to every family that contributed to the Service we had over 200 donations of food and toiletries which is fantastic! All of the items will go to families in our local area and we look forward to working with Trowbridge Foodbank over the coming year. Congratulations to our Year 5 children, Theo K and Ella H who have been selected as Food Bank Friday Leaders and they will be co-ordinating the weekly Foodbank collections.

Chaplaincy Commissioning Service

On Thursday 11th October a group of senior Chapel Champions travelled to Clifton Cathedral to attend the Primary Chaplaincy Commissioning Service led by Bishop Declan. It was a wonderful occasion and the children from St. John's were exemplary role models of our school values. They promised to commit to the challenge of being a leader and peace builder in our world today and Bishop Declan challenged each child to be ambitious in what they can achieve. Over 450 children attended the event from across the Diocese and it was a joyous occasion. Many thanks to Mrs Clare Doogue, RE Governor, who once again so generously gave up her time to support the children in this most important role.





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Birthdays This Week

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

Pupils will receive their pencils in class today.

Pupils

Violetta B	Douglas R	Hazel S
Samuel G	Sienna D	Nenyasha J
Pippa W	Thomas H	Oliver M
Emily B	Austin U	Daniel G
Lucas B	Alicja S	Aleia F
Darcey V	Louis C	Daniel N-A
Callie E	Luca O'N-C	Lily T
Alexander W	Oskar K	Carlita F
Tyron S	Sophia B	Louisa G
Nifemi A	Zara K	Poppy M
John M	Grace D	Caleb C



Birthday in September

Cillian J

First Holy Communion 2024

Application forms for First Holy Communion 2024 are now available to collect from Canon Tom after Mass. If your child is in Year 3 or above then please collect, complete a form, and return it to Canon Tom. The closing date for application is **7th January 2024**. The first session of preparation will take place on the **18th January 2024 at 7pm** in St. John's Church. Children and parents will be given full details of the course at this meeting.

House points

St. Rose	- 279
St. Anthony	- 244
St. Dominic	- 288
St. Therese	- 179



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Primary School Applications

Parents can apply for a primary school place using the online system which is available through www.wiltshire.gov.uk. All applications must be submitted to the School Admissions Team at County Hall by **Monday 15th January 2024**. Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate should be provided to the school office.

If you have any queries or problems with the application process please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Secondary School Applications

Parents can apply for a secondary school place using the online system which is available through www.wiltshire.gov.uk. All applications must be submitted to the School Admissions Team at County Hall by **Tuesday 31st October 2023**. Parents who fail to submit an application before this date are less likely to secure a place at their preferred school.

If you are applying for a place at St. Augustine's Catholic College, you will be required to complete a supplementary application form which you can download from their website under Admissions and return to them. This does not replace the County Hall application. You must **complete both forms**.

St. Augustine's also require a copy of your child's baptism certificate to be submitted with their form.

If you have any queries or problems with the application process please do not hesitate to contact the school office.