

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



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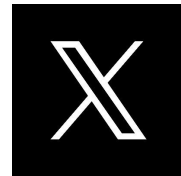
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Dear Parents and Friends

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

God places his hope not in the great and the powerful, but in the small and the humble. #NativityOfMary



School Photos

David Wiltshire Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 3rd October** to take pupil's individual photos. Pupils with siblings in our school will also have a photograph taken together during the school day. Unfortunately we are not able to take photos with children who are not currently at St. John's or any other family relationships than siblings.

All pupils should come into school in their **Winter** uniform on this day.

Whole School Mass

On Thursday morning the whole school gathered to celebrate our first school Mass of the new academic year. Although the new EYFS children did not join us Canon Tom and the rest of the school family sent them a special blessing from the Church!

Thank you to Canon Tom and the Year 6 children for leading the Mass with readings and hymns. Also thank you to the family, friends and parishioners who were able to join us.

Parent Cafe

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Cafe on Monday 18th September 2023 at 9.15am.

The topic will be the 'Autistic Spectrum Disorder'. A Specialist Advisory Teacher, specialising in Autistic Spectrum Disorder will be leading the session.



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Mass to celebrate children who received Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Summer 2023

Children who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in May/June 2023 are invited to celebrate Mass in our school hall on **Tuesday 26th September at 9.05am**, all family members are welcome to join us.

Canon Tom will lead us in our celebration. On the morning of this day the children are invited to come into school wearing their First Holy Communion dresses/suits/special outfits and will need to change into their school uniform later in the morning. We look forward to gathering together on this joyous occasion as a school family.

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

Nell G
Michael S
Daisy B
Sebastian K
Florence L



Online Safety

This week we are highlighting what you need to know as parents/carers about Live Streaming. Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.



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Trowbridge Youth Parliament Representatives

This week, our Year 6s exercised Catholic Social Teaching themes of Rights and Responsibilities by taking part in a democratic election, voting for their Youth Parliament representatives.

Pupils were invited to give a speech to their fellow Year 6 peers outlining their suitability as a candidate. Pupils then cast their votes.

Our Youth Parliament representatives for this year are Beatrice E and Rose W who both gave well planned and thoughtful speeches.

Collaborative Schools Ltd runs Trowbridge Youth Parliament, a representation of Trowbridge Schools made up of pupils who work together to democratically address issues and challenges in our community.

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.

Staff Car Park

Please do not use the staff car park for dropping off your child for Breakfast Club in the mornings when the gates are open unless you have been given permission to do so.

Also, please do not use the entrance of the car park for turning your car around at any time of the day. This is a danger to both other car users and pedestrians.



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CAFOD Family Feast Day

On Friday 6th October we mark CAFOD Family Fast Day. As usual at this time of year we will be asking the children to consider people who do not have access to food and items to support their basic needs. This year we will be supporting the local food bank in Trowbridge, which has seen an increasing demand. If you are able to support we would very much welcome offerings of one or more of the following:

Toiletries – deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

Household items – laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

Baby supplies – nappies, baby wipes and baby food

Cereal, Pasta, Rice, Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, Lentils, beans and pulses, Tinned meat, Tinned vegetables, Tea/coffee, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Fruit juice,

Please encourage your child to bring their offering into school before Wednesday 4th October. Every item will be forwarded to those in our community who need our support during this challenging time. Thank you again for your continued support.

Lost Property

Although we are only in the second week of the school term, our Lost Property cupboard is very full already with un-named items of clothing.

Please can you ensure that all items your child brings into school are named as we are unable to return them to their rightful owners.

All un-named or unclaimed items will be given to the Uniform Shed at the end of each term.



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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 birth certificate to be submitted with their form.

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Stars of the Week



Class 3: Lewi G—for making an excellent start to Year 1.

Class 4: Michelle I—for being a responsible and respectful member of Class 4.

Class 5: Alice H—for her fantastic learning behaviours and being a great role model to others!

Class 6: Aurelia G—for singing so beautifully in our school Mass.

Thank you!

Class 7: Esme C—for settling into Class 7 and showing others the expectations of the school clearly and confidently.

Class 8: Austin U—for starting the year committed to helping and supporting all of us.

Class 9: Dawid W—for engaging so well during class discussions, especially in English.

Leo R—for showing his teacher that he is always ready to learn.

Class 10: Noah W—for an excellent start to the year, producing amazing work and being a role model to Class 10.

Class 11: Emanuel K—for making a fantastic start to Year 6. His attitude to learning has been second to none!

Dates for Your Diary

Monday 18th September at 9.15am—Parent Café. ASD Workshop.

Monday 25th September at 9.am—Safeguarding Parent Workshop.

Tuesday 26th September at 9.05am—First Holy Communion Mass in School Hall.

Friday 29th September at 9am—New EYFS Coffee Morning.

Tuesday 3rd October—Individual School Photos.