



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

Newsletter

24th October 2025

A super week in school and two showcases this week! **Thank you** to all the parents and carers who could attend ☺

Have a lovely half term break and we will see the children on Monday 3rd November.

There are lots of upcoming events for parent and carers:

Every Monday: EYFS drop ins

1/12/25 Advent Mass 10am

5/12/25 Inclusion event

10/12/25 Y4 PE showcase 2.45pm

11/12/25 Y2 Music performance 9.15am

11/12/25 Y6 Music performance 1.30pm

15/12/25 Christmas Mass 10am

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☺ Mrs Campbell

Head-teacher awards	Qualities of the class 'woman of the Bible'	Celebration of Talent spotting
Nursery (Jochabed)	Manalia	Zahra Eghosa
Reception (Miriam)	Nikol	Ephrata Murewa
Y1 (Elizabeth)	Brianna	Solomon-Blessing Uzair
Y2 (Prisca)	Nathaniel	Livellystone Tiana
Y3 (Sheba)	Rabia	Hafsa Max
Y4 (Deborah)	Nivan	Fatima Ellim
Y5 (Esther)	Agozie	Nathan Sophia
Y6 (Lydia)	Eshaal	Zainab Zak

Class	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance: week beg 20.10.25	88.1	97.8	93.5	96	95	97.1	95.6

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Catholic Life

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and never become discouraged. "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected people. And there was a widow in that same town who kept coming to him and pleading for her rights, saying, 'Help me against my opponent!' For a long time the judge refused to act, but at last he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, yet because of all the trouble this widow is giving me, I will see to it that she gets her rights. If I don't, she will keep on coming and finally wear me out!'"

And the Lord continued, "Listen to what the corrupt judge said. Now, will God not judge in favour of his own people who cry to him night and day for help? Will he be slow to help them? I tell you, he will judge in their favour and do it quickly. But will the Son of Man find faith in the earth when he comes?"



There are many things that are unfair in our world. And there are many people like the woman in the story who struggle to make their voices heard.

We can pray for these people, but we also have to do what we can to make sure that all people are treated fairly.

This year is a Jubilee Year, a special year when we try to make the world a fairer place for all people to live in. We are called to join together as pilgrims of hope, working together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love.

This week **think about how you can treat other people fairly and justly.**

Remember to keep **praying** and asking God to help you.

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Harvest Celebration of the Word



We invited Father Michael to join us for a very special Celebration of the Word, thanking God for the Harvest in Elijah's cave.

The children planned and delivered it all by themselves! They included fruit grown in our Laudato Si' centre on the Altar, and a Hail Mary said in Portuguese as part of the service.

It was absolutely fantastic and ended with the choir singing beautifully.

Well done to everyone involved, and thank you, Father Michael, for attending.



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The Importance of Attendance

Our school attendance could definitely be improved after half term!

We are at 94% this week, and that is below where it should be.

Please ensure you book appointments outside of school time and arrive on time, before the registers close.

We are able to administer prescribed medicine and calpol in school – please fill out a form in the office.

Half term dates are Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October.

As we approach the half term, please ensure that the children are back in school on **3rd November 2025.**



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Inclusion Showcase



On **5th December 2025**, we will be holding an Inclusion Showcase in the school hall. This event will give you an opportunity to meet with a range of agencies that we work with and you will be find out more about the support they can offer to you and your family.

Some of the agencies attending include:

Rochdale Additional Needs Service

CAMHS

SEND Advice line

Parent Carers Voice

Mentally Healthy Schools Team

Neurodiversity Hub

The event will start at 2:15pm, giving you an opportunity to meet with the agencies before collecting your children, and will run until 4pm.

Everyone is welcome!



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Early Years Physical Development Showcase

EYFS had their first PD Showcase on Monday morning. We demonstrated different skills which the children could do at home to help improve their Motor Skills. We had a wonderful turn out! Thank you for attending.



Year 5 PE Showcase

Year 5 had their PE Showcase on Wednesday afternoon. They have been creating gymnastic routines which had to include rolls, balances, stretches and team work. Thank you, parents and carers, for attending!



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Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



This week in Art, Year One have drawn and painted self-portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso's work. They used the knowledge that they have learnt over the past few weeks about Picasso and the features of their own faces to create beautiful artwork!



In RE this week, the Nursery created pictures to represent the water used in Baptism and the light of God's love as the baby is welcomed into God's family. We talked about how the water is a sign of washing away the past and starting a new life with God.

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

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LKS2



In Year 4, we have been really enjoying writing our plans for our sci-fi piece of writing! The children have enjoyed developing their subject knowledge of how to write sci-fi texts, looking at the features and exploring some sci-fi texts in their reading area. We are looking forward to writing our final pieces and sharing our talents in Literacy.

UKS2

Year 6 have been developing their watercolour techniques by painting images of vegetables. They carefully observed shapes, colours and shadows to make their paintings look life-like. This art project was linked to their History learning about the 'Dig for Victory' campaign during World War II, when people were encouraged to grow their own food.



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