



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

Newsletter

12th December 2025

Thank you for the chocolate and £1 donations – It helps us to provide a fun Christmas fair for our children and families.

Next week is our last week of term!
Don't forget:

Every Monday: EYFS drop ins

15/12/25 Christmas Mass 10am

15/12/25 Christmas Fair 3.15pm

18/12/25 EYFS Nativity

Please see the FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENTS page in this newsletter for carol concerts and the dates for each class.

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Head-teacher awards	Qualities of the class 'woman of the Bible'	Celebration of Talent spotting
Nursery (Jochabed)	Masooma	Zahra Dua
Reception (Miriam)	Deborah	Hussain Stella
Y1 (Elizabeth)	Melaheer	Lawi Nevaeh
Y2 (Prisca)	Jada	Mohammed Benny
Y3 (Sheba)	Jannat	Hussain Emmanuella
Y4 (Deborah)	Hassan	Bahar Debbie
Y5 (Esther)	Jace	Agozie Lucas
Y6 (Lydia)	Nari	Ayaan M Awais

Class	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance: week beg 8.12.25	91.1	95.5	95.6	90.9	99.2	99.5	96.7

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Catholic Life

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

At that time John the Baptist came to the desert of Judah and started preaching. "Turn away from your sins," he said, "because the Kingdom of heaven is near!" John was the man the prophet Isaiah was talking about when he said: "Someone is shouting in the desert, 'Prepare a way for the Lord; make a straight path for him to travel!'" John's clothes were made of camel's hair; he wore a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. People came to him from Jerusalem, from the whole province of Judea, and from all the country near the River Jordan. They confessed their sins, and he baptised them in the Jordan. When John saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming to him to be baptised, he said to them, "You snakes – who told you that you could escape from the punishment God is about to send? Do those things that will show that you have turned from your sins. And don't think that you can escape punishment by saying that Abraham is your ancestor. I tell you that God can take these stones and make descendants for Abraham! The axe is ready to cut down the trees at the roots; every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown in the fire. I baptise you with water to show that you have repented, but the one who will come after me will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. He is much greater than I am; and I am not good enough even to carry his sandals. He has his winnowing shovel with him to thresh out all the grain. He will gather his wheat into his barn, but he will burn the chaff in a fire that never goes out."

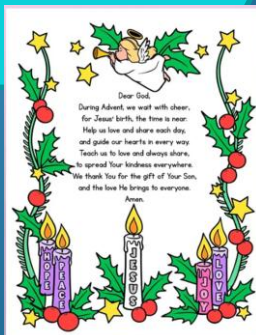
John the Baptist lived at the time of Jesus. He had great faith and set an example for everyone of how to live a good life.

Can you think of any other people living today or in history who showed great faith and how to live a good life?

This week, perhaps we can try to be brave like John the Baptist and speak up for what we believe in.

We can say sorry when we get things wrong and we can try to do better next time.

How are you going to change your life for the better this Advent?



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Supporting parents and children

Thank you to everyone who attended our Inclusion Showcase on Friday 5th December. We hope that you found the opportunity to speak to different agencies useful.

We will be running the event again in the Spring Term. If you would like any further information about this event, please contact the school office.



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The Importance of Attendance

Our attendance this week is 95.6% - **brilliant!!** Thank you for ensuring your children are in school everyday.

A reminder that we
finish on Friday 19th
December at
3.15pm and return
on **Monday 5th**
January at 8.45am.



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Dates for families: Family Christmas Events

Instead of having one big carol concert, we are going to try having several smaller ones so that parents and carers can see their child properly and get more involved! The dates are below and the format will be the same for each session: scripture, singing and crafts. We hope you can attend 😊

Year 1: Wednesday 17th December 1.30pm

Year 2: Tuesday 9th December 1.30pm

Year 3: Thursday 4th December 1.30pm

Year 4: Monday 8th December 1.30pm

Year 5: Friday 12th December 1.30pm

Year 6: Tuesday 16th December 1.30pm

Reception and Nursery Nativity: Thursday
18th December 9am



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Year 4 PE Showcase

On Wednesday afternoon, year 4 performed their PE Showcase for their families. The children performed a class Haka as well as their own smaller grouped Kamatay's.



Basketball Festival

On Thursday night, a team of budding basketballers made the trip to Hopwood Hall to take on a series of challenges set by the sports students there. Everyone had a fantastic time learning new skills.



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Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



To consolidate our learning on 'People who help us', we invited our parents in to explore our activities. We had lots of fun sharing the new vocabulary that we have learned with our families. Thank you to everyone who came along.

Year 2 children joined their families in the hall for singing, scripture and card making! It was a wonderful afternoon and very well attended by parents and carers – thank you for your support.



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

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Year 4 had a festive fun afternoon with their families in the hall and were treated to live music from the children who have been practising with their instruments! Lots of singing, scripture and Christmas card making together as a family 😊

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This week, our Year 6 children took part in their Music Showcase, sharing a selection of pieces they have been working on throughout the term. Their performances showed growing confidence and developing musical skills and it was clear that the children had put thought and effort into their work.



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