



One Family in Christ

St John the Baptist RC Primary School

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Newsletter

19th June 2026

As always, our newsletter celebrates the many achievements, events, and activities that have taken place across our school community. I hope you enjoy reading about the wonderful experiences our pupils have been involved in and feel proud of all they have accomplished.

Please make a note of the following important dates: Year 6 residential trip on Friday 26th June. The school summer fair is Friday 10th July. Reports will be sent home on Wednesday 15th July. We will celebrate our Year 6 Leavers' Mass on Monday 13th July, before gathering for the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Friday 17th July. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing these memorable occasions with our school community.

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Head-teacher awards	Qualities of the class 'woman of the Bible'	Celebration of Talent spotting
Nursery (Jochabed)	Izzyan	Isio Azan
Reception (Miriam)	Adannaya	Nooreil Nikol
Y1 (Elizabeth)	Arianna	Umar
Y2 (Prisca)	Asim	Maira Chibunna
Y3 (Sheba)	Kendra	Hussain Angel
Y4 (Deborah)	Amelia	Paris Milene
Y5 (Esther)	Naomi	Abubakar Gael
Y6 (Lydia)	Rugeeth	Amarachi Ra'ees

Class	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Attendance: week beg 15.6.26	97.2	95.3	97	98.8	98.9	96.1	92.8

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Catholic Life

Gospel: Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

As he saw the crowds, his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. So he said to his disciples, "The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest."

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James and his brother John, the sons of Zebedee; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew, the tax collector; James, son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus, Simon the Patriot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed Jesus.

These twelve men were sent out by Jesus with the following instructions: "Do not go to any Gentile territory or any Samaritan towns. Instead, you are to go to the lost sheep of Israel. Go and preach, 'The Kingdom of heaven is near!' Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid."

We are followers of Jesus and so we are called to do what we can to love and help other people. The person who needs our help might be a member of our family or a friend, someone at school or in our local community. It could be someone further away who we know, or even someone we've never met.

When we see a problem, we are asked not just to feel sorry for the person who is sad, worried, ill or struggling, but like Jesus, we are called to take action to help. When we are struggling, we pray that others will do the same for us.

So this week, let's see what we can do to help others. Let's share God's love with one another and act with compassion when others need our support.

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The Importance of Attendance

Our attendance this week is **96%** back on the up!
Thank you for ensuring your children are in school every day.

Last 5 days (12 June 2026 to 18 June 2026)



Overall attendance %

96.0%

Overall absence %

4.0%

Unauthorised absence %

1.3%

Our attendance this year so far is **96.3%**



Current academic year up to Thursday 18 June 2026

Number of pupils

225



Overall attendance %

96.3%

Overall absence %

3.7%

Unauthorised absence %

1.2%

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Parental support: Sharing kindness online

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one focus of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10-15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place - but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

- 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE**
Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.
- 2 REACH OUT**
It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK, or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.
- 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS**
If there's something you enjoy doing online - perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site - share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.
- 4 OFFER TO HELP**
Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it - if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!
- 5 POST POSITIVELY**
Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.
- 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION**
If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.
- 7 BE UNDERSTANDING**
Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.
- 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS**
When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.
- 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING**
Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive - even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.
- 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE**
If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past - take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech website The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.

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Archery festival

On Tuesday night we took a team of year 6 girls to an Archery and axe throwing festival at Marland Hill. It was a great new experience for them and good preparation for next week's adventure day that they are attending



EYFS Sports Day

This week some of our year 6 children have been helping nursery in their PD sessions. This is a great way for them to gain confidence and improve their leadership skills as they demonstrate and guide our younger pupils in various activities



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Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



For our art enrichment day we have been learning about the artist Yayoi Kusama. Her work always features polka dots. We created some amazing pieces of artwork inspired by Yayoi's work.



This week we have enjoyed painting 'Under the sea' scenes. We have painted lots of different sea creatures using smaller brushes to add details. We have also enjoyed exploring sea creatures in the small world area; we have used the loose parts to create pictures.

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

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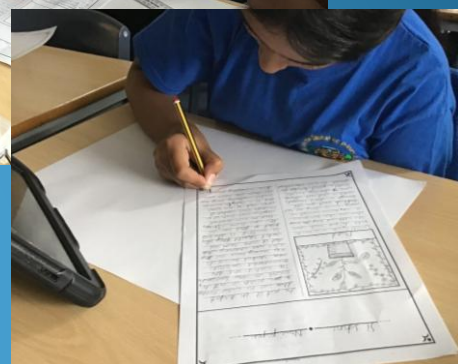
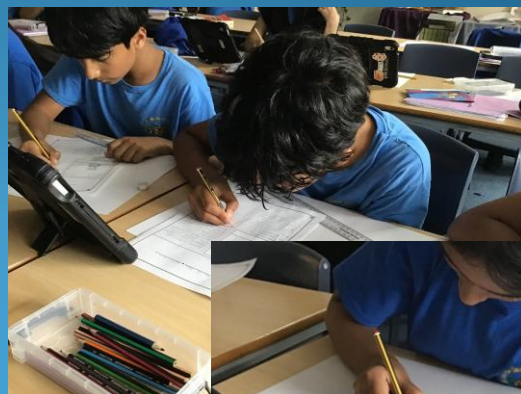
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This week as part of the Art Enrichment Year 4 have looked at the artist Frida Kahlo and completed a fact file all about her. They also completed self-portraits based on her artwork.



This week, Year 6 explored the important theme of caring for our planet through the film *WALL-E*. Inspired by the environmental message of the story, the children wrote newspaper reports about the impact of pollution and waste on Earth, using formal language and journalistic features. They also created artwork linked to the film, encouraging reflection on our responsibility to protect the environment and look after our common home for future generations.

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