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# St John the Baptist RC Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs L. Campbell

## Newsletter

3rd July 2026

Please make a note of the following important dates: 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)  | Darius                                      | Jay Jay Orshina                |
| Reception (Miriam)  | Maranata                                    | Arwa Shiloh                    |
| Y1 (Elizabeth)      | Layla                                       | Kore Brianna                   |
| Y2 (Prisca)         | Mia                                         | Joseph Iylah                   |
| Y3 (Sheba)          | Roman                                       | Yasmin Hafsa                   |
| Y4 (Deborah)        | Fatima                                      | Debbie Bahar                   |
| Y5 (Esther)         | Lexi                                        | Kenny Agozie                   |
| Y6 (Lydia)          | Amara chi                                   | Rahman Hasnain                 |

| Class                         | Reception | Y1 | Y2   | Y3   | Y4   | Y5   | Y6   |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----|------|------|------|------|------|
| Attendance: week beg 03.07.26 | 95.4      | 94 | 98.2 | 96.5 | 97.2 | 99.5 | 98.3 |

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## Catholic Life

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus went to the territory near the town of Caesarea Philippi, where he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

"Some say John the Baptist," they answered. "Others say Elijah, while others say Jeremiah or some other prophet."

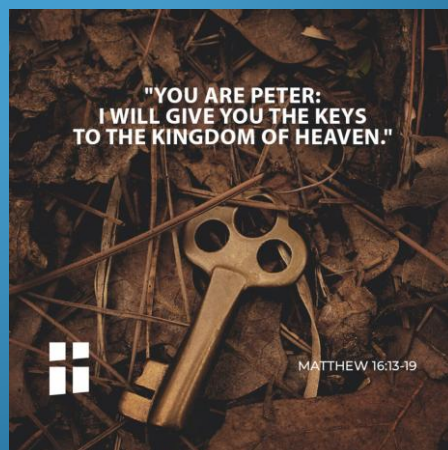
"What about you?" he asked them. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." "Good for you, Simon son of John!" answered Jesus. "For this truth did not come to you from any human being, but it was given to you directly by my Father in heaven.

And so I tell you, Peter; you are a rock, and on this rock foundation I will build my church, and not even death will be able to overcome it. I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of heaven; what you prohibit on earth will be prohibited in heaven, and what you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

This week let's try to be more loving, more forgiving and more generous to others. Let us try to share hope with others. And let's try to open our hearts to welcome Jesus in.

What will you do this week to show your faith in Jesus and to welcome him into your heart just like St Peter did?



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## The Importance of Attendance

Our attendance this week is **96.3%** - fantastic!  
Thank you for ensuring your children are in school  
every day.

Last 5 days (25 June 2026 to 01 July 2026)



Overall attendance %

96.3%

Overall absence %

3.7%

Unauthorised absence %

0.8%

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



Current academic year up to Wednesday 01 July 2026

Number of pupils

223



Overall attendance %

96.3%

Overall absence %

3.7%

Unauthorised absence %

1.2%

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## Parental support: Youtube Kids

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

**AGE RESTRICTION 4+**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS**

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

**BE WARY OF ADVERTISING**

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features persuasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

**DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE**

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual prizes, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

**SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED**

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children often know their way around more than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

**AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION**

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

**DATA COLLECTION RISK**

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

**PARENTAL CONTROLS**

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

**SET TIME LIMITS**

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

**CHECK WATCH HISTORY**

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

**WATCH TOGETHER**

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

**Meet Our Expert**

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The Register, The Mirror, iStock, and WIRED.

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## Government delay in publishing SATs report

Year 6 parents:

The Government have informed schools of a delay to this year's Key Stage 2 (KS2) test results, which affects all schools nationally.

Schools were due to receive results on 7 July 2026. However, Pearson Education Limited, the provider responsible for administering, marking, and returning Key Stage 2 results to schools has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools. Results will now be available on **16 July 2026**.

Importantly, the delay is not related to the quality of the tests or the accuracy of pupils' results. Test papers have been marked in line with usual processes.

This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school and no action is required from parents or pupils. We will share results with you as quickly as possible after we receive them on 16 July.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

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## Archery festival

Last Friday, year 6 went to Venture Out in Stockport. They participated in various different activities such as climbing, archery, bouldering and canoeing. Everyone had a great time and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones.



## EYFS Sports Day



KS2 have been tasked with improving their personal best skipping score this week. A great effort by all whilst working on their techniques and styles whether skipping forwards or backwards.

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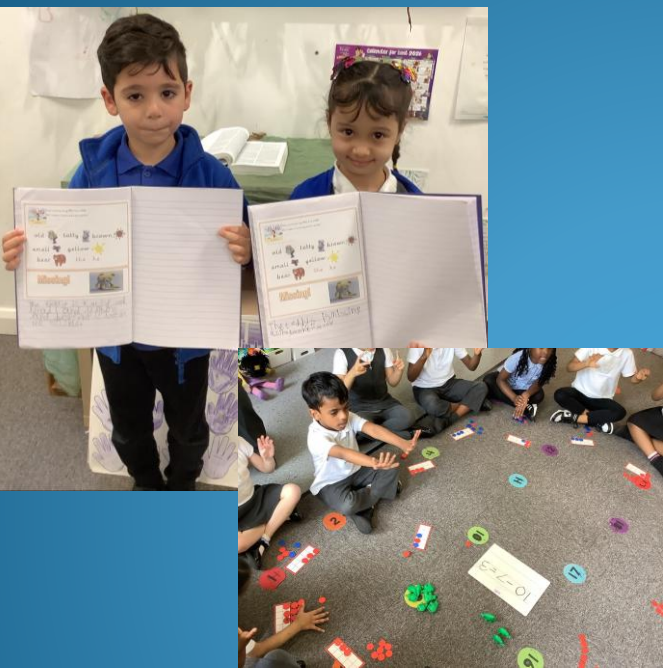
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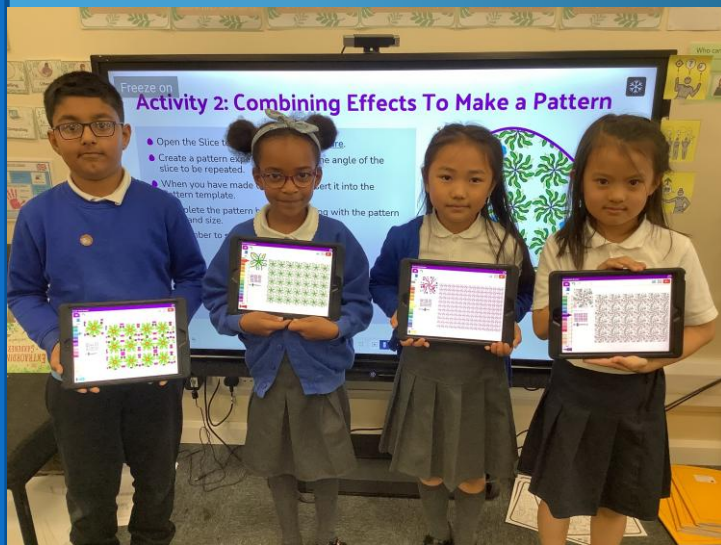
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## Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1



In Reception we have been using lots of manipulatives to subtract from a number. We created a 'Missing' poster in literacy for the teddy which had been lost in the story that we have been reading.

This half term in our computing lessons we have been learning about creating pictures. This week, we used repeating patterns to create a William Morris style picture inspired by nature.



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

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## KS2

This week in Class Worship Year 4 looked at scripture about 'Trust in God and building relationships with God and each other'. They all reflected upon the scripture on how they can show trust in God and each other.



Year 6 had a fantastic trip to Venture Out in Stockport! They challenged themselves with climbing, canoeing, archery and orienteering. Well done year 6!

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