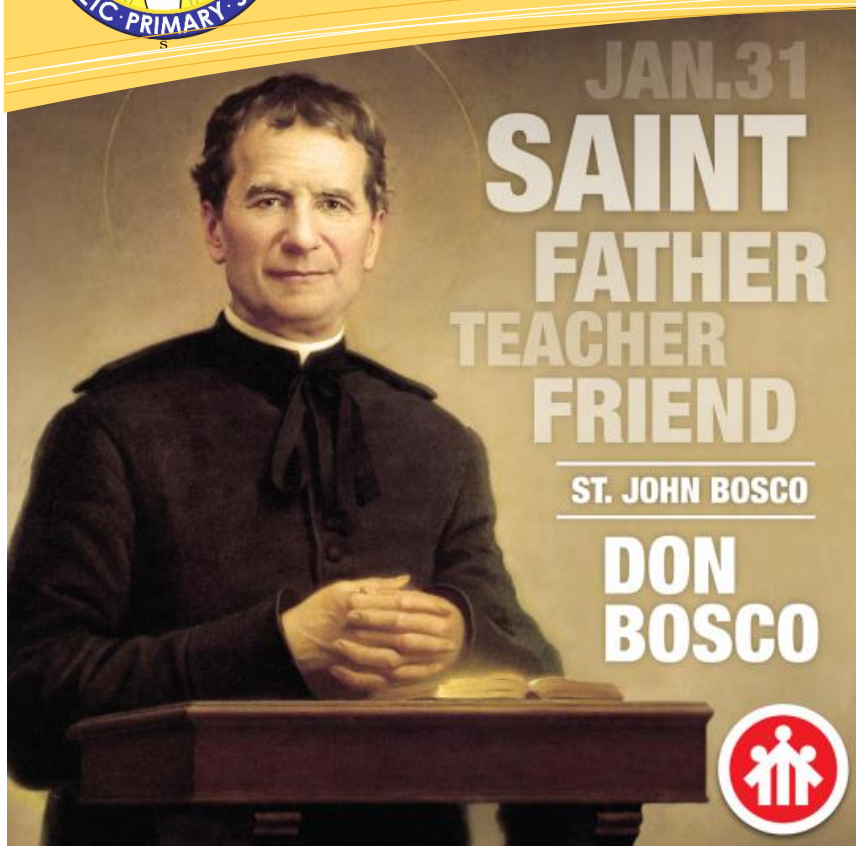




# St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023



John Bosco decided to devote his life to educating disadvantaged boys, including those who lived on the streets, in an attempt to keep them out of jail.

His teaching methods were based on love rather than punishment, as he believed that a teacher should be a **father, advisor and friend**.

John provided boys with an education, religious teaching and a chance to have leisure time and fun together. In 1859, along with seventeen other men, he set up the Salesian Order and led the building of a grammar school, a technical school and a church. Together with St. Mary Mazzarello, he also founded the Daughters of Our Lady Help of Christians (also known as Salesian Sisters of John Bosco), who were a group of nuns dedicated to similar educational work for disadvantaged girls.

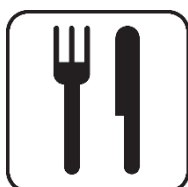
Each year his life is celebrated on his feast day of 31st January.

## The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

On the 2nd February, The Catholic Church celebrates the feast day of The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple. For homework this week, the children created a picture of the story using different types of materials.



**Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Old Kent Road fire station this week and received their certificate in becoming safer Southwark citizens. Well done to them!**



**Although staff are around to help Nursery children during lunchtimes, we are hoping that Reception children can use a knife and fork confidently. Please encourage this at home and practice using a knife and fork with your children.**

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attendance	School days lost	
100% Excellent	0 days absence	Pupils with this attendance should achieve their best grades they can, leading to the best possible start in secondary school.
Above 97% Very good	6 days absence	Pupils with this attendance should achieve their best grades they can, leading to the best possible start in secondary school.
95% Good	10 days absence	Pupils with this attendance are likely to achieve their targets and be well prepared for secondary school.
90% Unsatisfactory	20 days absence	Pupils are missing a month of school per year and may fall behind in Maths and Literacy.
85% Cause for concern	30 days absence	Pupils are missing 6 weeks of school, it will be difficult for them to keep up and achieve their best. A referral to the EWO would be considered.
80% Refer to EWO	1 day EVERY week	It will be almost impossible to keep up with work. Parents of pupils with this low attendance could be issued with a Penalty Notice.

The Government expects all children to be in school at least 97% of the time. We are really pleased that the vast majority of our children come to school well above this figure. We are working with Southwark Education Welfare Services to ensure that all absences from school are genuine, evidenced and therefore can be authorised.

### Telephone EVERY DAY your child is ill

Parents/Carers must telephone by **9am every day** that their child is ill, to confirm that their child is still off and confirm the reason for this continued absence. If you do not telephone by 9am, we will call you. If there is no answer we will need to make a home visit. Please do call us first.

### Medical/Dental appointments

Where possible, these should be made AFTER SCHOOL or IN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. These include routine dentist appointments. We understand there are some medical appointments that need to happen in school time, eg consultant appointments. Parents/Carers need to bring proof of the appointment to the school or we cannot authorise the absence. Evidence can be an appointment card, letter, email or text from medical professional.