



# St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024



Forty days after Easter Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension and hear about how the disciples witnessed Jesus ascending into Heaven.

We also remember the instructions Jesus left His disciples - to share the Good News and do incredible things through the power He would give them.



Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

All:  
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

This week we take a look at Year 4's banner, here's what the children had to say...

We made a banner that represents the 'Dignity of work' based on one of the themes from Catholic Social teaching. We helped make the leaves, the grapes and the coins and linked the banner to the parable 'Workers in the Vineyard' where the landowner offered a fair wage for a day's work, no matter who they were. This shows us that each person deserves the 'Rights of Workers' as the Catholic Social Teaching teaches us.

Dear Lord,

We pray for all those who labour, that they will have a voice in their work, enjoy the just fruits of their work and find means of support for their lives and families. We pray for children, especially those that are forced to work, that the Lord will set them free.

Amen



# Year 6 SATs

Year 6 will be undertaking their SATs next week! We ask they all come to school at 8:00am for their hot breakfast.

Research shows that children who eat breakfast perform better in tests, as well as improving mental agility, a good breakfast also elevates mood.

Good luck to all the Year 6 children, we have seen how hard you have all been working!

Year 5 start their Splash dance workshops next week. Please see below for their time table:

Session 1	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May
Session 2	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
Session 3	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June
Session 4	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Session 5	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Session 6	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June

Children must bring their PE kit to school on these days.

As the temperature *finally* starts to rise it is even more important that your child comes to school with a full bottle of water each day. Please also ensure that you apply plenty of **sun cream** in the morning and provide your child with a sun hat (no caps please). Please be assured that we also make adjustments to ensure that the children don't become overheated such as shortened play times and removing of ties.



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Dear all

We would like to invite your child to join Rainbows - a fun and exciting programme for girls aged 4 to 7 where it's all about learning by doing.

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships, learning new things and having fun. Rainbows follow a diverse and engaging programme and take part in lots of different activities with girls their own age. Rainbows is the youngest section of Girlguiding. Girlguiding is the leading organisation for girls and young women in the UK, with around 320,000 members. All Girlguiding units are staffed by trained volunteers and supported by a volunteer team at local, regional and national levels.

We currently meet on Tuesday evenings for 65 minutes at Bacon's college. If you would like to register for a place, please complete the online form found at

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child>

Our current costs are £6 a week which include rent of premises, activities, badges and annual insurance fee. Trips and activity costs are in addition to this and we are happy to talk to individuals if they require help with funding.

Yours sincerely  
Lesley

Lesley Marsh, Leader, 1st St James' Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and STARS Rangers



## Calling all parents, Year 2 needs your help!!

Every Year the children study an artist called Jane Perkins. Jane creates pieces from items usually thrown away. This is a great link with our recycling topic and the children love working together to make their own masterpieces in the same style.

To do this we need lots of 'bits and bobs' for example: buttons, beads, broken/old jewellery, odd bits of Lego, small plastic toys/objects, straws etc. If you have any of these things at home that you could contribute towards our work we would be very grateful. It takes many items to create one piece so every little helps!

You can also visit Jane Perkin's website where you can look at her artwork and see the types of items she uses. On there you will also see the masterpiece created by a previous Year 2 class here at St John's. Jane Perkins was so impressed with it she displayed it on her website alongside her own creations.



## Pentecost Celebration

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** we invite children to wear red, yellow or orange (like flames) for our Pentecost celebration. We ask for a **£1** donation which will go to Marys Meals which serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries.

The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future.

They are already feeding more than 2.4 million children every school day - and together, we can reach the next hungry child waiting for Mary's Meals.

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## Save the date....

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 12pm**

**The Parish Church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception is having their Annual fundraising BBQ, all are welcome - more**