



# St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024



The Gospel this week shows Jesus' prayer for believers - that we would be one with Him and the Father.

It shows us how we can live in this unity by trusting Jesus, keeping our focus on Him, praying as He did to God the Father, and remaining in His love.



Our Father, who art in Heaven  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on Earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen

## OPTIONS FOR The POOR AND VULNERABLE



FOR I WAS HUNGRY  
and  
you gave me food

This week we are showcasing **Year 3's** banner on the Catholic Teaching theme of 'Options for the poor and vulnerable'. Here is what the children had to say about their banner...

God invites us to care in a special way for those who need help the most. Throughout the scriptures, Jesus spends time with the sick and outcast, revealing a special love for those most in need.

In the Gospel of Matthew (25:31-46) Jesus describes the last judgment, saying that we will be judged based on how we treat the poorest and most vulnerable members of society. He said: 'For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

The Catholic social teaching principle Option for the Poor and Vulnerable encourages us to imitate Christ's love for the poor by working to create a society where the needs of the poor are always considered first.



**Well done to all of our Year 6 children for completing their SATs tests this week.**

**The children showed such maturity, enthusiasm and commitment and we are all very proud of them.**

**Thank you to all the parents for your efforts too; supporting with homework, encouraging early nights and bringing your children to school for an early breakfast - it really made a difference.**

### **First Holy Communion**

As you may be aware May is the month when many parishes conclude their First Holy Communion programmes. Fr Azad wishes to remind families that should you wish your child to be part of the First Holy Communion cohort for next year regular mass attendance is required in the months leading up to registration.

### **Packed Lunch Improvements**

**Thank you to the parents for the feedback on our packed lunch offering for the children when they go out on their trips. We want you to know the comments have been taken on board and lunches shall be further improved in the future.**



## **DRESS UP DAYS**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** we ask 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.

To celebrate National Numeracy Day on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** this year we invite children to dress up in a numeracy themed outfit. As our Nursery class has a trip this day we encourage parents to keep their outfits simple!

### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

At St. John's the children must wear the complete school uniform.

SHOES should be flat, black and appropriate for school. We do not accept trainers with logos!

COATS must be navy blue – either the school coat or a plain coat with no logos/patterns/additional colours.

Students must wear a TIE!

All uniform items are available to buy through the Parent Mail app and will be given to your child on WEDNESDAYS.



### **Year 5 Splash dance performance**

**When: Tuesday 9th July  
1pm**

**Where: Queen Elizabeth Hall, Royal Festival Hall**

**More details to follow...**

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **Punctuality**

**This is a reminder to please ensure your children arrive at school before gates close at 8.55am.**

**When your child is late it has an impact on their learning and disrupts the whole class. It also takes staff extra time in the mornings having to go back and forth between the office and classrooms.**

**Being on time and prepared is the best start to a day of learning for your child.**