



St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 14th June 2024



In this week's Gospel, it sounds like Jesus is being rude and disowning His family, but in fact, He was simply saying that God comes before everything!

Through watching a video about the daily routine of some Franciscan Sisters, children considered how they too can say 'yes' to God's will – making us part of His family of followers.



All:
God, we give you all of today,
All we do and all we say,
All our work and all our play,
We want to do it, in your way.
Amen



Our last banner in this series is Reception's banner on the Catholic Social Teaching : Care for God's Creation

The wonderful world was made by God for us, so we can take care of all creation. In our banner you can see a tree, grass, birds and butterflies which represent God's creation.

God created the world for us because He loves us. God loves and cares for all of creation. God wants us to enjoy the world so that future generations can enjoy it too.

Reasons we should care about creation:

- ♥ Creation is a gift from God
- ♥ Creation is our responsibility
- ♥ We express our love to God by respecting His creation
- ♥ We show our respect for God when we care for His creation

Our Loving God,
Please help us to appreciate the wonderful world you created for us and help us to take care of your creation
Amen

From September there are changes being made by the Department of Education to ensure better school attendance. As a result, schools will have to initiate a fine if a pupil misses 10 sessions which is equivalent to 5 days of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period. Unauthorised absence can include being late!

Fines will be £80 per parent, per child and rise to £160 if not paid within 21 days. The money paid will not go to the school. This is not an income generating measure by St John's but is the new robust strategy from The Department of Education which could result in a significant number of families from this school community being fined.

Attendance

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £40 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Year 5 Splash dance performance

When: Tuesday 9th July 1pm

Where: Queen Elizabeth Hall, Royal Festival Hall

Please look out for your letter of consent which will contain more information regarding tickets.

Ukulele Concert

Year 6 parents are invited into school on Friday 21st June at 3pm for a special ukulele concert by the class.

Last entry will be at **2:55pm** – please note we cannot allow anyone in after that time!

EYFS Sports Day– Thursday 11th July Nursery and Reception parents invited

KS1 & KS2 Festival of Sport – Friday 12th July. Unfortunately, this is for children only as we are unable to accommodate parents due to space. However we invite parents in at the end of the day at 2.30pm for a parents tug of war event!

First Holy Communion School Assembly

On Tuesday 25th June we will be having a school assembly to celebrate those who made their First Holy Communion this year. If your child has recently made their Holy Communion please let the school office know and bring their First Holy Communion outfit to the office on that morning.



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.

Parents of **Reception Class** and **Year 1** children are invited in to school for a Royal Academy of Music concert.

26th June 9.30am

