



St. John's Catholic Primary School








Newsletter 18 - 26th January 2024

Our values: In Christ we are: **Joyful** in our faith , **Aspirational** in our learning, **Confident** in being me, **Caring** in our hearts.

Taken from Mark 1:29-39 The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

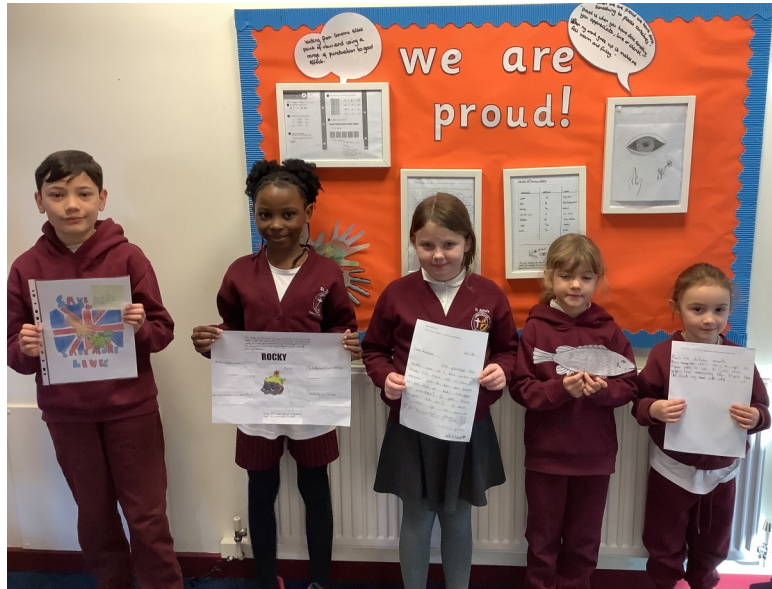
On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, "Everybody is looking for you." He answered, "Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came." And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils

Stars of the week

-  **Reception** - Isabella for being so enthusiastic with all areas of learning and a great dinosaur report!
-  **Year 1** - Harry for trying really hard this week and getting full marks in his end of Maths block assessment.
-  **Year 2** - Julian for his understanding and learning of money this week in Maths. He was able to share this with his peers and as always stays focused on the carpet.
-  **Year 3** - Thomas for being an incredible member of the class and the best role model to his peers. (We will miss him lots!)
-  **Year 4** - Vincent for always working hard and having a positive attitude. You are a pleasure to teach.
-  **Year 5** - Layton for his excellent participation and positive attitude in French lessons.
-  **Year 6** - Sophia for memorising a piece of music and playing it beautifully on the glockenspiel, well done!



Proud Work 26/01/24



YR — Frida for persevering with adding lines of patterns to her fish in R.E.

Y1— Mariana for writing some lovely and well thought out adjective + noun sentences in English.

Y2 — Evie-Rose for her excellent letter, written in the role of the character William from our English book.

Y4— Anna for writing out her whole conversation in French, with no mistakes! And for acting out the role play in perfect French with confidence too!

Y5— Vania for her imaginative Mars rover. Great work!

Y6— Rainer for creating a very effective, persuasive WW2 propaganda poster—well done!

Attendance Award: Year 2—

96%

Whole School

Attendance: 93.4%

Target Attendance: 95%



Bronze Reading Award—50 read

Y6—Noah

Silver Reading Award— 100 reads

YR — Layla, Artin, Toby

Y1— Harry, Mariana, Tymon

Y2— Blu, Harry, Alice, Henry





Dyslexia Aware Schools Award

I am delighted to be able to share with you some fantastic news about our SEN provision here at St John's.

This week we have been accredited with the Dyslexia aware school award.

This means that we have been acknowledged in providing a high standard of support for all of our children including those with dyslexic and dyscalculic tendencies across the school.

The staff have worked incredibly hard to implement new ways of working including using assistive technology in class enabling children to access their learning in ways which suit them as well as making sure that all children have suitable resources to help them achieve in every subject.

They have attended courses and staff training to enhance their own understanding.

We are very proud to receive this award as we are always continuing to improve our practice and develop ourselves as practitioners for the good of our children.

Well done everyone!

I am so proud of all the hard work that everyone has put into gaining this award and thankful that we have been recognised for what we are doing for our children.

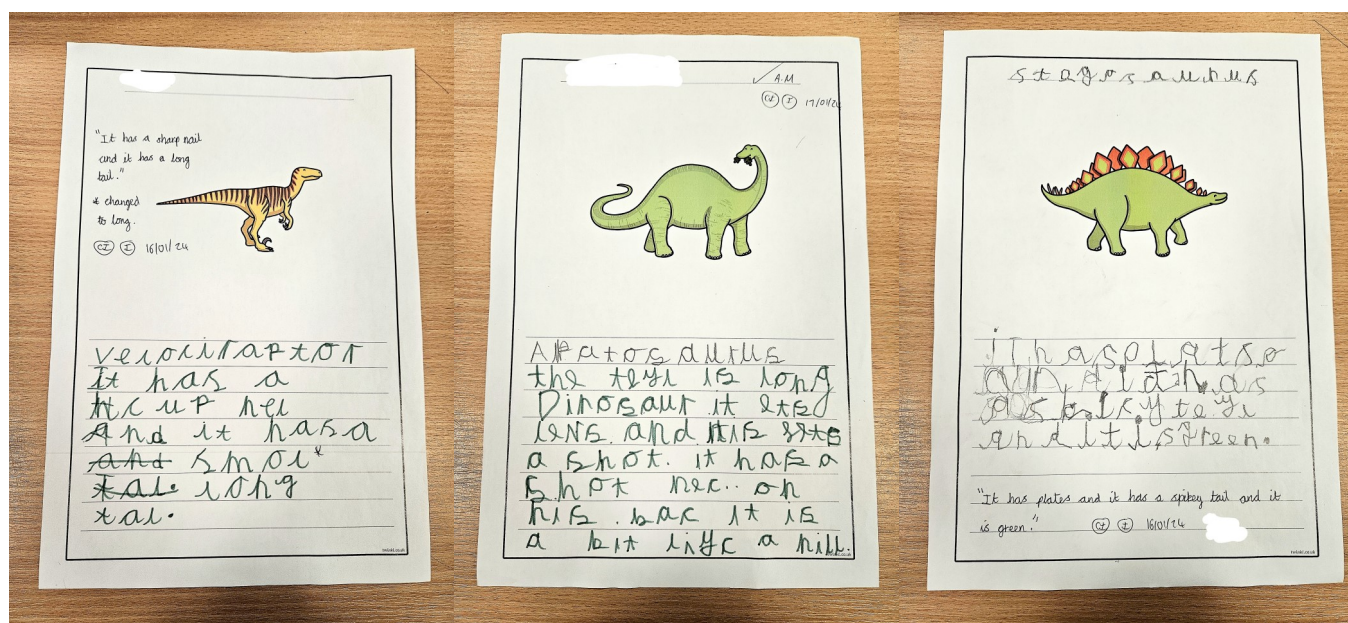
Mrs Clough

Dinosaur fun for Reception!

Reception were amazed by the recent break-in to their classroom by... a Dinosaur! They had so much fun watching the video of the Dinosaur and finding his nest on the carpet. They then wrote letters to the Dinosaur and made a news report of the event! (More photos on St John's Facebook page!)



A range of independent dinosaur writing from Reception



Friends of St John's Update



As you know we hosted our very first Bingo night last week, it was a lot of fun with lots of prizes won and we hope to see more faces next time. special thanks to Jaqui for doing such a great job as caller! The event raised approx. £250

Just a reminder that Disco is next Friday we need final bookings by Thursday 1st February please make sure to select a food option on the booking form.

The friends will also be serving refreshments after the 9.15am mass on Sunday 4th February to raise funds for our school.

If you are able to bake or buy a cake to donate, we would be so grateful and/or if on the day children would like to come in uniform to represent the school and encourage people to pop into the hall it would be very appreciated.

We would also like to thank Rebecca for her time, who has now stepped down from her role as co-treasurer.

Our new co-treasurer is Charlotte who has a child in reception she stepped up to take on the role. Welcome Charlotte!

Thank you for your continued support

Friends of St John's



St. John's

Catholic Primary School

Friends of St Johns School

will be selling refreshments after the 9.15am mass
on Sunday 4th February to raise funds for our school



Coffee / Tea
Cakes / Biscuits
Bacon Buttys!

All Welcome. Come join us!



Year 4 Viking Experience

Year 4 enjoyed a fabulous Viking experience on Wednesday morning! They played a Viking game called 'Kubb' using bones to knock our skulls (wooden sticks today!). The children made pots and carved the Viking alphabet into their creations like expert craftsmen. They also worked together tactically to form a defensive Viking wall shield. Thank you to the [The Outdoors Project](#) for such a fun time! (More photos can be found on the St John's Facebook page!)





Considerate Parking

The school has had a number of complaints from Local Residents regarding dangerous or illegal parking from parents at St John's. Please can I remind you not to park across drive-ways, not to allow your children to exit your car on the zebra crossing, not to park in our entrance road to drop off children, and not to park on the zig-zags. All of these put children at risk of harm. Mrs Farr has attended a meeting alongside the Headteacher of Arunside school and local district and county councillors to find potential solutions for safer parking along Blackbridge Lane. Mrs Farr will share more information with you and be looking for parental support for possible solutions.

HAPPY EASTER

Easter Treat
Thursday 28th March
Order now on parentpay.com

MAINS
Beef Burger
Veggie Bolognese
Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

SIDES
Rainbow vegetables or Salad

DESSERT
Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order
No later than Thursday 14th March
*Special diets will remain in place.





St. John's
Catholic Primary School

Autumn Term 2024

- INSET Day: Monday 2th September, Tuesday 3rd September

Wednesday 4th September – children return to school

- Half Term: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
- INSET Day: Monday 25th November

Friday 20th December – last day of term

Christmas Break: Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January – children return to school

- Half Term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
- INSET Day: Monday 24th February

Friday 4 April – last day of term

Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – children return to school

- INSET Day: Friday 13th June
- Bank Holiday: Monday 21st April
- Half Term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Tuesday 22nd July – Last Day of Term

Summer Holiday: Wednesday 23rd July to Monday 1st September

Children return to school: Tuesday 2nd September 2025