



# St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 20 - 9th February 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 1:12-15 The First Sunday of Lent, Year B

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. "The time has come," he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News."

### Stars of the week



**Reception** - Sophia S for trying extra hard in all areas of learning this week



**Year 1** - Wilfred for being a superstar 'space' learner this half term, bringing in books and sharing facts about space with the class.



**Year 2** - Alice for always being a kind and helpful member of Year 2.



**Year 3** - Olive, Daniel, Eden, Ross, Antoni and Charlotte for acting out cinema role-plays in French, with Euros and tickets, using correct French, excellent accents and with confidence. Excellent français, très bien! Madame Curtis.



**Year 3**—Bayley for being a fantastic member of the class, we wish you the best of luck in your new school.



**Year 4** - Aria for always having a positive attitude to school with a smile on her face



**Year 4** - Tilly and Rosie—who worked together to solve a sneaky perimeter question that tricked everyone else.



**Year 5** - Teddie for consistently making the effort to improve his vocabulary by using a thesaurus.



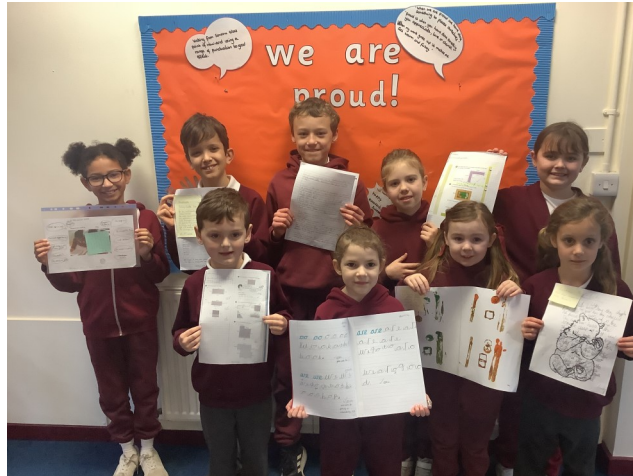
**Year 6** - Toby B for playing the clarinet so beautifully and confidently in our Music lesson—well done!



**Attendance Award: Year 4—97%**

**Whole School Attendance: 88%** (Target Attendance : 95%)

# Proud Work 09/02/24



**YR** — Mia has been working hard to write sentences independently during phonics.

**Y1**— Olivia for a fantastic effort creating some repeating print patterns in art this week—well done!

**Y2** — Lily for her research into Bear facts!

**Y3**— James for working so hard in Maths, even though he hadn't been here all week.

**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**— Finlay for his outstanding commitment. He was recovering from an operation and still managed to complete his homework, write a story and complete all his Maths learning. An example for us all.

**Y6**— Evie for experimenting with different media, using artistic technique inspired by Frida Kahlo to create a bold, effective and imaginative piece of Art

William for his analysis of the 4th miracle and illustrations for the 7 'I Am' state-

## Silver Reading Award— 100 reads

**YR**—Oliver

**Y2**—Lucas

**Y4**— Oliver

**Y6**—Simon, Josh R, Ollie



## Gold Reading Award—150 reads

**Y3**—Olive, James, Ross

**Y4**—Rosie, Sienna

**Y5**—Abbeygayle, Christopher, Finlay, Wynter

**Y6**—Cara, Paige, Toby, Rosmaria



## Bronze Reading Award—50 reads

**Y2**—Megan,,

**Y4**—Zian,

**Y6**— William, Eric, Leo



# Inauguration of our Playground Equipment!

We were delighted to welcome Jeremy Quin to St John's this afternoon to formally open our new playground equipment. With the help of our School Council and other children, we officially opened the new play equipment. Equipment was funded using Sports Premium money to encourage our children's love of physical activity and to promote health and well-being. We all had lots of fun!





Thank you to all who came to the disco and volunteered to help. We made £499.34. A big thank you to Jacqui for running this event.

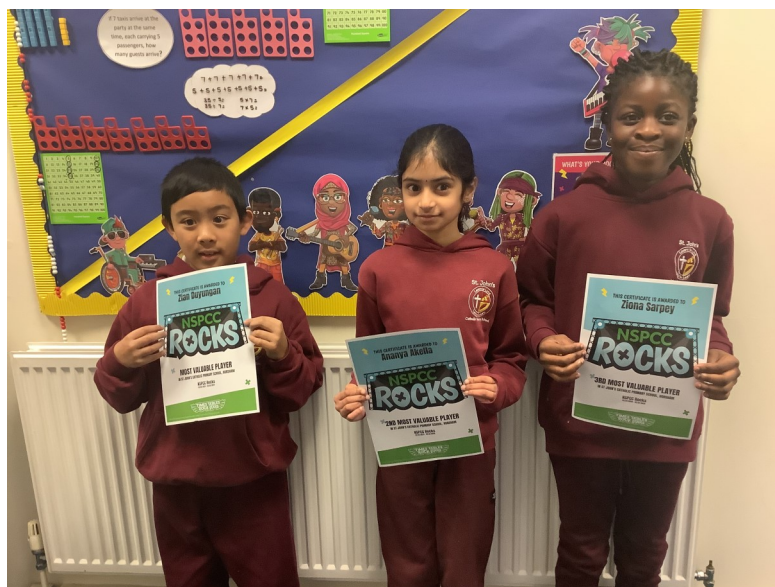
We also made £144.13 at the Church refreshments day. Thank you to those who cooked the bacon buttys, helped serve the drinks and made and sold the cakes. Hannah also sold some preloved uniform and we thank her for her time.

With a few leftover crisps and cakes from the disco and church event we thought an end of term cake sale would be nice. Thank you to those who donated and volunteered to help. We made £100.

We are holding a PTA meeting on Thursday 29th February. Venue TBA. We hope to see you there. We will send a link for zoom for those to join that can't make it in person. We have lots of fun events for the children coming up and we can't do it without volunteers.



Well done to Zian, Ananya and Ziona for their NSPCC Rocks certificates!



## First Aid Reminder

Please don't forget that we do have immune-compromised children at school so the 48h exclusion policy is in place for the last bout of vomiting/diarrhea. Please can we also remind parents that if you are bringing in medication, please give it to the Office in a see-through plastic box, labelled with the child's name.



## Aspire Higher Ballet Classes

These classes are for girls and boys who want to learn Ballet in a fun way. It's suitable for children without any ballet experience and also those that want to build on their existing training.

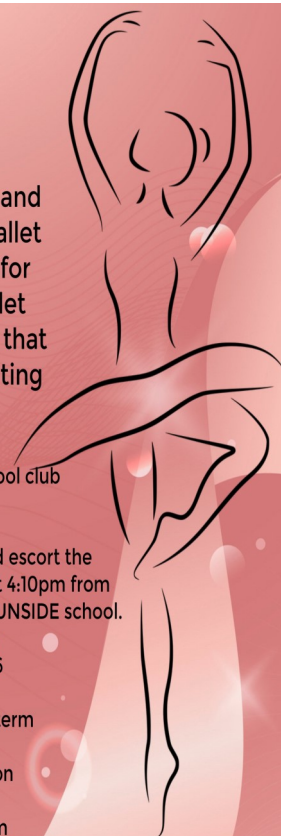
Arunside primary school after school club  
with Eve Fagan

Directly after school, I will collect and escort the children to the club. Collect your child at 4:10pm from the PE hall doors in the playground of ARUNSIDE school.

Monday for year group 1-3  
Thursday for year group 4-6

£6.50 per class, pay at start of term

For registration or information  
Email or WhatsApp to:  
Enjoydanceclass@gmail.com  
Phone 07497770074



On the 4<sup>th</sup> March, students from St Wilfrid's School will be taking part in an all-day 'Bikeathon' - aiming to cycle 100 miles in the school day! Please follow the link below to find out more and give what you can to help these amazing young people:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/St-Wilfrids-Lourdes-Fund?  
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## World Thinking Day 22nd February

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts are also invited to wear their uniforms to School on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, alongside Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. Alternatively, members can be asked just to proudly display their promise badges on their usual school uniform.



## Horsham Children's Parade

Horsham Children's Parade received enough funding and will be taking place on Sunday 9 July 11am—12 noon. The parade will go from Denne Parade to Horsham park.

Check out [facebook.com/horshamchildrensparade](https://www.facebook.com/horshamchildrensparade) and [twitter.com/HappyAccts](https://twitter.com/HappyAccts) where details about participating schools and the full route will be announced!



## 2 Job Opportunities at the diocese.

The vacancies, including the job descriptions are on the Diocesan website under Careers <https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/careers>.

**Buildings Officer: School Buildings and Finance, closing date 16 February**

Part time (0.6 FTE)

Based in Crawley - with travel around Sussex and Surrey

Salary £27,000 (FTE £45,000)

The Diocesan Education Service is seeking to recruit a part time Buildings Officer - School Buildings and Finance. The successful applicant will ensure that public capital funding provided to the Diocese is spent appropriately and that the Diocese can provide assurance to the DfE and auditors as to compliance with the conditions of funding. Key areas of responsibility include ensuring that the diocesan education estate is safe and well maintained, prioritising school building projects, planning the maintenance and development of new and existing school stock and being the first point of contact in the Diocese for schools' capital issues.

**Pastoral Coordinator - The Catholic parishes of Woking & Knaphill – closing date Friday, March 1, 2024.**

The Catholic parishes of Woking & Knaphill are seeking an energetic, committed worker with a good understanding of Catholic faith to join their pastoral team, to assume responsibility for coordinating and developing catechesis, developing lay leadership and promoting a culture of missionary discipleship across our twin parishes.

The post is full-time but applicants who can offer least 0.6 FTE will also be considered.

Salary £32,000-35,000 depending on experience and qualifications.

Application deadline: Friday, March 1, 2024.

Interviews: Friday, March 15, 2024.