

# Newsletter

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**Issue 6**

Jesus, light of the world,  
lead us to be tolerant and  
understanding of others,  
looking for what unites people  
rather than what might divide and  
separate. Inspire us always  
to discover the best in one another  
and work together to build up your  
kingdom  
in our world today.  
Amen.



## Message from the Headteacher

This week the Year 5 children have been particularly busy. On Wednesday the Year 5 and 6 class went down to St John's church to celebrate Mass with the congregation. On Thursday some of our Year 5 children took part in the partnership rugby festival. All the children played particularly well and were a credit to the school.

On Thursday we had our first parents' evening of the year which was very well attended. If for any reason you were unable to attend and would like to talk to your child's teacher, please give the office a call and they will arrange a convenient time for you to meet your child's teacher.

Miss Bodley as SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) is extending her role to include a pastoral support element.

This is to help children and families who may need additional support. She will be working with children on a 1:1 or small group basis. If you feel either you or your child would benefit from talking to Miss Bodley please contact the office and they will arrange an appointment.

All enquires will be dealt with confidentially.

**WELL DONE!** to the following pupils  
who received special awards this  
week:

Early Years- Kacper B

Early Years-John Joe R

Year 1-Daisy W

Year 1/2 -Jeremiah G

Year 2 - Grace R

Year 3 -Emmett C

Year 3/4- Martha G

Year 4 - Isla S

Year 5 -Tom D

Year 5/6-Summer T

Year 6- Maya W



## Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school please remember that you must contact us on each day of their absence as this is part of our procedure for safeguarding children. If we do not receive a notification of absence from you we will send a text message to your mobile phone. If we do not receive a response to the text message then we have a statutory obligation to report your child to external services as a missing child, so please do make sure you stay in touch with us in the case of an absence.



**New Autumn/  
Winter Menu**

This is now available on our school website.

If you require a paper copy please pop into the school office.

Reminder-payment should be made on a Monday. School dinners are charged at £2.20 per day.

**DON'T  
FORGET**

**Year 6 transfer to secondary school**  
**Deadline for applications is 31 October 2017**

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Parents and carers of Year 6 children can now apply for places at secondary school for 2018 entry.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 31 October 2017.

Any applications received after this date are likely to be considered late, and will have a far less likely chance of securing a place at their preferred secondary school. Parents and carers should be encouraged to apply online at

**[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)** as this is the quickest and most secure way to apply.

Further information, and the online 'Moving On' booklet for secondary transfer is available on our OCC website.

If you have any questions about this, you can contact the Admissions Team on 0345 241 2487 or at [admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

**Dates for Autumn Term**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	New term starts
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	All Saints whole school Mass 9.15pm All Welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Operation Shoe collection. Please can we have all boxes in for 9am.
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Ms Jefferies class to St John's Church for Class Mass 10.00am Parent Confirmation meeting at St. John's Church 7.00pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Children Singing for Children St Mary's Church 7pm
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Confirmation enrolment Mass 10.45 at St John's Church
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	IMPS Visit Year 6 only Horton General Hospital
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	LKS2 Sulgrave Manor Trip
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	UKS2 Cadbury's World Trip
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Early Years and KS1 Christmas Performance 1.45 KS2 Christmas Carol Service At St John's Church 6pm <b>(Date may be changed)</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Mass 9.15am
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Finish for Christmas 12.10pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	New Spring Term Starts

# P.E News

## Year 3 / 4 class football festival

The children in Mrs Griffin's and Mrs MacLean's class went to a football tournament at BGN last week with several local primary schools. They all did really well.

Special congratulations to the A team who were overall runner up.

Oliver H, Archie G and Leo won awards for great team work.



## After-School Club News

### Outdoor Learning Club

This term some of Miss Lewis' year 4 children have joined in with our outdoor learning club.

They have had lots of fun and have been busy gardening, den building and making bird feeders in our school woods.

### Rugby Festival

Some Year 5 children went to the Rugby Festival at Banbury Rugby Club.

"There were 70 matches in total unfortunately we didn't win any this time but we all had fun and tried our best.

It was a fun day especially with the extra rain and mud!"

Samuel D Year 5



## Hanging basket workshop Year 3/4



This term the children in year 3 and 4 were invited to attend a hanging basket workshop organised by Banbury Town Council.

The children did really well and the beautiful baskets are hanging outside the school reception.

Well done Year 3 and 4 and thank you to Banbury Town Council.

# Parking

It has been brought to my attention that there are still a small number of parents who are parking inconsiderately and sometime illegally in and around the school grounds.  
Could I remind you of the school rules regarding parking.

1. Please **DO NOT** park in the staff car park, the bus bay or the approach road to the school. This area should only be used by approved school providers  
**(School Taxi and Dashwood afterschool club ONLY)**
2. Do not park in the road between the school gates and the T junction at the top of Avocet Way. A number of you as parents have come in and expressed your concerns regarding this and we would like to do everything we can to make sure the children are safe.
3. Park considerately if you are parking in the side streets around the school. We have received several complaints about cars blocking driveways around Kingfisher Drive. We appreciate it is busy around school drop off and pick up times but please consider our neighbours. I have taken some pictures outlining the areas we would like kept clear so the children can walk to and from school safely.  
Please could I ask you follow the rules and keep these areas clear and safe for your children.



Thank you for a great first term to the new year. As a staff, we really appreciate your ongoing support for the school and look forward seeing you all next term.  
Enjoy the time together as a family.

