

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd October 2026

Newsletter Number: 5
Headteacher Mrs Pearson

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week we have had in school this week!

We celebrated National Poetry Day in style with Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 joining a national zoom poetry workshop with famous poet Ian Bland. They wrote some amazing poems and some children got to perform their poems in front of all the other schools across the country on the zoom!

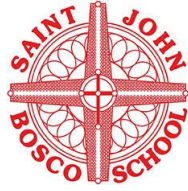
It was great to see so many different bibles brought into school on 'Bring your bible to school' day. The children enjoyed showing theirs to their classes and looking at the different styles.

Thank you so much to the parents who came to our SEND coffee afternoon- it was lovely for those parents to come together and be able to talk about issues that are concerning them and realise they are not alone with many issues. We discussed transition to high school, behaviour, communication and many other things over a drink and a cake. We also asked for ideas of future ways we could support SEND parents and about the kind of information and advice they may want.

We finished off the week with Year 5 class assembly- the assembly focused on Guardian Angel Day, also known as the Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels. This is observed annually on October 2nd. The day is a time to reflect on divine protection and express gratitude for guidance. It is a day to give thanks for the blessings in your life, share stories of miraculous protection, and honor your spiritual companions. Year 5 shared hymns, prayers and information with the whole school, as well as all the Year 5 parents who joined us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,
Mrs Pearson



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

National cycle to school week

National Cycle to School Week is a national celebration of everyday cycling, aimed at instilling confidence and independence in children. It encourages schools and families to take a new route to the school gate, one that is quicker, healthier, cheaper, and more fun. We have lots of bike stands at the back entrance to school. Please bring your child to school on their bike next week and give them a healthier start to the day!

Tuesday 6th October- 1pm- Year 6 bulb planting in the local area with the Neighbourhood team.

Year 4 swimming

3.15pm -Year 6 football tournament at Irk Valley

Thursday 8th October- 'Kev' from Emmerdale (Chris Coghill) coming in to talk to Year 5 and 6 children about his career in acting and writing

Friday 9th October - 9am- Celebration assembly



ATTENDANCE

As you are aware excellent attendance is crucial to a child's success in school. Each week we will be reporting the attendance of each class and celebrating the class with the highest percentage.

NURSERY	91.1%	RECEPTION	96.3%
YEAR 1	95.6%	YEAR 2	96.4%
YEAR 3	94.3%	YEAR 4	96.4%
YEAR 5	96.2%	YEAR 6	93.9%

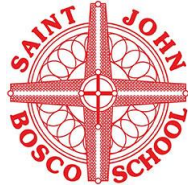
Congratulations to the Reception children who achieved the highest attendance percentage this week.
Well done!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Class curriculum information-** take a look at our new and improved class pages on the website for curriculum information for the Autumn term.

[St John Bosco Catholic Primary: Our Classes](#)



- **Mobile phones-** As from Monday 21st September, **parents and visitors are not to use their mobile phones while in the school office area.** Many parents are having conversations on their phone or using it for other purposes. This is a safeguarding concern so please support school with this. Thank you.
- **Punctuality-** **The school doors open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.45am with the register and learning begins straight after that.** Please ensure your child is brought to the school / classroom door so they are in on time to start the day in a positive manner. **The school gates close at 8.45am.** Children who are late miss the communal start to the day and often feel embarrassed joining the class after lessons have started.
- **Regular school attendance** is vital because it directly drives academic achievement, supports mental health and social development, establishes positive lifelong routines, and safeguards our children by keeping them engaged in safe, structured environments. Please ensure your child is in every day. More information about attendance will be coming out to you soon.
- **Dogs and Vapes on the school grounds-** Please do not vape anywhere on the school grounds or car park and please do not bring your dogs on to the premises either.



UPCOMING DATES

5/10/26- National Cycle to school week

6/10/26- Football tournament at Irk valley

6/10/26- Year 6 bulb planting in the local community

8/10/26- 'Kev' from Emmerdale (Chris Coghill) coming in to talk about his career as an actor and writer with Year 5 and 6

14/10/26- Harvest Festival Assembly 2.30pm ***DATE CHANGE ***

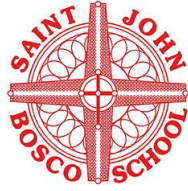
15/10/26- St Francis of Assisi Prayer trail day

20/10/26- Photograph day

22/10/26- Parents Evening

23/10/26- 9am- Year 2 class assembly- Year 2 parents invited

23/10/26- Break up for half term



WELLBEING & SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding and Online Safety

As children spend more time online for learning, gaming and socialising, it is important that parents regularly check how their child is using the internet. We encourage families to talk openly about online safety, remind children never to share personal information, and ensure that privacy settings are enabled on devices and apps. **Please also monitor age ratings on games, social media and online content to help keep children safe.**

- The age limits are generally linked to **data protection and privacy laws**, not because the platforms are necessarily appropriate or safe for all children of that age.
- Many safeguarding organisations recommend that some children wait until **14-16 years old** before using platforms such as Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok due to risks associated with cyberbullying, inappropriate content, online grooming and social pressure.
- Most platforms offer parental controls, privacy settings and supervision tools, but these do not eliminate all online risks.

Platforms of highest concern in primary schools

1. TikTok (age rating 13+)
2. Snapchat (age rating 13+)
3. Instagram (age rating 13+)
4. WhatsApp (age rating 13+)

These are the platforms most commonly associated with issues such as inappropriate content, group chat conflicts, cyberbullying and contact from unknown individuals.

None of our children should be using the above platforms- please be aware of the associated safeguarding risks if you are letting your child use them.

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Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

With love and prayers, Mrs Pearson