



Welcome back to Term 2 - with Christmas on the horizon already, we are planning many events for children and families to enjoy the festive season at school. These include our Infant nativity, with afternoon and evening performances, as well as Carols by Candlelight, this year in conjunction with the Midsomer Norton Silver Band. We will also hold our annual Christmas service on the morning of the last day of term in conjunction with Rev Adam Pitt.

Next Friday we will be giving out bibles to our new Reception children, as well as those children who have joined us during last year and did not receive one. This will be during our Celebration Assembly in the Memorial Hall; everyone is welcome to join us.

Mr Dix & Mr Turull

Diary Dates

New dates and amendments in blue

November 2022

Fri 11th	Celebration & Bible Giving Assembly 2:30pm
Mon 14th	Girls Football Tournament (Norton Hill)
Thu 17th	Family Service at St John's Church 2:30pm (Cafe afterwards) - pick up children from the Church unless they are attending a club Year 6 Trip to Lifeskills, Bristol (returning at 3.45pm)
Wed 23rd	Open Morning 9:30-11:30am

December 2022

Mon 5th	Y5 to Clifton Cathedral (PM)
Mon 12th	Carols by Candlelight in school 6pm
Tue 13th	Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (afternoon)
Wed 14th	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Thu 15th	Nativity - Classes 1 and 2 (evening)
Fri 16th	Christmas Church Service 9:15am (St John's Church) Last day of Term 2

[The children return to school on Wednesday
4th January](#)

Notices

- **Car Park** - We are once again looking at various ways to get the potholes filled in the car park. In the meantime, although you are of course welcome to carry on using it, it may be advisable to park by the Memorial Hall
- **Clubs** - There is no Board Games Club or Mindfulness Club on Thursday next week due to staff training.
- **Dinner** - We have been working through some problems this week mainly relating to bookings and hope many have now been resolved. Thanks to all who have double checked their children's meal choices. Going forward we felt it would be useful to draw up a sheet of links (see [here](#)) which will direct you to ParentPay or help links if you need help.
- **Music for Schools** - visited Class 3 & 4 on Monday to present the instruments which they could learn to play in school if they would like. Please see the letter sent home if this would be of interest to your child.
- **Nasal Flu Immunisation** - will take place on Monday afternoon for those who have consented.
- **Open Morning** - for prospective parents has been set for Wednesday 23rd November from 9:30am to 11:30am. If you have a child who will be starting school next year, or know someone who does, please share the date and ask them to contact the office to register.
- **Poppy Appeal** - In support of Remembrance Day and the Poppy Appeal we will have a limited stock of the following items available for the children to purchase on the gate in the mornings when they arrive for school. Poppy's (50p) / Zip Pulls (50p) / Reflector (50p) / Wristband (£1) / Snap Bands (£1.50) (suggested donations)
- **School Term Dates 2023/24** - click [here](#) for term dates which are also on the website.
- **St. John's Church** - Please see [here](#) the link to the weekly church events.
- **Winter Weather** - Please can you ensure that you are sending your child to school with a coat every day, now that the weather is more unpredictable.



Thought of the Week

'Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."' (John 14:6)

It's a bold claim. So what do we do with it?

Many people choose to reject it. At the time Jesus was around, many of the Jewish leaders did this. When Pilate asked "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?", they all answered, "Crucify him!" (Matthew 27:22). It's likely that they were challenged by what he said and did. His grace and power exposed their lack of both and the truth he spoke exposed their error. And when you don't like the message, you reject the messenger.

Another thing to do is to avoid the claim. That's what Pilate's wife did. 'While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him.'" (Matthew 27: 19).

For many people, it can be easier to avoid something that forces you to make a change, particularly a heart change. The chief priests said, "He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching." (Luke 23:5) And they were right. Often what Jesus said and did did disturb the people, but they still chose to listen. 'Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life..."' (John 6: 67-68)

Finally, the last option is to accept the claim. In today's society, where many people believe there are no absolute truths and where relativism is widely accepted, someone making a claim to be the truth isn't popular. Pilate tried to wash his hands of the whole thing and avoid making a decision about Jesus, but according to Jesus this can't be done. Jesus said "Whoever is not with me is against me..." (Matthew 12:30).

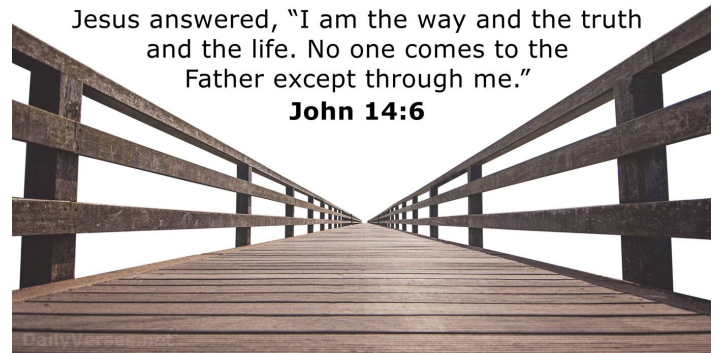
Many people refer to Jesus as a good man or as a wise teacher, but he claimed to be much more than this. 'The high priest asked him, "Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?" And Jesus said, "I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven."' (Mark 14:61-62). This claim led the Jewish leaders to condemn Jesus to death on a charge of blasphemy, claiming that he was the Son of God.

So if he isn't a good man or a wise teacher, he was either lying (making claims that weren't true), mad (wrongly believing himself to be the Messiah) or he was who he said he was.

So Jesus - Lunatic, liar or Lord? What do you think?

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John 14:6



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