



St John's School Newsletter

2nd May 2025

Values of this half term

Dignity and Respect

'Treat others as you would like to be treated yourself.'

Matthew 7:12



Lemsford Fete!

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Thank you for all the fantastic donations we have received for the fete—especially for the lucky dip bags!

Over 400 lucky dip bags have been brought in. Once we have totalled up the amount of bags for each house team we will share with you which team has brought in the most!

On Monday the children need to come to Treetops at 1.45 p.m. ready to perform at 2.00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday!



'Sports Day - CHANGE of DATE

We have had to reschedule our date for Sports Day later this term. It will now be on the afternoon of Friday 27th June (this had previously been our reserve date.) The new reserve date will be Friday 4th July.

Finer Diner

Congratulations to Ireti, Rupert S, Freya and Luca who are this week's finer diners! Well done!



Beacon Pupils

Robins - Charles is a calm and happy member of our class. He has been well focussed recently and working hard to develop his skills in all that we do. He is a kind and thoughtful friend who includes everyone in his play and demonstrate all of our St. John's values. Keep it up Charles.

Starlings - Max for his great attitude towards his learning. He has returned from the Easter break with great confidence, sharing his ideas with the class and taking an active role in group discussions. As a learning partner he has tried hard to share his ideas and respond well to the questions of his partner. In English we have read the story of Zog and Max has written great descriptive sentences and made an effective plan for his own version of the story. In Art Max showed great perseverance when creating his own hand sculpture out of dough.

Kingfisher - Daphne is showing confidence with her learning, both in tackling activities independently, extending her answers, and sharing thoughtful contributions to class discussions. In RE and PSHE, Daphne has made meaningful links, thinking carefully about symbolism. In English she has used fantastic vocabulary to describe characters and predict what might happen later in our text. Well done for all you hard work Daphne!

Sandpiper - Lewis is always really inquisitive about all of our learning and we love his interesting questions, great ideas, and how he is always ready to dive into a class discussion! He has really impressed us with his brilliant understanding of ratio in maths, and how he has made links to previous learning to help him excel in this topic. He used his fantastic understanding to help carefully explain tricky ratio solutions and methods on his table too. In English, he wrote a brilliant setting description using all his senses, and he has also been a great example and helping hand in country dancing rehearsals.

"I came that they may have life, life in all its fullness."

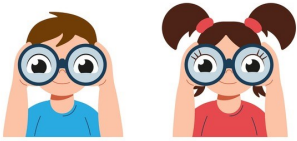
John 10:10

Top Tips and Word of the Week


Encourage Maths Skills

Play cards or board games that involve counting or patterns.

This week's word for younger children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
peer		To look hard because it is very hard to see.	When might you need to peer ?

This week's word for older children:

Word		Definition	Challenge
vibrant		Vibrant colours are very bright and clear.	What is the most vibrant piece of clothing that you own?

Fete Preparations Raffle Tickets and Posters

Additional tickets are available in school so please do ask for them if you need them. Please fill out raffle tickets details with adult names only, NOT children's names. Payment can be made via the QR code or cash at the school office.

Please return your ticket stubs and any money (if you have not paid online) to Miss Lewis in the office.

Building work at St John's

To support us with vital projects we would like parents to consider making donations to our Governors' Fund. We held parent consultations about this last summer term and would now like to proceed with it, with the support of parents.

Here is a link to the school website which also explains the reasons and process further.

[governor-fund.pdf](#)

Many thanks for your support with this, once you have read the information, please to contact us if you have any queries. We are delighted to say that our bid to update the children's toilet areas has been successful.

House Names Competition

You may have noticed a new house point container which is in the reception area at the front of school. We would like to change the names of the school house teams which are presently Brocket, Cowper, Melbourne and Palmerston. We are challenging the children to come up with new names and to share them with their class teacher when they come back at the start of the summer term. Maybe local links or something that compliments the names of our classes? We look forward to hearing the children's suggestions

Attendance

As you know good attendance at school is vitally important for children's' development - social, emotional as well as academic. Good attendance is viewed nationally as being 95% or above.

We appreciate that this is the time of year when there are all kinds of illnesses going around but at present we have many children whose attendance is considerably lower than 95%

Our aim is to work with families to support them to ensure good regular attendance for their children. The following link is a blog on the subject of attendance produced by the DfE.

[DfE external document template](#)

DIARY DATES

Lemsford Fete - Monday 5th May
Full governing board meeting—Thursday 8th May
SATS test week for year 6—week beginning Monday 12th May
Half term holiday— week beginning 26th May
INSET day—Monday 2nd June
Children back to school—Tuesday 3rd June
Year 5 and 6 activities and residential week— week beginning Tuesday 3rd June
School class and team photos—Wednesday 11th June
Outdoor learning week—week beginning Monday 16th June
Sandpipers class visiting Stanborough School— Thursday 19th June
Sports Day— Friday 27th June
Sports event for years 4 and 5—Wednesday 2nd July
Sports day back up date—Friday 4th July
Move-up day—Thursday 10th July
Rock Steady concert—Monday 14th July
Music concert—Tuesday 22nd July
End of term—Wednesday 23rd July 1.30 p.m.

School Kitchen

We are currently experiencing a problem with the boiler in our main kitchen, therefore our Cook Manager will be preparing food for us at another school and transporting it to our children.

If your child is going to be late in, please ensure the office know their meal choice **before** 9.30am.

Payments / Balances

**Trips/Events/Workshops/Swimming/
Meals & Milk**

Please check your account(s) and clear any unpaid invoice.

If you have difficulty making payment, and have not already contacted Mrs Boylan, please do so.

School Uniform

A reminder to check that your child has the correct uniform ready for the beginning of the summer term, this includes appropriate school shoes. A reminder too that jewellery, including smart watches, should not be worn to school. Please ensure items of uniform are named.

Hello

Breakfast with Jesus (so much more than a bit of toast!) - 11am THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday at 11am, we're holding one of our relaxed, all-age **All Together Worship** services in church.

We're calling it "Breakfast with Jesus (so much more than a bit of toast!)" because it's based on the fantastic story of the risen Jesus making breakfast on the beach for his friends. He doesn't give them a telling-off for deserting him — just bread, fish, and restoring, renewing love.

Our service will explore how Jesus meets us too — just as we are — and helps us move forward in life. There'll be joyful songs, Bible stories told in a way everyone can understand, space to wonder together, and something small to take home.

It's the perfect way to pause and reconnect before the excitement of Monday's fête!

Speaking of the fête... I hope you all have a lovely time! I'll be somewhere between the **raffle stall** and the **gate**, so if you spot me, do come and say hello.

Here's hoping for a sunny, joy-filled bank holiday weekend.

Rev. Kathryn

