



St John's School Newsletter

4th July 2025

Values of this half term

Courage & Responsibility

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go'.

Joshua 1:9



First Aid Skills

Sandpiper Class enjoyed a 'crash course' in life saving First Aid training, including learning how to administer CPR, use a defibrillator, help someone who is choking, and put someone in the recovery position. A brilliant opportunity to learn fantastic life skills, equipping them to confidently help others as they grow in independence. Well done!



Governor Award

Well done to the children today who received their Governor Award. They will join the children who received their certificates at the end of the Autumn and Spring terms on the Governor Award Day on 18th July 2025.



Beacon Pupils

Robins - James has been such an all round superstar recently. He has been relishing a challenge and even bringing in written work he has done from home! He has such a kind attitude to his friends, always including other children and sharing his ideas with them. Yesterday he even did some cleaning outside without being asked, thank you James. Well done and keep up all of your good work.

Starlings - Victoria for making a fantastic start to our class. She has made lots of friends and is already a popular member of our class. In our activities this week Victoria has shown great ability in her reading and writing tasks. She has used lovely adjectives in her writing and extended her sentences. In maths she has shown the ability to use a beebot carefully working with her learning partner and sharing really well. She has great confidence in sharing her ideas in class.

Kingfisher - Lily has shown so much enthusiasm in all we are doing this week, from providing well explained reasoning in maths when plotting co-ordinates to writing wonderful descriptive verses of a free verse poem. Lily has shown real confidence rehearsing for our summer production and represented the school fantastically in the sports event this week. Thank you for all your hard work, Lily.

Sandpiper - Rei is a calm a gentle soul who is a lovely presence in our classroom. It has been wonderful to see her grow in confidence throughout the year, making lots of firm friendships and really coming out of her shell. We are really pleased that she's more confident in sharing her great learning and ideas with the class! Rei always works hard, listens carefully and shows great care and focus towards everything she does. This was seen when she worked hard on the mannequins during our First Aid training! She was also a brilliant team player supporting everyone at Gosling. Well done!

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

John 10:10

Sports at St Johns

WellHat Primary Games

Year 4&5 had a brilliant afternoon at this event hosted at Gosling. They enjoyed a range of sporting activities including dodgeball, golf, tug of war and archery. Special [congratulations](#) to our relay teams and individual sprinters who all came 2nd in their events! Keep an eye on the website as more photos will be uploaded there shortly.




More from Sports Day




Top Tips and Word of the Week

What would you do? Think up small problems that your child might encounter such as getting lost, finding a mobile phone, losing money etc. Ask your child what would they do? Why? Ask other people what would they do and why. Which one is the best? Why? All of this is good practice with reasoning skills which are really important for lessons such as science as well as learning social skills.

This week's word for younger children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
clogged 	When something is blocked up.	This one is disgusting! At home find out what happens when drains get clogged.

This week's word for older children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
clutching 	To hold something really tightly because you are afraid or worried.	What and why would you want to clutch onto something?

Mary Poppins is coming!

Sandpipers and Kingfishers classes are busy preparing their performance of Mary Poppins. Rehearsals are well underway and we can't wait to enjoy their supercali..... performances!

The dates for Mary Poppins are:

Wednesday 16th July 2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 17th July 6.00 p.m.

Please put these dates into your diaries and return the reply slips relating to requests for tickets as soon as possible.

Camp St John's - Tomorrow!

To everyone camping at St John's tomorrow - have a lovely time, we look forward to hearing all about it next week. Please keep a look out for any messages from the LSA about changes to plans considering the weather forecast.



Governors' Award Day 2025

The school year is flying by and the Governors' Awards Day event will soon be here. We are very grateful to the governors for planning and leading this fun annual event which celebrates the achievement of those children who have attained 5 merit certificates.

Please note that today is the **final** date this year for being able to hand in 5 merits certificates in order to receive a governors' award.

After today any merit certificates achieved will count towards the next year's governors' award day.

Finer Diner

Children with exemplary manners during lunchtimes are given a Best Behaviour slip.

Those slips are put into a hat and four children are then invited to have lunch with Mrs Boylan on a Friday.

This is a lovely way to end the week with a chance to share their news with Mrs Boylan in person.

Today the children were

Benji & Elisabeth - Robins

Mila - Starlings

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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](#)

Sickness Reporting

A reminder to please ensure you ring the office each day your child is absent by **9.10am**

You can find our Attendance Policy on our website.

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.

Year 6 Leavers - can parents please ensure balances are cleared before the end of term. Thank you

Parking

The safety of our children is paramount. Parents are **not** permitted to use the staff car park between 8.30 and 3.30 to turn around, drop off or collect your child.

Staff, deliveries and emergency vehicles must be able to access the car park at all times of the day.

Parents must use the pavement alongside Lemsford Road and into the side gate by Treetops - not walk through the car park at any time.

Children that are late should come to the main office using the pavement only, never through the main gate/car park.

Also, please ensure car wheels are not on pavements, blocking pedestrian walkways.

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.

Breaktime snack

A reminder that breaktime snacks should only be a piece of fruit/vegetable or plain biscuit. Chocolate or crisps are not allowed.

Nut Free School

Children are still bringing nuts into school. As we are a nut free environment, packed lunches and snacks must not contain nuts. Pesto is often overlooked but not allowed.



Grapes in School

A gentle reminder that grapes are to be cut in half lengthways.



DIARY DATES

Camp St John's - Saturday 5th July
School reports come home—Wednesday 9th July
Move-up day—Thursday 10th July
Full Governing Body Meeting—6.30 p.m.
Rock Steady concert—Monday 14th July—2.15 p.m.
Mary Poppins - Wednesday 16th July 2.00 p.m.
Mary Poppins - Wednesday 16th July 6.00 p.m.
Mary Poppins - Thursday 17th July 6.00 p.m.
Music concert—Tuesday 22nd July
End of term—Wednesday 23rd July 1.30 p.m.

Inset Day- 3rd September (no children in school)

Start of the new school year—Thursday 4th September

Food Bank donations

Many thanks for all the food donations that the children have been bringing into school over the last 4 weeks. We won't be asking for further donations this term but the box is always at the front of school if you would like to donate at any point. The items that you have brought in will go to a local food bank. Thank you!



Hello!

Hello everyone,

It's great (mostly!) to be back from my holiday and in the swing of things again. A particular highlight was seeing everyone in church on Thursday and continuing to explore the Lord's Prayer with them. This week, we thought together about what it means to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" - in particular, where in the world do we need God's kingdom to come right now?

As the term starts to draw to end, we have two great events for families coming up.

Coming Up This Sunday – 7th July
All Together Worship: Living Stones – Finding Our Place in God's House

Join us this Sunday for a special all-age service at St John's as we explore what it means to be living stones—people who belong, build, and grow together in faith. We'll be celebrating all the ways our church has been built over the years and thinking about how each of us can bring our gifts to God's work in St John's in the months ahead. There will be something for everyone—young and old, new faces and long-time friends. Whether you've been part of St John's for years or you're just curious, you're warmly invited.

Rev
Kathryn



ALL-TOGETHER WORSHIP

A service with something for
everyone aged 0-100+

LIVING STONES FINDING OUR PLACE IN GOD'S HOUSE

6th July 2025
11am
All Welcome - always

