



St John's School Newsletter

8th November 2024

Values of this half term

Peace & Understanding

'Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased.'
Luke 2:14



Remembrance Day - Monday 11th November

On Monday morning the children will be taking part in a Remembrance Service at St John's Church. Each class has been busy making a wreath. Each wreath is beautiful and will be an important part of the Remembrance Service.



Beacon Pupils

Robins - Ivy for her thoughtful personality in Class. She has been working so hard in lessons to listen and join in with our phonics, maths and other learning. She has wonderful, creative ideas for games with her friends and likes to play with lots of different children, exploring and creating together. She is always keen to help in the class and we love to see her smile each day. Keep it up Ivy.

Starlings - Kalia for her fantastic confidence and determination in her maths work. She has worked both with support and independently to solve subtraction sums to 10. Along with this she has written a beautiful firework poem and contributed great ideas when describing fireworks. This week we have also started learning the songs for our Nativity production and she has done this with great enthusiasm.

Kingfisher - Harry has shown fantastic confidence in his learning, showing great focus in finding fact families in Maths, sharing his reasoning with the class and moving onto tricky problem-solving. Harry has started our new topics in science and geography with real enthusiasm and was able to share his coding expertise with the class when creating a project in Scratch. It has been great to see Harry really challenging himself throughout his learning to extend his understanding. Well done Harry!

Sandpiper - Alexa has really impressed us with her mature and sensible attitude to being in Year 6. She has thrived on being a role model and embraced opportunities for more responsibility. When giving tours to visitors this week, she was polite and welcoming, shared lots of helpful information about the school, and represented the school beautifully. We have also been blown away with her deeper level of thinking across our learning, but especially in her reasoning and problem solving in maths, and in her understanding of the end of the First World War in history. Well done!

Cake Sale

The cake sale raised over £102, thank you to Sandpiper class, everyone who made a cake and to those who sampled them too.

Welcome

St John's would like to extend a very warm welcome to Rupert and his family. We look forward to seeing your progress and watching you grow.


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

John 10:10


Top Tips and Word of the Week

What is the same? What is different? Select two things from the same topic, for example a pear and an apple. Both are fruit but what is the same and what is different about them?

This week's word for younger children:

Word	Image	Definition	Challenge
overhead		Something that is above you.	Imagine you are at a firework display or a funfair. What might be overhead ?

This week's word for older children:

Word	Image	Definition	Challenge
relics		Something which was made a long time ago. It is special in some way.	Where might you see a relic ? Think about a relic that you have seen.

LSA Fireworks Display & Raffle Friday 15th November

Our LSA have been busy preparing for the St John's Fireworks display on Friday 15th November. The gates open at 5.15 p.m. and the display will begin at 6.30 p.m.

There will be a raffle at the fireworks display with an amazing first prize of a tour of the London Christmas Lights, kindly donated by Mr Hill.

Raffle tickets are with children today. Please sell as many tickets as possible, more books are available from the LSA. Tickets are £2 each or a book of 5 tickets is £10.00. Ticket stubs can be taken to the school office and payment can be paid to the LSA bank account. We have limited raffle tickets so please return any unsold tickets to the school office. The draw will take place at the school Fireworks event on Friday 15th November. Don't worry if you aren't attending, make sure to include a contact number on your stubs and we will contact the winners. Any questions please email stjohnslemsfordlsa@gmail.com.



Terminology

Schwa: This is the name for the most common sound in English. It is the unstressed sound that we find in many words and can be spelled in many ways. It makes the 'uh' sound, which varies according to accent. Examples include: the, better, carrot, balloon.

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 ASC - 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.

Smoking on our site/car park is prohibited.

Open Days

Due to the popularity of our Open mornings and afternoons we have two more dates.

22 November 10-11am

2 December 1.30-2.30pm

If you know of any other families who are interested in applying for places ask them to ring the school to arrange a visit.

British Legion Poppy Appeal

We will be raising money for the British Legion Poppy Appeal by selling poppies, wristbands and other items. The stall will be run by Year 6 children until Monday 11th November with items available to buy from 3:10-3:30pm each day. Please bring exact money as no change will be given. If children are in Treetops, please put their money safely in a labelled envelope and they will be given a chance to buy items.

Suggested donations:

Paper poppies - 30p

Zip pulls and reflectors - 50p

Wrist bands - £1

Snap bands - £1.50



Christmas is a-coming!

Our busiest time of the year is fast approaching. We will soon be sending home information about the 12 Days of Christmas activities.

There are also a couple of further dates:

Friday 22nd Christmas Hamper Donation Day - the LSA will be sending out details of the donation suggestions for each class.

Thursday 28th November - Pre-loved Christmas jumper sale at 3.15 p.m. If you have any jumpers that you are able to donate please bring them to the school office before 28/11/24 - many thanks!

Lemsford Fete

Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025

Lemsford Fete - Bank Holiday Monday 5th May 2025. As always please keep the date free as the children will be singing and dancing as part of the event. If you would like to be involved in the planning and organising of the fete please let us know. The dates of future meetings will be on the school diary once they are decided.

One of the stalls for the fete usually sells **homemade jam**. Do you know anyone that makes jam? We would love to have a jam making afternoon in school (for adults!) but need someone with the necessary skills! We will provide the resources including fruit. Please let us know.

Foodbank Donations

Just a reminder of our suggested dates for classes to make donations of tinned or dried food are:

Friday 22nd November - Kingfishers Class

Friday 6th December - Starlings Class

Friday 13th December - Robins Class

Thank you for all the donations we have received.

Want to learn to play an Instrument?

Piano lessons are provided through Herts Music

<https://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/hertfordshire-music-service.aspx>

Other instruments are offered through Musicale

<https://www.musicale.co.uk/>

Digital cameras

If anyone has any digital cameras to donate to the school we would appreciate them to support the teaching of aspects of computing with our younger children. We would appreciate it if they were donated with their chargers or battery charging units.

Many thanks.

Names on clothes

The children are looking very smart in their uniform. Just a reminder that all clothes, especially school jumpers and cardigans must be named. We already have a few in school with no names on.

Book Look

Following the Parent Consultations this week, if your appointment is on-line there is the opportunity to come into school to see your child's class books on Tuesday 12th November 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.

Nut Free School

A gentle reminder that we are a nut free environment, packed lunches and snacks must not contain nuts. Pesto is often overlooked but contains pine nuts and so is not allowed. Many thanks

DIARY DATES

Remembrance Day service—11th November 9.00 a.m.
Book Look - for parents who had [online](#) Parent Consultations - 12th November (3.30-4.30pm)
Children In Need - 15th November
Fireworks Display - 15th November (5.15 for 6.30 display)
Pre Loved Christmas Jumper Sale - 28th November
Occasional Day - Friday 29th November
Nic Sanders (Photographer) in School - 1st December
Choir to Brocket Hall for Brocket Babies - 4th December*
Wear a Christmas Accessory Donation Day - 6th December*
Panto - 9th December
Christmas Shopping Afternoon - 10th December*
Christmas Jumper Day - 11th December*
Nativity Rehearsal - 11th December*
Nativity Performance (1) - 12th December (2.15pm tbc)*
Nativity Performance (2) - 12th December (5pm tbc)*
Celebration Assembly & Gov Awards - 13th December*
Music Concert - 17th December (morning)*
Christmas Dinner - 18th December
Class Parties - 18th December*
Rocksteady Concert - 19th December (morning)*
Carol Service - 19th December*
End of Term - Friday 20th December (1.30pm finish)
Start of Spring Term - Monday 6th January 2025
Children Back - Tuesday 7th January
Half Term - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
Inset Day - Monday 24th February

*more information to follow

Children In Need



Friday 15th November

For a small donation, children can wear a spotty accessory or item of clothing with their uniform.

St John's Church - dates for your diaries

- **10th November at 11am** - it's **Sunday Club time** again during the main service.
- **11th November at 9am** - we're holding a **School Remembrance service**, either outside or in church..
- **17th November at 4pm** - it's our next informal and interactive **Connect@4** gathering. Brilliant for families!

Hello

I hope you all had a fantastic half term. I'm finding it tricky to get used to the darker evenings—I'm very tempted to bring out my Christmas lights early to brighten things up! Thank goodness for the fireworks on 15th November.

It's been wonderful having the children back in church after the break. Jo really enjoyed leading Collective Worship on the theme of 'Saints' last Thursday to celebrate All Saints Day.

All Saints Day is part of a time of Remembrance in the church, which also includes Remembrance Day. On Monday morning, the children will participate in a short service and act of Remembrance in church, offering them a moment to reflect on the meaning of this day and those we remember.

'Remembering' is also the theme of Connect@4 on 21st November at 4 pm. During this relaxed, interactive gathering, we'll explore this season through:

Interactive storytelling

Creative and exploratory activities

Uplifting music

Reflections suitable for all ages

And, of course, cake!

Whether you love getting hands-on and creative, enjoy singing together, or simply want a place to remember and reflect in a fun, welcoming space, Connect@4 is for you! Bring your friends and family, and get ready for a joy-filled time of remembering together.

Everyone's welcome - see you there!

Rev'd Kathryn



ST JOHN'S CHURCH, LEMS福德

CONNECT@4

Community, food, faith, fun, music, exploration & creativity

4pm, 17th November

Remembering....



A relaxed, fun, interactive gathering
for ALL AGES