



St John's School Newsletter

21st June 2024

Values of this half term Courage and 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



Outdoor Learning Week

We have had a fantastic Outdoor Learning Week with the very timely appearance of summer making it ideal for the activities that have taken place. So much of the learning this week has been in the school grounds including weaving with natural resources, Maths challenges, scavenger hunts, Art and more. The children have taken time to appreciate nature and to focus on our environment. All classes have used a book called 'Not a stick' to develop their creativity - it is amazing what a stick can transform into with a little imagination! Class 4 have visited St Alban's Cathedral and class 3 have walked down to Lemsford Springs.



Many thanks to parents who have been in school to support many of these activities.

Class 4 St Alban's Cathedral Visit

Class 4 were invited to an away day at St Alban's Cathedral. The purpose of the day was to develop our spiritual development and sense of self. They had the opportunity to explore their individual spirituality, as well as to reflect on their relationships with others and with the natural world. We also enjoyed looking around the Cathedral and spotting lost of interesting and historical details?

Class 2 PE with students from Knightsfield School

Class 2 took part in a PE lesson led by students from Knightsfield School on Wednesday afternoon. The children were praised for the way they listened and joined in with the lesson. Well done class 2!

Beacon Pupils

Class 1 - Benjamin is such a thoughtful team player in the classroom. He always watches out for his friends and notices if anyone is upset or worried and works hard to try and cheer them up. In our challenging phonics work over the last few weeks he has really persevered, showing such resilience and a great attitude to learning. We are sure he will be a great learning partner in Class 2. Well done Benjamin.

Class 2 - Freya who always comes to school ready to learn and is a ray of sunshine in our class. This week in our outdoor learning Freya has enjoyed creating animal habitats and enjoyed looking at the other habitats made by the rest of the class; offering helpful and thoughtful comments. Freya worked really well in her team to create a unique den using materials and pegs. She showed great perseverance when creating her den and gave helpful comments to her team. In our lessons Freya always shows great knowledge and patience she is an excellent learning partner particularly when working with the chrome books.


Class 3 - Lewis has shown such a fantastic approach to all his learning, particularly our outdoor learning where he has worked well collaboratively and independently. He has undertaken a science enquiry, thinking carefully about the conclusion and further questions. He has blown us away with his poetry, and he continues to be a kind, caring and responsible member of our class. Keep up the hard work Lewis

Class 4 - Holly S is a warm and friendly member of class who always comes into school with a big smile and a spring in her step! We loved her awe and wonder when visiting St Albans Cathedral, and the thoughtful observations she made and questions asked. She behaved impeccably and was a real credit to the school. Holly has also shown fantastic team working and communication skills during our outdoor learning activities, including when making a brilliant natural weaving!


Top Tips and Word of the Week - Terminology

Grapheme: A letter or group of letters used to represent a phoneme in writing. The way graphemes are used represent phonemes in our written language is known as the alphabetic code.

This week's word for younger children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
drizzling 	Light rain.	If it was drizzling today, would you like to be inside or outside? When was the last time it was drizzling ?

This week's word for older children:

Word	Definition	Challenge
exertion 	Physical or mental effort.	What is the most exertion that you have ever done?

Gardening with Mrs Shannon

Our garden is growing very well indeed! Tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, onions, and aubergine.



Being Safe online

Please follow [this link](#) to our website to see a great range of parent info posters on the various Apps and games your children might be using. At the bottom of this page are 2 different games your children can play to support their understanding of being safe online. This is also something we regularly cover in our PSHE lessons, see what your child is learning in PSHE this term [here](#). As always, if you are worried about your child's safety for any reason, please contact us straight away for support.

School shoes and trainers

Although we are now in the second half of the summer term, we would request the children continue to wear black school shoes which are replaced as they grow out of them. If trainers are being replaced for use for PE lessons could new ones please be as plain as possible and dark in colour. Thank you.

Parking

The safety of our children is paramount, there has been a noticeable increase in non-staff cars in our car park. 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.

Food Bank Fridays

Thank you to class 2 for bringing in their food bank donations today. It is the turn of class 1 next week. Many thanks.

Hall Hire

Our school hall is available to hire for children's parties, extra tuition classes and a variety of other events. Please ask Mrs Boylan for more details.

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 is therefore not allowed. Many thanks

Welcome

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jaime who has joined class 1. We look forward to getting to know her and her family.

DIARY DATES

29th June - Camp St John's
7th July - All Age Service at St John's Church
9th July - Governors' awards afternoon
11th July - Full Governors Meeting
11th July - Move Up Day
12th July - Sports Day
15th July - KS2 Production
16th July - KS2 Production
17th July - Class 2/3 STEM Science Workshops
18th July - Rock Steady Concert
18th July - LSA Cake Sale
18th July—Year 6 leavers' treat
19th July - Reserve Sports Day
22nd July - Leavers Assembly 2.30pm (time changed)

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Parish Magazine Link

https://mcusercontent.com/4ef9cde22925da4bbcabca7d6/files/a7cea69f-ae62-f425-6351-f8c3dee12a90/Parish_Mag_jun_jul_2024_rev2a_web.pdf

Hello

This is my first year of having non-school age children, so I'm disappearing off on my summer holidays early this year. I think I'll need it after a course with hundreds of other vicars! Jo Brooks and John Barnard will be doing a fantastic job of leading collecting worship in my absence.

A reminder of what's coming up at St John's church over the summer...

We have **All-Together worship at 11am on July 7th and August 4th**, with words, music and activities suitable for every age. We also get together for this service on **1st September**, just before we return to school.

There will be **Sunday Club this term on July 14th**, with a year-end party for our last session. We meet at 11am during the morning service for friendship, fun and faith. All are welcome, babies to year 6.

Our next **Connect@4 is on July 21st**, and we'll be thinking about how God is always with us on our journey through life - past, present and future. Connect@4 is a relaxed Sunday afternoon (4pm) event, offering community, food, fun, music, creativity and exploration for all ages.

And a quick look ahead – St John's are back at school on **Tuesday 3rd September**, with **our traditional coffee morning for new and returning families at 8.45am**.

Sunday Club is back on the 8th September, and we'll have a **barbecue straight after the 11am service** that day to welcome everyone back.

See you on my return!

Rev Kathryn

