



# St John's CE Primary School

## Newsletter 29 September 2023



I can't believe we are already halfway through Term 1. This week Year 5 enjoyed their trip to Knole House and Reception had an exciting Bear hunt! Last Friday the PTA arranged a family film night, which was a great success- thank you to all those who came and to the PTA for organising this event. As you may have read from the PTA AGM minutes, this year we are looking at improving the outside areas of the school by investing in the pond area, a sensory area and hopefully a forest school on the field. Any support you can give to PTA events will help towards these projects.

Next Friday, 6th October, Years 1-6 will be celebrating Harvest at Church, Reception will have their own celebration in class. The service is at 09:30, parents are welcome to attend. We are asking for the following donations for the local food bank, Loaves and Fishes.

Reception- rice  
Year 1- Hot Chocolate  
Year 2- Tins of tuna or sweetcorn  
Year 3- biscuits  
Year 4- Mayonaise/Ketchup  
Year 5- Cleaning products  
Year 6- Tea

This year, we are also thinking about things that makes us feel full other than food, for example we need to be in good health, feel loved, cared for, listened to. We will be supporting Children's charities Childline and the NSPCC and ask that children bring in a £1 donation for these charities on Friday 6th.

Mrs Pullan

### Reminders



We have noticed an increase in children coming in with unhealthy snacks. Could we please remind parents/carers to send in healthy fruit/veg options for morning snacks (and of course, no nuts please!).

### Prayer

Dear God,  
Please help us to flourish as you want us too. Let us help and care for others, nurture our talents, be brave and resilient facing challenges, and help the whole of our community to flourish. Let us remember the message of flourishing with the Good Shepherd in our hearts throughout our days.

Amen.



Please can we remind parents that pupils with their ears pierced can wear small stud earrings, school shoes should be worn with uniform and long hair needs to be tied back.



Thank you for your cooperation!

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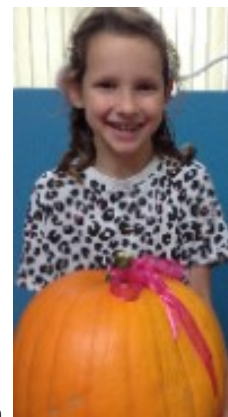


### Eco-Committee update

Congratulations to Iris in Year 4 who won the pumpkin raffle! We are looking forward to hearing about all the different ways she and her family use it!

We are so grateful to everyone who bought tickets in the raffle - we have raised the amazing sum of £44.50 - all of which will be used keep our gardening growing.

Special thanks also goes to the staff members (and their children) who came into school over the summer holidays to water the plants!



Arlo, in Year 6, was also able to take home the runner beans he grew from a small seed he was given when he visited Sevenoaks School on an Eco Afternoon visit.



He very kindly shared them with his fellow Year 6 Eco-Committee Member, Amber, after her seeds failed to thrive. How kind!

In other Eco news, over the summer holidays the majority of the display boards in school have been covered with hessian fabric. This means they can remain in place all year (or even longer!)

Previously, backing paper had to be taken down regularly due to tears and other markings.

This is a much more sustainable way of displaying the wonderful work our children create, whilst also being kind to the environment and reducing recycling.

On that final note, please do keep the batteries coming in - we are still collecting and recycling them!



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### Triathlon

On Wednesday 27th September four year 6 pupils took part in the Sevenoaks School Triathlon. They had to swim 50 metres, cycle 1km before running 1.2km.

Well done to Lottie, Amber, Austin and Teddy for taking on the challenge! Special mention to Teddy who was the fastest boy overall, completing the Triathlon in 6 min 6 seconds!

### Year 5 Knole House

On Thursday, Year 5 visited Knole House as part of their topic on Tudors. They had a great time and were able to dress up in clothes from the Tudor period. They were looking at Tudor artefacts and also had a tour of the house. During the tour they visited the King's bedroom, the great hall and many more of the impressive rooms (they even found some secret passages used by the servants).



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### Celebrating our children's success

Russell (year 6) worked really hard over the summer holidays in the Otford netball summer shooting challenge. He won a trophy for coming joint 1st in the challenge scoring an impressive 28 goals in 1 minute.



If you would like to share your child's achievements, send them in to [office@stjohnssevenoaks.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnssevenoaks.co.uk) and we will include them on the sports blog and in the newsletter!

### Special mentions—Week beginning 18 September



**Year 1** — Haidee, for settling into Year so well. We are so happy with how much more independent you are becoming and how nicely you are playing with friends. Well done!

**Year 2** — Willow, for being a kind and gentle soul but also for persevering so well with partitioning numbers into tens and ones. Amazing effort—keep it up!

**Year 3** — Mia, for always doing the right thing in class and for supporting others to make the right choices—well done!

**Year 4** — Hayley, for always ensuring she strives to be her best! She listens to and follows instructions, setting an excellent example to others.

**Year 5** — Rachel, for helping and supporting another member of the class when they were upset. Well done Rachel!

**Year 6** — Mei, for doing her best in all she does. Her kindness, and for putting others before herself. Well done Mei!



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### Special mentions—Week beginning 25 September



**Year 1** — Layla, for making so much progress in such a short space of time in reading and phonics. Well done Layla!

**Year 2** — Sam, for your fantastic attitude towards work and a special mention for your fabulous writing!

**Year 3** — Nia, working hard and showing resilience and intelligence, even in tricky maths lessons!

**Year 4** — Hugo, for always choosing to do the right things even though others may not be. You are a kind, helpful role model. Thank you!

**Year 5** — Edward, for fantastic progress at swimming and overcoming some of his fears—well done!

**Year 6** — Russell, for his kindness and care towards his buddy—our St John's values in practice. Keep it up!

*Well done to you all!*

### Dates for your diary

13.10.23 — Year 2 Forest School (Wallabies)

#### September

29.09.23 — Year 2 Forest School (Wallabies)

#### October

03.10.23 — Year 5 swimming

04.10.23 — Year 4 Carrot Wood talk 15:30

05.10.23 — Year 4 Horton Kirby trip

06.10.23 — Year Forest School (Ants)

06.10.23 — Harvest Festival 09:30 St John's Church

06.10.23 — Fairy Cake Friday

09.10.23 — Tag Rugby Tournament

12.10.23 — Individual and sibling photos

16.10.23 — Open Morning

17.10.23 — Year 3 Butser Farm trip

17.10.23 — Year 5 swimming

19.10.23 — Last day of term

20.10.23 — **INSET DAY**

30.10.23 — First day of term

#### 2024 Advance notice!

26.06.24 — Sports Day

You can find all of the dates for your diary and further information on the [School Calendar](#).



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