



Advent Wreath Prayer

Lord God, bless this wreath and bless us. May this wreath remind us of the hope, peace, love and joy that Jesus brings into the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen



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The last two weeks have been jammed packed with various sporting events, trips, the life bus visit and bed time story day! The children have enjoyed these experiences which enrich the curriculum for them. Thank you to all who brought books from the book fair, it was a great success, Mrs Miles is just getting the final figure as to how much was raised for us to spend on new books for the library and around school.

Further to the sad news about Mrs Mackelworth, her family have asked that if anyone would like to pay their respects, they can do so by contributing to the hospice that were looking after her. This can be done using the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/mhairi-mackelworth-1700083586355>.

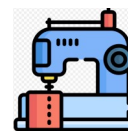
The PTA have been busy organising all things Christmas with selling Christmas trees and organising the Christmas fair that will take place this Saturday- we hope to see as many of you there as possible to support what will be a great event.

Mrs Pullan

Clubs

School run clubs for next term can be booked from 19:00 on Wednesday 3 January.

You can book school run clubs by visiting <https://stjohnscep.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.



Please can we also remind parents to check the [calendar](#) on the school website for the end dates for clubs that are currently running. Thank you

Early Years and KS1 Nativity

13th December 10:00 and 14:00 Ship Theatre

It's Christmas!!! This year the children from Reception, Year One and Year Two would like to invite you to watch them perform 'A Miracle in Town'.

We're going to tell you a story. It's the **story of the very first Christmas**. Jesus, the Son of God, is born in Bethlehem, in a stable under a star - a wonderful miracle that would change the world forever.



The children have been working hard learning lines, practising songs and perfecting their dance moves and they would love to celebrate Christmas with you as their audience.

There will be two performances at the Ship Theatre on **Wednesday 13th December** at **10:00** and **14:00**.

There are a maximum of **four tickets available** (subject to availability) per KS1 family (over both performances please, not four each performance).

There is no charge for the tickets.

Tickets are available to book via <https://stjohnscep.schoolcloud.co.uk/> from **today (Monday 27th November)** at **19:00**.

Tickets are available on a first come first served basis.

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Sports update

Hockey

On Monday 6th November, the Year 3/4 Hockey team played in a tournament at Sevenoaks Hockey Club. In the first pool we drew against Seal (0v0) and beat Frodcombe (3v0) with goals from Matilda, Sadie and Etive.

In the second pool, we lost to Shoreham (2v1) and lost to Lady Boswell's (2v0).

In the third place pool, we lost to St George's (3v1) and to Crockham Hill (1v0).

We had amazing team play and some great defending from Felix and Noah.

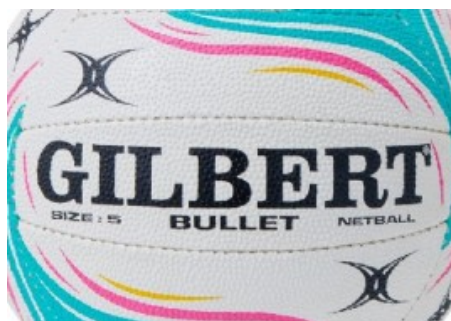


Netball

The St John's netball squad were in action on Tuesday 7th November in the small schools league, and there were superb performances from all involved!

From the start of both matches, St John's dominated with well-thought-out court positioning and passing, great defending and interceptions, and strong shooting skills.

The overall scores were 4-0 to St John's against Kemsing and 10-0 to St John's against St George's - huge congratulations to Bea, Bertie, Lottie, Rachel, Seb and Teddy!



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Table Tennis

On Wednesday 15th November, three teams competed in the Kent School Games U11 Table Tennis Tournament. They played against other schools to keep progressing through the knockout stages of the tournament.

The Boys St John's teams did really well and even though they progressed through to the consolation group, they came first and third. Meaning all of them came away with a medal!

The Girls St John's team found themselves playing Bligh Grammar and winning 5-1. Then they played St Andrews, winning 5-1, finally playing Ac of Woodlands and winning 4-2. This meant the girls were the winners of the tournament and have now progressed to the regional tournament on the 3rd February! Well done girls!

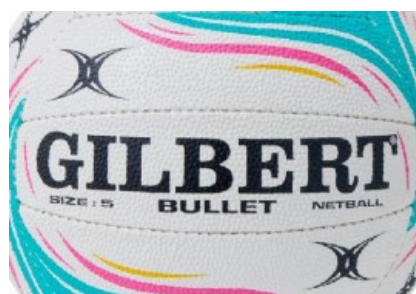


Netball

The St John's netball squad were back on court on Tuesday 21st November in the small schools league. Their first opponents, St Lawrence's, proved to be a very strong side so despite some great play from the team they lost 4-0.

However, undeterred the team faced their second opponents, Churchill, and a fun game was had by all! The team settled into their usual stride and Bertie got the first goal after about 10 minutes.

Seb then went on to score 2 goals before the final whistle made it a 3-0 win to St John's! Well done team!



St John's Sports are kindly supported by Robert Draper Removals and Storage

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Children in Need

Thank you SO MUCH to everyone who donated to BBC Children in Need this year.

We raised **over £120** to help children all over the UK thrive and be the best that they can be!



Special mentions—Week beginning 13th November

Year 1 — Max, for always being a good role model by making sensible choices and for always sitting so nicely on the carpet ready to learn. Keep it up!

Year 2 — Liam, for always being so polite, considerate and hard-working. What a role-model to others!

Year 3 — Felix, for working hard in English lessons, on his handwriting and his ideas, which are always very imaginative.

Year 4 — Polly, we have noticed how you are working diligently, listening attentively and improving your presentation each day. We are really proud of you. Keep this up!

Year 5 — Bella, for playing well at the table tennis tournaments and being a good sport!

Year 6 — Charlie, for stepping up and joining the table tennis squad for a tournament and playing amazingly!

Well done to you all!



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Special mentions—Week beginning 20th November



Year 1 — Matilda, for always putting in 100% effort into all of your work. You are an amazing role model in Rabbit Class.

Year 2 — Fabian, for working hard during Nativity rehearsals—learning his lines and singing beautifully.

Year 3 — Darcie, for enthusiastically embracing any challenge in maths, always trying her hardest and being kind and considerate member of Otter class.

Year 4 — Sunny, we are so impressed with your independent research and planning you are doing for your independent writing. You have worked diligently throughout with natural curiosity. I look forward to reading your final piece.

Year 6 — Violet, for confidently sharing information about her Great Uncle Fred's bravery during World War II.

Well done to you all!

Dates for your diary

November

28.11.23 — Year 6 Swimming
28.11.23 — Football match (selected team)
30.11.23 — Flu vaccinations

December

02.12.23 — 12:00-15:00 PTA Christmas Fair
04.12.23 — Year 3 Visit Vine Baptist Church
04.12.23 — Basketball tournament (selected team)
05.12.23 — Open Morning
05.12.23 — Year 6 Swimming
06.12.23 — Christmas lunch
07.12.23 — Christmas Jumper Day
13.12.23 — 18:00-19:30 KS2 Carol Concert
13.12.23 — 10:00-11:00 & 14:00-15:00 Nativity
15.12.23 — Last day of term
Finish at 13:30

2024 Advance notice!

March

12.03.24 — Parent consultation
13.03.24 — parent consultation

June

26.06.24 — Sports Day
27.06.24 — Back up Sports Day

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



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