



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

03 February 2025

All different, all equal, all learning together in God's world.

School Prayer

I am ... said Jesus

Life Bringer

I am the same yesterday, today and forever

Life Giver

I am the water of life

Life Sustainer

I am the bread of life

Life Guider

I am the light of the world

Life Leader

I am the good shepherd

Life Protector

I am the gate

I am the way, the truth and life

I am ... said Jesus

Message from Mrs Pullan

Dear parents and carers

Firstly, a big welcome to the children and families who have recently joined us at St John's. It is lovely to have you all here as part of our wonderful, growing community.

The weather outside may be a little frightful at the moment but the smiles on children's faces and seeing them enjoying their time in school is enough to warm anyone up. We have had many visitors to the school recently who are all so complimentary about the children and the school. Our Year 6 children have been fantastic ambassadors during the open mornings, speaking confidently to prospective parents about school life, they are a real credit to us and you.

There are lots of plans afoot for different themed days, trips and experiences for the rest of this term, all of which we look forward to be sharing with you soon.

Take a look at the Diary Dates section for more of what's still to come this term!

Mrs Pullan

Class activities



Year 2 Posting letters

In English we have been learning about how to write a letter through the text, 'The Jolly Postman'. Here we are posting letters we have written to our friends in a local post box.





Celebrating our children's success



Romilly (year 4) Romilly recently performed as a principal cast member, starring as **Hail** in her first-ever pantomime at the E.M. Forster Theatre. Her hard work and talent shone brightly on stage - congratulations, Romilly!

Abigail (Year 2) blew us away with her home-made volcanic creation! We had fun watching the lava cascade over the sides as the white wine vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and red paint made an explosive combination!



1 - Romilly (year 4)



2 - Abigail (year 2)

Notices



Year 1 Maternity Cover



3 - As some of you will already know, Mrs Prestage will soon be going on maternity leave and we will be welcoming Mrs Smit from Monday 24 February as our Year 1 teacher. Mrs Smit has had over 15 years teaching experience, most of that being across early years and KS1. Her most recent teaching position was at Platt primary school.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Smit to St John's and wish Mrs Prestage all the best for the upcoming arrival!

Parent Consultations



Parent Consultation evenings will be held on Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 March. Slots will be available to book for in-person meetings from **19.00** on **Monday 10 February** via School Cloud.¹

Year 1: Please note that Year 1 consultations will not take place on the above dates due to maternity cover. There will be an opportunity to speak with Mrs Smit about your child once she has had chance to settle in and get to know the children.

¹<https://stjohnscep.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

After School Club on Fridays



Just a reminder that I we are now offering a short after school club session on Fridays! You can book a place for your child(ren) here².

Special Mentions

Reception

Georgie, for trying so hard with his writing - we can't stop him!

Annabelle, for beautiful manners, a great attitude to work and being a perfect role model!

Year 1

Caleb, for having a positive attitude towards learning and being more willing to give things a go!

Mary-Grace, for her positive attitude to reading and lovely welcoming smile!

Year 2

Freya, for being kind to others and your efforts to think before you act - keep up the fabulous work!

²<https://www.scopay.com/login>

Pranish, for working so hard reading and writing words independently - well done!

Year 3

Luca, work working hard on planning his independent writing and some great ideas about the Blue Umbrella.

Saoirse, for contributing to the discussion during our Science Workshop and showing curiosity to learn more!

Year 4

Hugo, for trying hard with your writing, making sure each letter is the same size - it looked amazing!

Joshua, for making such a brilliant effort with your handwriting, it is looking amazing - keep it up!

Year 5

Polly, for making wonderful progress in learning fractions. keep up the good effort!

Brody, for your phenomenal re-telling of A Shot in the Dark and capturing the reader's attention so beautifully.

All year 5, for completing their Greek beast research on time and for some super imaginative work!

Year 6

Amelie, for working hard in class and showing a good attitude to learning

Zeena, for being a great role model and always showing outstanding behaviour

Fundraising



Christmas Trees

A big thank you to Stonepitts Farm and everyone who bought one of their lovely trees to help fundraise for the school!

Diary Dates



February

03.02.25— Mental Health week

11.02.25— Safer Internet day

11.02.25— Year 5 Greek day

12.02.25— Year 3 trip to Kent Life

14.02.25— Animal-themed non uniform day

14.02.25— 09.15 Year 3 Act of Worship

14.02.25— PTA 'Palentine's' Chocolate Sale after school

14.02.25— Last day of Term 3

24.02.25— First day of Term 4

28.02.25— Year 4 Fairy Cake Friday

28.02.25— 19.00 PTA Quiz Night

March

04.03.25— Parent Consultations

05.03.25— Parent Consultations

06.03.25— World Book Day

13.03.25— Science and English Day - *more details to follow*

21.03.25— 09.15 Year 4 Act of Worship

28.03.25— 14.30 Mother's Day Act of Worship

April

02.04.25— KS2 trip to Wicked the Musical

03.04.25— PTA Easter Egg Hunt

04.04.25— Last day of term 4 **(13.30 finish)**

