



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

03 April 2025

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

School Prayer

Dear God,

You have taught us through Jesus how much you love your people. Give us the strength and desire to love you, ourselves and others. We thank you that we are able to remember you on this sad day with the hope that comes soon.

Amen



Message from Mrs Pullan

Dear parents and carers

Term 5 seems to have whizzed by! Every week we have had something different and exciting happening for the children and this week is no exception.

The children have enjoyed basketball, a KS2 theatre trip to see Wicked, Easter egg hunts and school disco's! Thank you to everyone who has helped organise all of the wonderful events that have happened this term.

We have had a few visitors to the school recently, who have all commented on what a lovely community and family feel there is at St John's. They have been so impressed with the class behaviour and all that we offer the children here. It is always lovely to hear such positive feedback and makes me very proud to be Headteacher of St John's.

I would like to thank you all for your support over the last term and I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break.

I'm hoping the sunshine continues and we all get a good dose of vitamin D, ready to come back refreshed and ready for all that Term 5 has to offer.

Mrs Pullan

School activities



First St John's Science/Book Day!

A fantastic day was had by all for the first ever St John's Book and Science Day. The theme was 'Adapt and Change' and all the activities and learning came from a lovely selection of picture books.

Key Stage 2 read about polar bears in 'You're Snug With Me' then tried many activities to learn about how polar bears have adapted to survive the cold weather, even taking on the blubber glove challenge! They wrote descriptions of an icy landscape and asked AI to generate a picture to see if it matched the image they had in mind – the more descriptive they were, the more accurate the image. They also read 'Moth' and found out how they adapted their colour to be camouflaged. This prompted some colour testing activities and some beautiful poetry about dark and light moths in the forest.

Key Stage 1 and Reception investigated different bird beaks with 'A Peek at Beaks' then tested their skills of worm hunting using a range of utensils – tweezers, straws, chop sticks. They read 'Neon Leon' and had a go at chameleon spotting, made really tricky with their amazing camouflage skills. They also read 'Who's Are These feet?' and had a go at making their own animal foot – non slip for a polar bear, sticky for a tree frog, sharp for a squirrel and waterproof and webbed for a duck.

All of this plus a playground picture trail, creative costumes and exquisite entries to competitions – what an amazing day of science and stories!









Year 3 Trip to Kent Life

Year 3 went on a trip to Kent Life to learn all about the Romans. We met a Centurion, who ordered us to get into a Testudo (tortoise) formation. The adults threw sponge balls at us to test our formation, but we managed to defend ourselves from the attack! We met a druid, who told us all about life under the rule of the Romans. Then we learned all about the Roman legacy and how they built long, straight roads and aqueducts. We even built our own to see how difficult it must have been!





Sports update

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On Monday 24th March, Dance Club participated in Love 2 Dance at The Stage Theatre. Since Christmas the pupils have been learning two different dances to perform. Their dance in the first half of the show was to *Grow* by Frances and then in the second half of the show they performed *Life* (musical mix).

All the pupils should be very proud of themselves performing in front of over 370 adults!





On Saturday 15th March, the netball squad took part in the annual Sevenoaks School Netball Tournament. We were drawn into a group alongside St Thomas, Lady Boswell's, Seal, St George's and Halstead.

Some of the schools are quite a lot larger than ours and some schools are smaller. We started with a win against St Thomas 4-0. Then we faced Lady Boswell's, which ended in a hard-fought 1-1 draw. Next up was Seal, where we won 2-0, which then meant we played St George's, who currently hadn't lost a game! We went on to win 6-3 with some brilliant shooting.

Finally, we played Halstead and won 5-0. This meant that we topped the table and would play the winners of the other group, Amherst! Everyone played brilliantly in the final, but we ended up losing 2-6.

All the players should be really proud of themselves, especially Megan (year 4) and Mia (year 4) who were playing against year 6's!



Notices



Club bookings



Bookings for school run clubs can be made from **19:00** on **Wednesday 23rd April** 2025 at 19:00 and close on Monday 28th April at 11:00.

Please see the ParentMail for the full clubs schedule and details on how to book.

All the club details¹ can also be found on our website.

¹<https://www.stjohnssevenoaks.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=41>

Summer uniform



A reminder that children should come into school in their summer uniform from the start of term 5. This includes:

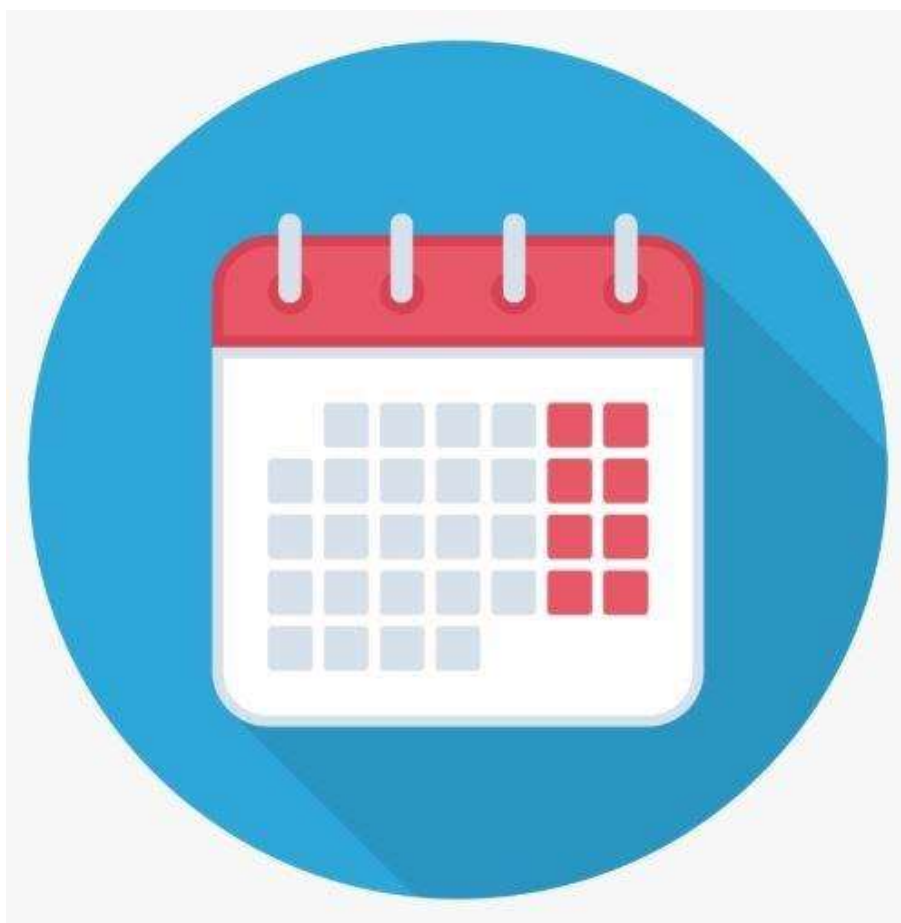
- Checked summer dress (blue & white checks) worn with white socks
- School polo shirt (sky blue with school badge) available from Horncastles **or** plain sky blue polo shirt
- Dark grey skirt, shorts or trousers & grey socks
- School jumper or cardigan (royal blue with badge) available from Horncastles
- Shower-proof jacket (plain navy) **OR** school jacket with badge available from Horncastles

Our **PTA** have a large stock of **second-hand uniform**.

Regular second hands uniform sales are held and PTA reps are available for uniform sales at other times if required. You can email them on stjohnsptauniform@gmail.com².

²<mailto:stjohnsptauniform@gmail.com>

School Calendar



Don't forget, you can find all of the school term dates, upcoming events, trips, parents evenings etc on the calendar on the school website³!

Special Mentions



³<https://www.stjohnssevenoaks.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=9&viewid=3>

Reception

Hudson, for trying so hard with his writing and phonics - so much improvement and growing confidence!

Alyssa, for being an excellent role model to all on our class - always trying hard and being so helpful!

Year 1

William, for taking on extra maths challenges and increasing his knowledge!

Zephyr, for working towards a fact file using amazing knowledge and expression!

Year 2

Effie, for extending her learning at home to become an expert on Bessie Coleman!

Ayla, for showing admirable tolerance and compassion in class. What a role model to others!

Year 3

Flora, for always showing others the right thing to do, treating others with kindness and working hard in lessons!

Freya, for working hard in every subject and always trying her best. She had some brilliant ideas in her book day workshop!

Year 4

Noah, for always coming up with and sharing such brilliant ideas in English - your writing is amazing!

Year 5

Harry, for confidently speaking about his progression in tennis when interviewed by Sevenoaks School students!

Taylor, for showing perseverance and resilience in his fraction assessment. We are so proud of your determination!

Year 6

Jessica, for working hard in all lessons, especially in Maths!

Henry, for always being polite and a good role model around school!

Diary Dates



April

- 03.04.25— PTA Bunny Hop disco
- 04.04.25— 09.30 Easter Service
- 04.04.25— Last day of term 4 (**13.30 finish**)
- 22.04.25— First day of Term 5
- 22.04.25— Year 6 extra swimming lesson
- 23.04.25— 19.00 Club bookings open
- 24.04.25— Year 1 Kent Life
- 25.04.25— Year 5 Fairy Cake Friday
- 26.04.25— TSC Mini Marathon
- 28.04.25— Clubs start
- 29.04.25— Year 2 start swimming

May

- 06.05.25— 09.15 Parent Support Group
- 08.05.25—09.05.25 Year 4 Lower Grange Farm
- 14.05.25—16.05.25 Year 5 PGL
- 16.05.25— 09.15 Year 2 Act of Worship
- 23.05.25—14.30 Sharing afternoon
- 23.05.25— Last day of Term 5

Advance notice

June

- 02.06.25— INSET Day
- 03.06.25—First day of Term 6
- 03.06.25—06.06.25 Year 6 Normandy Residential

10.06.25—Class photos

13.06.25—Father's Day Games (*more details to follow*)

14.06.25—Summer Fair (*more details to follow*)

17.06.25— 09.15 Parent Support Group

20.06.25— Year 3 Fairy Cake Friday

24.06.25— St John's Feast Day (*more details to follow*)

26.06.25—Sport's Day

30.06.25— Reserve Sport's Day

July

02.07.25— Wimbledon (*pre-confirmed pupils*)

