



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

09 May 2025

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

'Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.'

John Wesley

Message from Mrs Pullan



Dear parents and carers

Term 5 is well under way already. It is a short one but there is still lots to fit in! We have had trips to Kent Life, railway safety talks, Year 4 are on their residential as we speak and we are planning another house charity day...and this is only week 3!

Thank you to the PTA for continuing their fundraising efforts with the Wonka bars. There were some great prizes for the lucky golden ticket winners and I know plans are already in place for the Summer Fair.

We have had a lovely afternoon celebrating VE day, thinking about what it marks and why we should still be praying for peace in our world. The children sang songs beautifully and enjoyed sharing cakes and biscuits whilst listening to some war time classic hits!

Next week will see Year 6 sitting their Key stage 2 SATs. I am sure they will all do well but please keep them in your thoughts next week.

Mrs Pullan

School activities



Rail Safety Workshop

Last week, Year 5 and 6 visited Bat and Ball Station to participate in a rail safety workshop. This was organised by Sevenoaks Town Council Youth Committee.

The children were praised by the facilitators for their active participation and enthusiasm. Through attending this workshop, we have earned the Bronze Railway Safety Award.

During the workshop, a powerful video was shared with the children to ensure that they 'stop, look, think, and stay alive' - a key message!

Other rail safety resources can be found here :

<https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/>



Year 1 Trip to Kent Life

During this term, the Year 1 Rabbit Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Kent Life. The children had a wonderful time exploring the site and meeting a variety of animals. One of the highlights was riding the tractor several times, happily waving to their classmates as they passed by.

They also took part in an interactive animal workshop, where they had the chance to get up close to some of the animals, learn fascinating facts, and even touch them. We were amazed to discover that goats can eat stinging nettles!

It was a fun-filled day, and every child left with a big smile and great memories from their visit to Kent Life.





Green House Charity Day

On Thursday March 27th, Green House held their inaugural charity day to raise money for both a global and local charity. The children themselves voted to raise funds for WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) and The Kent Wildlife Trust.

In addition Green House pupils, guided by their house captains, Primrose and Erskine from Year 6, choose to encourage children to do the following for a £1 donation:

- Come to school dressed as an animal
- Bring a toy to school dressed as an animal
- Wear animal themed pyjamas to school
- Enter an art competition where the prize was 15 minutes of extra play with 3 friends.

We are delighted to share photos of the winning and highly commended entries from the art completion. All entries are now on display in a specially curated art gallery in school.

Heartfelt thanks from all of us in Green House; your support was very much appreciated.





Sports update

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TCS Mini Marathon

On Saturday 26th April, 15 pupils got the train to London to Horse Guards parade to participate in the TCS Mini Marathon.

We all met at Sevenoaks Station before getting the 09:47 to London Charing Cross. After some directing from Henry, we arrived at Pen 3 ready for our wave (18) to set off at 11:07. The pupils were set off on the 2.6km course with roughly 80 other pupils from our wave.

Everyone crossed the finish line (the same one as the official marathon use) in one piece, some a little sweaty and some with aching legs!

All the pupils should be extremely proud of themselves for running on behalf of St John's and should wear their medals with pride.



Tag Rugby Friday 25th April

On Friday 25th April, a team of 7 pupils from Year 4, 5 and 6 competed in the annual Sevens Rugby Club Tag Rugby tournament.

We started with a draw against St Katherine's and followed this with a 3-2 win against Ightham. This then meant we were regrouped with other teams who came 2nd in their original pools.

We had a tight game against Chiddingstone and went on to win 3-2. Our next game was against Weald and with some brilliant solo tries scored, we ran out clear winners 6-2!

We were then regrouped with the other two top teams from across the tournament to battle it out for the cup. Our first game was against Lady Boswell's who went on to win 3-2 before another close fought game against Chiddingstone, ending in a 2-2 draw.

Overall, we came a very respectable 2nd place and were disappointed not to have even given a badge!

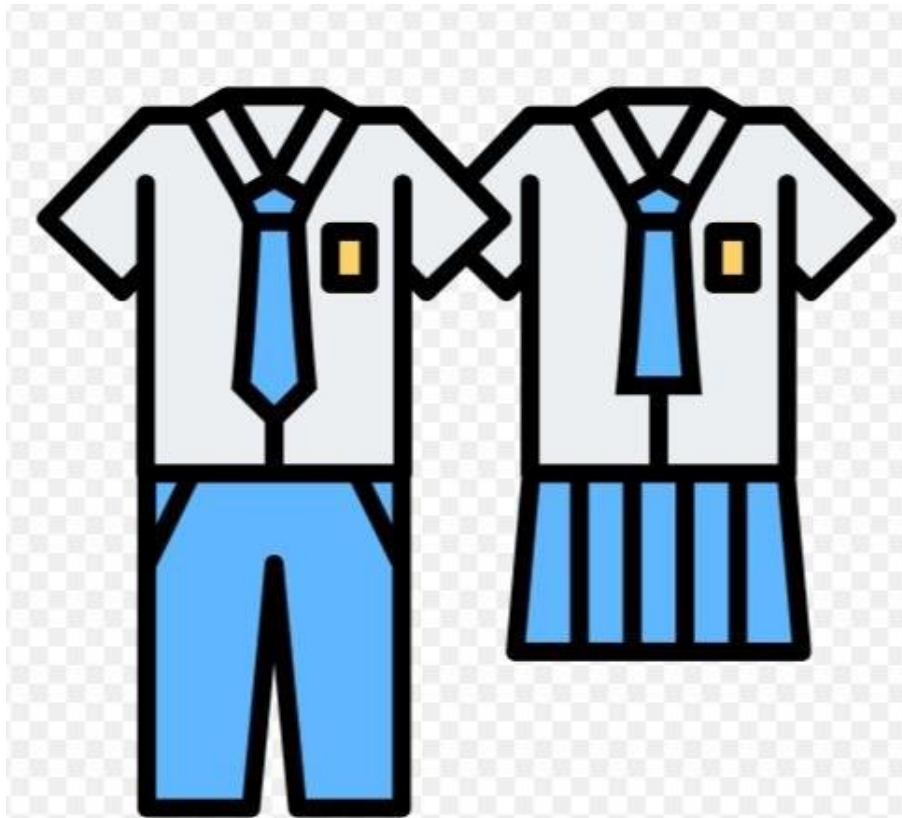
A special mention to Ivan, Zach and Huey who played some outstanding rugby. Also to Noah and Nia who are only in Year 4 playing in a Year 6 tournament - a great effort all round!



Notices



Uniform reminder



Please can we politely remind parents that in accordance with our uniform policy, children should not come into school wearing nail varnish.

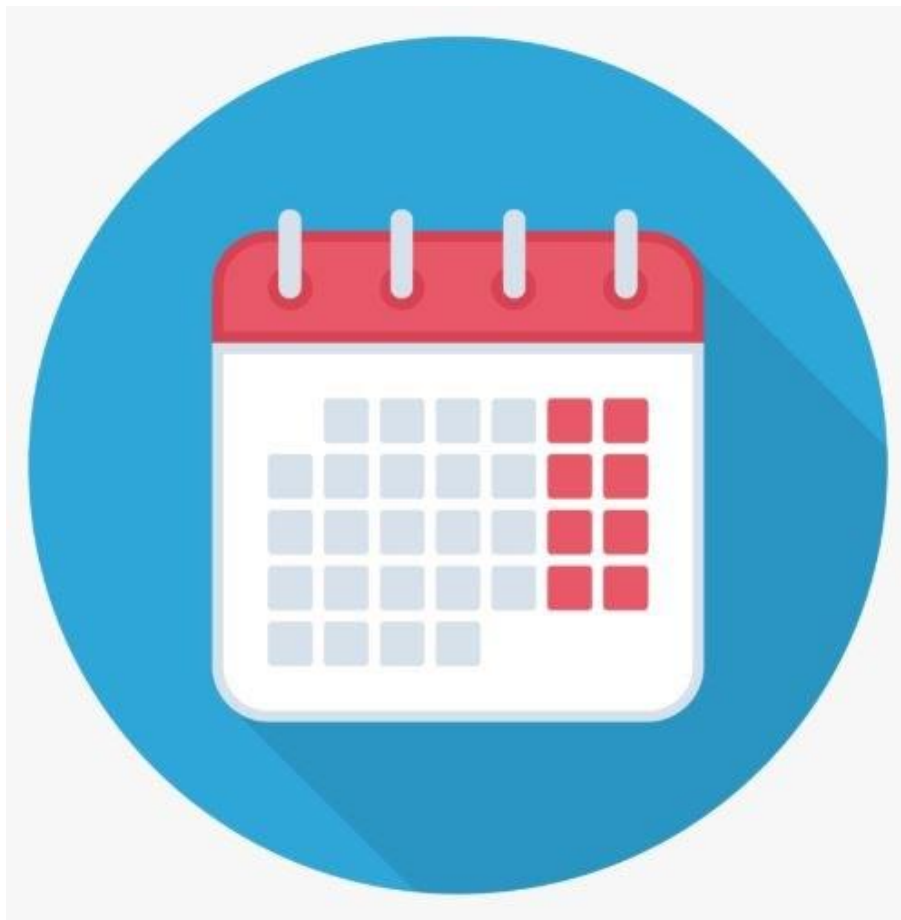
Celebrating Our Children's Success



Rachel and Bella (year 6) represented St John's at the Sevenoaks Schools girls doubles tennis tournament and were the runners up out of 12 pairs! Well done girls.



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 website¹!

Special Mentions



¹<https://www.stjohnssevenoaks.co.uk/calendar/?calid=2&pid=9&viewid=3>

Reception

Lucy and Skye, for doing some amazing writing every morning - so many sentences!

Daisy and Louie, for fantastic reading in their group - digraphs and trigraphs and tricky words!

Year 1

Leo, for settling so well into his new class and school. Working hard with his writing in English and sharing good ideas!

Frederica, for her amazing approach to all her work. She consistently overcomes new challenges with confidence and enthusiasm!

Year 2

Jacob, for settling in wonderfully and learning our class routines effortlessly. What a joy to have you in Hedgehog class!

Layla, for always working hard in class and interventions and for her kindness - the cards you make for staff always make us smile!

Year 3

Amara, for always treating her friends kindly and for supporting others on the playground - well done!

Jake, for working hard on sewing his Egyptian collar even though it was challenging - well done!

Year 4

Teddy R, for her brilliant effort and contributions to our English lessons this week about what makes a good travel brochure!

Megan, even though you were worried about learning fractions in Maths, you worked really hard and are amazing at fractions now!

Year 5

Hugo, for your attention in class and active contributions in lessons, particularly in English - super humorous rhyming poetry ideas!

Hayley, for your generosity in art lesson, lending your ruler, even though you needed it. Thank you for being thoughtful.

Year 6

Rory, for working hard on your writing in class and always working hard in lessons.

Mats, for working well in PE lessons and always being a team player.

Diary Dates



May

- 08.05.25—09.05.25 Year 4 Lower Grange Farm
- 09.05.25— Year 5 Fairy Cake Friday
- 13.05.25—14.05.25 15.15-18.00 Year 1 Parent Consultation
- 14.05.25—16.05.25 Year 5 PGL
- 16.05.25— Year 3 Egyptian Day
- 16.05.25— 09.15 Year 2 Act of Worship
- 21.05.25— 09.15 Parent RSE policy meeting
- 22.05.25— Year 2 Hemsley Conservation Centre
- 23.05.25—Bring a bottle for tombola/own clothes day
- 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—Bring in a Rainbow Raffle item/own clothes day
- 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 2 Sevenoaks Wildlife Centre

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)*

03.07.25— STEM Day *(more details to follow)*

17.07.25— Year 6 production *(more details to follow)*

18.07.25— Paralympic Sport's Day

18.07.25—17.00-19.00 Year 6 end of year disco

22.07.25—**13.30** Last Day of Term

