



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

13 June 2025

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

Prayer

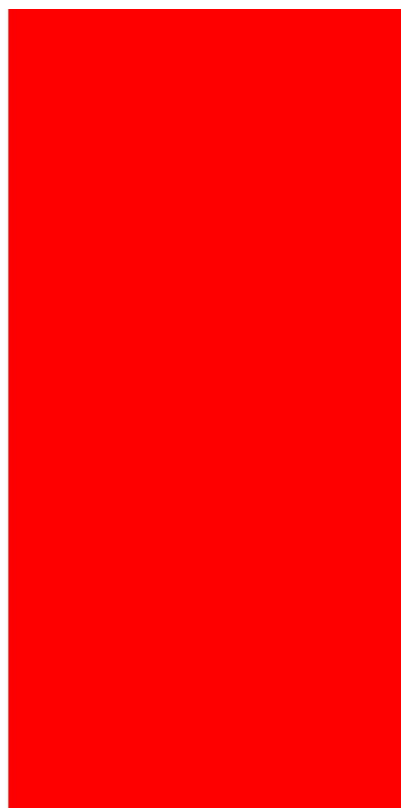
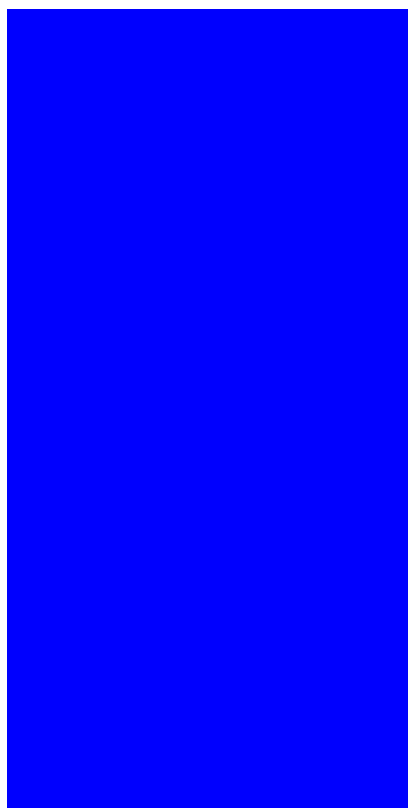
Giving God, we receive so much from you, and therefore have much to give.

Help us to share in the blessings of giving as well as the happiness of receiving, that your love may be more widely, shared through

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Message from Mrs Pullan



Dear parents and carers

Bonjour et bienvenue au 6e trimestre! I think I say it every year but I can't believe we are now in the last term of this academic year!

What a great start it has been though; Year 6 had a moment merveilleux last week in Normandy where they used their French in the market, visited museums, Bayeux and even Lidl! All of the children represented the school well and we are all very proud of them. A huge thank you to the staff who also went on the trip – it wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for the dedication of the staff.

Thank you to all those who responded to the survey on a 'Smartphone free childhood'. I am getting all the responses together to make an action plan for next steps with this and liaising with Smartphone free childhood Kent. You may be aware that there is a going to be an event based around this on **Thursday 3rd July** at 6.30pm at Sevenoaks School hosted by Laura Trott. If you are interested in going along and hearing from other schools who have implemented this already, please book your tickets here.¹

This term as ever is a busy one. We have a charity day, exciting day trips, sports day and many other events so please keep an eye on the calendar, website and ParentMail for information.

¹<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/smartphone-free-schools-tickets-1381802541599?aff=oddtcreator>

We also have our Summer Fair coming up this **Saturday 14 June** from 12.00-3.00pm and it would be great to see as many of you there as possible. Funds raised will be going towards some new computers! Thank you to the PTA for what I'm sure will be a fantastic afternoon.

Mrs Pullan

School activities



Year 2 flower-crafting

Volunteers from our local church led a flower-crafting activity on Friday 6th June. Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 enjoyed participating and their beautiful, hand-crafted flowers will soon adorn the church for all to enjoy.

Please pop in to visit and see your child's contribution. Here is sneaky peak at some of the marvellous creations.



**St John the Baptist
Sevenoaks**

**Patronal Festival
Celebration Sung
Mass**

Flower Festival

and

Church Exhibition

Sung Mass 4.00 Sunday 22nd June

Flower Festival and Exhibition

From 11.00 Saturday 21st June all week

Refreshments available

Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning





Year 2 trip to Hemsley Conservation Centre

At the end of Term 5, Year 2 Hedgehogs enjoyed a trip to Hemsley Conservation Centre where we consolidated our learning about animals in their habitats and enjoyed learning more about which continents they come from.

A lot of these friendly mammals' habitats came from South America. Some of us were lucky enough to meet the rather shy maned wolf. We also got close up to meerkats, otters and squirrel monkeys.





Red House Family Tree Competition

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who entered the Red House Family Tree competition at the end of last term.

We could really see the care and thought that had gone into making each one. It was lovely to see how creative you all are as well!

All your donations have been collected and shall be passed onto our local 'Forget-me-nots' charity in Sevenoaks- supporting those suffering from memory loss.

We will be displaying as many of the entries as possible in the school hall. As promised, the winning entries having taken pride of place in our school hall.

Well done again to:

Reception and Key Stage 1

Runner up: Georgie P

Winners: Olive and Aoife

Key Stage 2

Runner up: Una

Winners: Ted and Iris



GreenFingers club

GreenFingers have been busy! We've already planted potatoes, lettuce, radish, spring onions, coriander and nigella — and so far, the slugs have been kind.

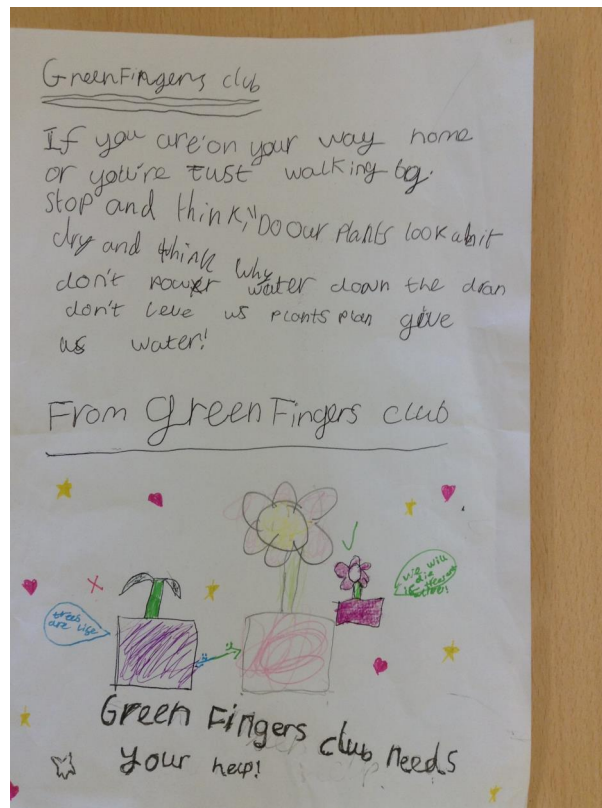
Today, we helped the office team with 'potting on' their indoor plant and added some colour to the planters at the school entrance and in the Reflection Area. Look out for our cheerful petunias, lobelia and carnations brightening things up.

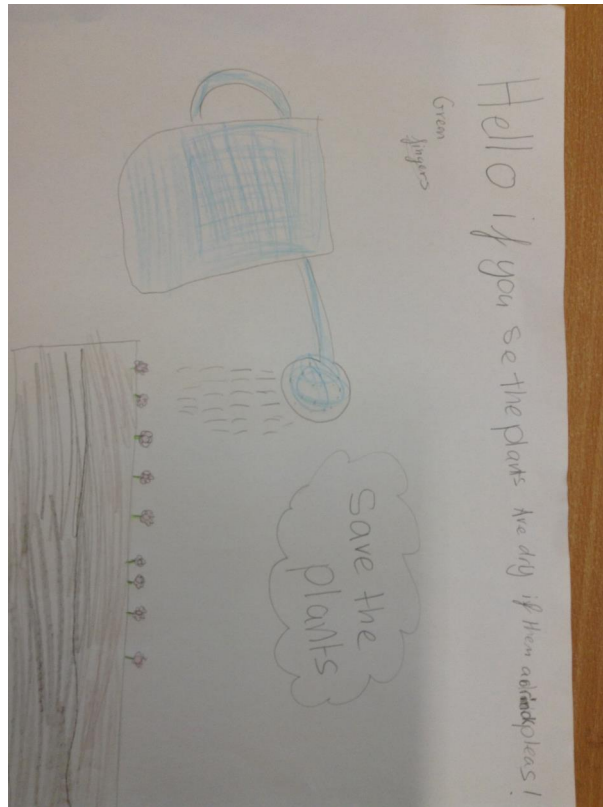
Mrs Wall is thrilled with the green container by the front door: "It makes me smile as I enter school each day." Many passers-by have shared kind words too — which brings us to a little favour...if you're passing by and notice the planters are dry, **we'd love your help with a quick water**. Children can even use leftover water from their bottles at the end of the day.

GreenFingers have made some posters to spread the word — look out for them soon.

Thank you amazing team!

Mrs Casewell and Mrs Simpson





Sports update

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Athletics

On Wednesday 4th June, a team of athletes from Years 4 and 5 took part in the Year 5/6 athletics event held at Sevenoaks School. With many Year 6 pupils away, several Year 5 athletes stepped up to compete against older pupils in various events.

The team performed exceptionally well overall, showcasing great talent and determination. Special congratulations go to:

- **Megan (Year 4)**, who secured 3rd place in the Year 5 Javelin
- **Matilda C (Year 5)**, who impressively came 2nd in the Year 6 800m
- **Candle (Year 5)**, who won the standing long jump

Well done to all the athletes for their fantastic efforts and achievements!



Notices



Tennis Academy have kindly offered a 25% discount on all summer camp courses for the Hollybush summer courses.

Please visit www.tennisacademy.co.uk² to book. The code must be entered at the time of booking, no discounts can be added retrospectively and they are only on full courses, not part bookings. **Discount code: stjohssschsum25**

Final club dates

Please see the school calendar³ for the final club dates for this term.

Year 6 Production

Look out for further information regarding ticket sales for the year production coming soon via ParentMail!

²<https://www.tennisacademy.org.uk/>

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

Fundraising



Following our Green House Charity Day, we are pleased to announce that with your support, we were able to donate a total of **£102.99** to **both** WWF and Kent Wildlife Trust! Thank you for your support!



Celebrating Our Children's Success



Alexander (year 1) has been very busy recently, passing his recent martial arts grading as well as receiving a merit for his hard work in drama - well done Alexander!





Noah, Arthur and Max (year 2), were selected to represent Kent Elite Football Academy at the Europa Cup in Paris. They played in the PSG stadium and played in the older age category for u8's. Noah won best U7 player. Well done boys!





At the end of last term two teams' entered in the Knight Frank School Triathlon; St John's Tigers' with **Huey, Matilda C, Harry & Sadie** (year 5) came 42nd out of 109 teams' in a year 5/ 6 category and St John's Storm consisting of **Noah, Etive, Felix and Megan** (year 4) came 34th out of 128 teams' in a year 3/4 category.

The children started with a 50m swim, then 1km bike ride and lastly a 700m run, in very sunny and hot conditions, raising £550 for Restless Development. They are looking forward to next years' already!

Congratulations!





Special Mentions



Reception

Olive and Cole, for showing amazing imagination and creativity with your models. Well done!

William and Ruby, for coming in every morning and writing some creative and imaginative sentences.

Leo and Lenny, for writing excellent books - you are authors and illustrators!

Henry and Matilda, for being amazing role models - always doing the right thing and keeping your teachers in line!

Year 1

Polly, for her ability to settle into her new class and make new friends. Also, for her calm approach to reaching targets in maths and english!

Melina, for her positive attitude to learning and for always trying her best in all areas!

Baxter, for a fabulous first week joining our team of rabbits and bouncing into all the activities

Year 2

Aoife, for working hard and producing a fantastic information text all about Emperor penguins!

Esme, for working diligently in classwork and making good choices.

Amara, for your excellent exemplary behaviour on our class trip and in class - a great role model!

Jude, for working hard on telling the time this week. Fabulous work!

Year 3

Sima, for always offering to help in the classroom and looking after the class book corner. You are kind and a real asset to class!

Jake, for working hard in class and helping others to do the right thing! Well done Jake!

Adalene, for always working hard in all subjects and for making a very beautiful Egyptian collar!

Elizabeth, for her conscientious work ethic and being a good team player!

Year 4

All of year 4, for behaving brilliantly on the residential, joining in with every activity and representing St John's amazingly!

Romilly, for always being a kind and considerate member of our class. Keep it up!

Year 5

Frank, for his engagement and enthusiasm in science. It was wonderful to see you so curious and extend your learning!

Benji and Dan, for their compassion and advocacy for a friend at PGL. An unprompted act of kindness - we are immensely proud!

Sadie, for her perseverance in drawing and beautifully presented RE work. You showed there is always a way to succeed if you don't give up!

Year 6

Max S, for working hard on his maths both in and out of school!

Bertie, for working hard all year and being a good role model for behaviour.

All of year 6, for a wonderful Normandy experience. You embraced the trip and represented St John's beautifully - well done!

Diary Dates



June

14.06.25—12.00-15.00 Summer Fair

16.06.25—French/Geography Day

17.06.25— 09.15 Parent Support Group
17.06.25— Year 4 Pizza Express
17.06.25— Year 6 Rochester Cathedral
17.06.25— Great Maths Race (*pre-confirmed pupils*)
18.06.25— Year 5 Mosque Tunbridge Wells
20.06.25— Blue House Own Clothes Day
20.06.25— Year 2 Sevenoaks Wildlife Centre
20.06.25— Year 3 Fairy Cake Friday
24.06.25— 14.45 Year 5 Normandy Information Meeting
24.06.25— St John's Feast Day (*more details to follow*)
26.06.25— Sport's Day
27.06.25— Year 1 Stonepitts Farm
27.06.25— Year R London Aquarium (*more details to follow*)
30.06.25— Reserve Sport's Day

July

02.07.25— Wimbledon (*pre-confirmed pupils*)
03.07.25— STEM Day (*more details to follow*)
04.07.25— 09.15 Year R AOW
07.07.25— Yellow House Day (*more details to follow*)
08.07.25— Meet the Teacher (years 1, 3 and 5)
09.07.25— District Sports (*more details to follow*)
10.07.25— Meet the Teacher (years 2, 4 and 6)
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

