



# St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

## 10 October 2025

### **Prayer**

Dear God,

Thank you for all the promises in  
the Bible that say we should not be afraid  
because you hear us when we ask for your  
help. Thank you for being there for us when  
we need you and when we call on you.

**Amen**

## Message from Mrs Pullan



It has been another busy and joyful few weeks here at St John's! The whole school community came together for our Harvest Celebration at St John's Church, where we gave thanks for the many blessings we share. A heartfelt *thank you* to everyone who donated so generously — your contributions will make a real difference to those in need within our local community.

Our Year 5 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Knole Park, learning about its rich history linked to their Tudor topic. Meanwhile, Year 4 explored the wonders of rivers through an engaging and hands-on trip that brought their geography studies to life. Not to be outdone, Year 3 stepped back in time for their Stone Age Day, arriving in creative costumes and immersing themselves in prehistoric life.

Looking ahead, we're excited to be celebrating Black History Day next week, an important opportunity for pupils to reflect on and celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black individuals throughout history and modern day.

We have an opportunity for you to come in on Friday 17th October at 2.30pm, to see some of the work the children have completed this term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic, curious, and engaged in all that they do.

*Mrs Pullan*



Class trips



Year 3 Stone Age Day

Year 3 had a fantastic time on Tuesday celebrating their Stone Age Day! The children arrived in an amazing array of costumes, and the buzz of excitement filled the corridor as they entered their own 'cave dwelling' for a day full of immersive activities.

They began by learning about Stone Age cave paintings and even created their own wall art inside their classroom cave. Next, they explored the Stone Age way of life and discovered how people dressed during that time. This inspired them to design their own Stone Age outfits for a "paper person."

In the afternoon, the focus shifted to the New Stone Age, where the children investigated the introduction of pottery. They then crafted their own Neolithic-style clay pots — with some truly impressive results!

It was a fun-filled day of hands-on learning, and Year 3 are now eagerly looking forward to their upcoming trip to Knole House for a Stone Age-themed workshop.







### **Year 4 trip to Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve**

On Tuesday 7th October Year 4 became river explorers on their trip to Sevenoaks Wildlife Reserve.

We had a fantastic day learning about the parts of a river, doing some pond dipping and measuring the depth and flow of the River Darent. When we arrived, we learnt about the different parts of a river – the top is called the source and the bottom is called the mouth. The teacher showed us a plastic model of a river using guttering, she pushed water down the river and we could see where it flowed the fastest and where it was the slowest.

We went down to the river and some of us got to go in the river to help measure how deep it was and how fast it was. I am very lucky because I had tall enough welly boots to go in the river and help!

After lunch we went to the pond to try pond dipping and catch some more things. We all had two turns in different parts of the pond. We used the net to see what we could catch, as a class we caught water leeches, phantom midgelava and lots of water fleas. We also caught a ginormous water snail called a Ramshorn snail.

We had a fantastic day and had great fun in the river!







Sports update



**Removals & Storage  
Sevenoaks**

**[robertdraper.co.uk](http://robertdraper.co.uk)**

#### **Sevenoaks School Triathlon**

On Wednesday, 24th September, three of our Year 6 pupils took part in the Sevenoaks School Triathlon. The event tested their stamina and determination, with each competitor swimming 50m, quickly transitioning into socks and shoes, cycling 1000m, and finishing strong with a 500m run.

All three pupils gave an outstanding performance, with Matilda achieving an impressive 5th place overall among all the girls competing. A huge congratulations to them all for their effort, perseverance, and sporting spirit!



Celebrating our children's success



Congratulations to Noah (year 3) who competed in a football match recently and won both the Coach's Player of the Match award and the Parent's Player of the Match award for his skills and sportsmanship on the pitch. Well done Noah!



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## Fundraising



A big **thank you** to those who donated to the Yellow House Charity day. We managed an impressive **£320** which will be split between RNLI and Christian Aid.

## Special Mentions



### YEAR 1

**Daisy**, for always being a Good Samaritan. She compliments others every morning and always offers to help - thank you!

**Ayla**, a wonderful addition to Rabbits class. How polite, kind and a key member of our team!

**Austin**, for persevering in making a paper plane when he didn't think he could do it. And for tidying up without being asked!

### YEAR 2

**Joshua**, for working hard on his feelings journal and making the right choices.

**Polly**, for consistently being a role model to others by working hard, helping in the classroom and showing a real maturity.

**Raphael**, for completing his maths work independently and sensibly without even being asked!

### YEAR 3

**Abigail**, for her very persuasive writing asking her parents for a pet puppy!

**Phoebe**, for thinking hard about the promises God and Noah made in the Noah's Ark story.

**George**, for brilliant recall of all our learning about plants - even the word photosynthesis!!

### YEAR 4

**Saoirse**, for remembering lots of details from our English story and using these fantastic ideas in her writing which was fantastic!

**Eden**, for showing a positive attitude in every subject, working hard and contributing to class discussions - well done!

**Oscar**, thank you for being so kind and helping a friend when they were upset.

#### **YEAR 5**

**Melina**, for consistently presenting work to a high standard, her politeness and demonstrating she can be trusted to do the right thing.

**Arthur**, for showing kindness inviting a pupil to join him in scient. You were supportive and encouraging - well done.

**Thea**, for being a great role model of learning behaviour from the very start. You listen well, work diligently and act on feedback - thank you!

#### **YEAR 6**

**Huey**, for setting a good example and always giving 100% in class.

**Polly and Sunny**, for being extremely helpful in class and sorting out the book corner.

### Diary Dates



Please check Parentmail/school website calendar<sup>1</sup> for full details.

Please note that for some future events, details may not have been sent out yet and are to follow.

#### **October**

10.10.25—Year R & 6 Fairy Cake Friday

13.10.25—09.15 2026 Open Morning

15.10.25—Black History Day

16.10.25—Year 2 Pyjama Day

16.10.25—Year 3 Knole House trip

17.10.25—14.30 Sharing Afternoon

17.10.25—Last day of term 1

27.10.25—**INSET Day**

28.10.25—First day of term 2

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

28.10.25—Year 4 swimming starts

## November

04.11.25—15.30 Parent Consultations

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07.11.25—Year 1 Fairy Cake Friday

12.11.25—09.15 2026 Open Morning

14.11.25—Own Clothes Day

14.11.25—09.15 Year 6 Class Assembly

20.11.25—TEDs Day

24.11.25—09.15 2026 Open Morning

28.11.25—Own Clothes Day

28.11.25—Bligh's Meadow Carol Singing Choir & Year 6

29.11.25—Christmas Fair

## December

04.12.25—09.15 Year 5 Class Assembly

10.12.25—Christmas Lunch

17.12.25—18.00 Carol Concert

18.12.25—**13.30 Early finish**

