



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

07 November 2025

Prayer

Dear God,

Open my eyes to the things that really matter. Help me to focus on loving others rather than on my worries and concerns because you can help me with those. Help me to shine your light to those around me through kind words and actions.

Amen

Message from Mrs Pullan



It's been a fantastic start to Term 2 at St John's! I had the pleasure of accompanying our Year 1 pupils on an exciting trip to The Vine, where they explored the local environment and discovered all about the majestic King Oak. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and curious, bringing our learning to life outside the classroom.

There is so much to look forward to this term! From our festive pantomime and the eagerly anticipated Book Fair, to class assemblies and, of course, all the magic of Christmas. The coming weeks are set to be full of joy, learning, and celebration.

A gentle reminder to all families: it is really important that children arrive at school **by 8.55am** to make the most of their learning day. Please also avoid using neighbours' drives to turn around, as some damage has recently been caused. Your support in keeping everyone safe and on time is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Pullan

Class trips



Year 1 The Vine

Mr Oatley visited our class to talk to us about what life was like in the past when he was growing up. He also shared with us the amazing story of the night of the Great Storm in October 1987 when Sevenoaks lost 6 of its famous oak trees.

Mr Oatley described how no-one could get to work due to fallen trees and the army were called to help clear up the mess! We visited the site to see for ourselves the oak trees that were planted to replace them and enjoyed exploring our autumnal surroundings.





Forest School

New Forest School Sign

Huge thanks to Molly (year 4) and her mum for creating this glorious new sign for the Forest School area on the field. All your time, care and effort is greatly appreciated - it really feels like the missing piece of the puzzle!



Celebrating our children's success



Noah (year 1) recently learned to ride his bike without pedals!

It only took him a few minutes to learn and he has been very proud of his achievement - amazing Noah, well done!



Austin (year 1) recently earned his purple badge at climbing club for doing 3 purple climbs in a row. Purple is the fourth most difficult type of route at the wall - amazing work Austin!



Noah (year 3) attended a tournament at Barking FC on 31st October representing Kent Elite, they came top in the group stages against some very competitive academy teams and won the semi final to get to the final. They unfortunately lost 1-0 to come runners up in their age group.

Not only this, but Noah also attended another football tournament on 3rd November at Millwall FC. They came runners up in a competitive group but he got invited to attend the Elite Millwall Group after impressing the Millwall coaches.

Congratulations Noah!



Notices



School Car Park

We have an increasing number of parents and children walking across the car park at drop-off and pick-up. Please can we remind parents to use the walkway only, as there are vehicles using the car park throughout the day. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our children safe.



The West Kent Family Grapevine Magazine – Winter 2025¹

The magazine includes hundreds of local listings for families, some amazing competitions, our pick of upcoming Winter family events and some great winter warming family recipes. The magazine is a great reference guide for parents, carers and families in West Kent.



¹<https://thefamilygrapevine.co.uk/west-kent/see-a-copy/>

Fundraising



Year 6 Trip to Normandy

Seb (year 6) and his Dad have raised an impressive **£600** towards Year 6 Normandy trip via a crowdfunder fundraiser page - amazing effort Seb!



Save the Children

Thanks to all of your Harvest donations - we have raised **£99.80** for Save the Children! Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.



West Kent Mind

We have donated an impressive **£144.30** to West Kent Mind following World Mental Health Day! Thank you for all of your donations.



Special Mentions



YEAR 1

Henry, for always carefully considering how he shows his learning through play and exceptional behaviour - what a respectful rabbit!

Annabelle, for having a positive attitude to all her learning and for her patience and compassion towards other class members - well done!

All of Class 1, for their fabulous informative and interesting trip to The Vine. All children behaved amazingly making us all proud!

YEAR 2

Jenson, for being very respectful. He has also been an excellent role model following both class and school values.

William, for working hard on his joined up handwriting and writing a wonderful piece on The Lonely Beast.

Benjamin S, for always working hard on his work and putting in the extra effort.

YEAR 3

Kamari, for improved effort with your writing about the Stone Age Boy.

All of year 3, for your amazing behaviour and impressive knowledge of the Stone Age on our trip to Knole.

Pranish, for working hard in maths - he asked for help and then challenged himself to do more and more!

YEAR 4

Rai Jai, for representing our school so well on our trip and showing such an interest in all the activities!

Poppy, for being a Good Samaritan and lending her instrument to a friend so that everyone could have a turn playing and joining in with the activity.

Darcie, for having such a positive attitude in Maths which has meant she has been really successful - keep it up!

YEAR 5

Maddie, for your helpfulness in class in handing out resources so that we are all ready to learn - thank you.

Arthur, for being a really good friend demonstrating kindness and patience.

Ronnie, for your brilliant work in History on Katherine Johnson - wow! Also, showing kindness in helping a year 1 do the right thing!

Megan, for your thoughtful ideas and written response in RE as well as being a helpful, diligent and empathetic class member.

YEAR 6

Moses, for helping another person in his class to complete her work on time - thank you.

Adam, for his excellent attitude to learning - keep it up!

Betty, for contributing well in all lessons!

Diary Dates



Please check Parentmail/school website calendar² for full details.

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

November

07.11.25—Year 1 Fairy Cake Friday

12.11.25—09.15 2026 Open Morning

12.11.25—15.15 Book Fair

14.11.25—Own Clothes Day

14.11.25—09.15 Year 6 Class Assembly

19.11.25—Year 5 and Reception Planetarium

20.11.25—Beauty and the Beast Panto

24.11.25—09.15 2026 Open Morning

26.11.25—TEDs Day

28.11.25—Own Clothes Day

28.11.25—11.00 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**

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

