



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

16 January 2026

Prayer

As we step into a new year, we thank you for fresh beginnings and new starts. Bless our school community as we grow into new roles with courage and kindness. Guide our children as they learn, dream and discover. Give wisdom and strength to all who teach, lead and support them each day. May the future we build together be filled with hope, purpose and peace.

Amen.

Message from Mrs Miles



New year, new term, new headteacher!

Welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had a restful Christmas. It has been a very calm start to the year and everyone has been warm, friendly and welcoming to me in my new role. I am finding that the life of a headteacher is a busy and varied one. However, as always, my favourite part of the job is spending time with the children.

I have worked on Greek Gods with year 5, A bit of grammar with year 2, been off to space with Reception and have been listening to some of year 6's persuasive ideas of school improvements!

I am looking forward to chatting with more of you at the new headteacher meeting and excited for the upcoming events in the school diary such as Young Voices, a Greek day, a class assembly and even some water polo.

Mrs Miles

Special mentions



RECEPTION

Evelyn, for being a kind, gentle, helpful friend in class. Having a go at new challenges even when it seems hard. We are so proud of you!

Amelia, trying her best in phonics and writing and making good progress! Even when it may be hard you show perseverance and commitment to your work!

Finley, for great listening, following instruction and enthusiasm in your learning. Well done!

YEAR 1

Lenny, for being a superstar helper. The best at tidying without being asked! Thank you.

April, for working hard to develop her maths skills and being very quick to pick up new concepts and ideas.

Emilia, for amazing focus on her phonic activities including using her newly learned digraphs in sentences.

YEAR 2

Raphael, for completing all of his learning, then asking for more! What an amazing attitude to learning - well done.

Alexander, for working hard on your phonics and writing. You wrote some interesting questions for your Antarctica factfile!

Baxter, for telling us all about baby animals and spider monkeys during our animal topic in Science.

YEAR 3

Haidee, for being an amazing Science ambassador and offering to help during lessons, as well as setting a good example to others.

Aoife, for being calm, kind and considerate to her classmates and teachers. She is a role model to all.

Arthur P, for starting the term with a positive attitude to learning and working hard in English.

YEAR 4

Willow, for your fantastic effort in all subjects and an especially amazing effort in making your poster about electrical safety.

Elizabeth, for always showing kindness and compassion to other children, particularly in music this week.

Jack, for writing a fantastic persuasive letter in English with lovely handwriting too!

YEAR 5

Annabel, for acting on feedback and showing how you can develop your writing. It was wonderful to see you proud of yourself and challenging yourself to do better!

Etive, for your commitment and determination to do your best, acting on 'top tips' in assessments and enthusiasm in English!

Ronnie, what an amazingly positive start to the term. You have been focussed, working hard and supporting younger children at play!

YEAR 6

Hugo, for outstanding behaviour in class at all times - well done!

Ellie, for her excellent work in Maths this week - keep it up!

Taylor, for making a good argument in his persuasive letter - great work.

Celebrating our children's success



Sunny (year 6), was able to attend the Science Museum Space Event which was shared in the Science Snippets Newsletter last term. She got the opportunity to be one of only five or six children to meet astronaut Tim Peake, ask him a question and get her photo taken with him. How exciting!

Sunny asked, "Did going to space affect any of your life on Earth?" What a fabulous question! Tim Peake answered sharing that travelling to space impacts your body physically: bones, muscles, immune system and eyes are affected. Adding that scientists study the impact of space travel on the human body to find out more about the aging process and help inform future space travel.

Thank you so much for sharing this exciting news!



Noah (year 3) attended a tournament over Christmas with his Danson Sports football team, topping their group then winning the semi final and final to take home the winners trophy!



Notices



New Food Recycling Scheme

We are pleased to introduce a new food recycling scheme at St John's! The children learnt about food waste, including why it's important to reduce waste and how to recycle it properly.

A new **green food waste bin** has been placed in the Hall, with other green waste bins in the outdoor areas. The children understand the importance of **only food waste going into this bin – no packaging!**

To help everyone get it right, we have a new engaging poster. So far this week - we are doing a great job! Well done St John's!

The children are also getting involved by helping to name our food waste bin monster, an idea suggested by our Year 6 Eco Committee members, Sadie and Freddie who are busy collecting name suggestions and will help choose a winner.

Thank you for supporting us as we work together to look after our planet.



Diary Dates



Please check Parentmail/[school website calendar](#) for full details.

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

January

19.01.26—Online workshop (Understanding Your Child's Behaviour) - see ParentMail for details

20.01.26—Year 3 swimming

20.01.26—Young Voices 2026

21.01.26—09.15 Meet the Headteacher

23.01.26 Year 6 Forest School

23.01.26—09.00 'Smart Phone Free School' meeting

27.01.26—Year 3 swimming

27.01.26 Year 1 History Workshop

28.01.26—Water Polo (*pre-confirmed attendees*)

30.01.26 Year 6 Forest School

February

02.02.26—Online workshop (Supporting Your Child with Worries and Fears) - see ParentMail for details

03.02.26—Year 5 Greek Day

03.02.26 Year 3 Swimming

06.02.26 Year 6 Forest School

10.02.26 Year 3 Swimming

13.02.26 Year 6 Forest School

13.02.26—Last day of Term 3

23.02.26—First day of Term 4

24.02.26 Year 6 swimming

27.02.26 Year 3 Forest School

March

02.03.26—In-person Parent Consultations

05.03.26—In-person Parent Consultations

09.03.26—Online workshop (Understanding Sleep and Autism) - see ParentMail for details

24.03.26—Online workshop (Understanding Neurodiversity) - see ParentMail for details

25.03.26—KS2 Disney's The Lion King, London

April

02.04.26—Last day of Term 4 (**13.30 finish**)

20.04.26—First day of Term 5

May

04.05.26—Bank Holiday

13.05.26—15.05.26—Year 5 PGL

22.05.26—Last day of Term 5

June

01.06.26—INSET Day

02.06.26—First day of Term 6

08.06.26—12.06.26—Year 6 Normandy residential

16.06.26—Sports Day

July

09.07.26—RESERVE Sports Day

21.07.26—Last day of Term (**13.30 finish**)

