

St John's Primary School Newsletter

12th May 2023

Dear Parents,

Well done to Year 6 who have completed their SATs tests this week! We are incredibly proud of how hard they have worked all year, as well as how mature and focused they have all been throughout this week. They have started each day with a special SATs week breakfast, followed by some exercise and a relaxation session before starting each test. Thank you to the Year 6 team for all of the extra nurture you have given the children to support them through the tests—and thanks to the rest of the school for delaying breaktimes and keeping everywhere so quiet! Year 6 can now look forward to preparing for their end of year production of 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'!

We have taken part in another sports competition this week. This time it was the turn of Year 3 and 4 who took part in a Tag Rugby Tournament hosted by Wallingford Rugby Club. Again, our teams played really well and had a lot of fun. Thank you to Miss Thickpenny, Mrs Burgess and Ms Beckett for accompanying the children and to the Wallingford Rugby Club coaches who gave up their time to referee and support the event.

Some of our Year 5 mathematicians took part in the Cranford House Maths Challenge this week. The challenge included solving a range of puzzles, moving through a number of stations, some of which were quite tricky. One pair came 5th out of thirty teams, which was a fantastic achievement! Well done to both of our teams for taking part, challenging themselves and doing so well.

As part of their Castles topic, Year 1 have been on a trip to Castle Gardens today to look at where Wallingford Castle used to be. They are definitely becoming castle experts! Thank you to the parents who accompanied the class.

The second half of Year 3 have had their climbing wall experience at Moulsoford Prep today which links to their Mountains topic. We are grateful to Moulsoford Prep for transporting and hosting our children who really enjoyed the experience.

The installation of our new Adventure Playground is now booked and should be finished in the first week of Term 6, the week beginning 5th June. The funds to pay for the playground were all raised by our PTFA so our huge thanks to them for all of their hard work at events and through crowd-funding. It will be an exciting addition to our play areas!

We have set up a new 2 minute parent survey which you can complete by following this link—[Ombea \(stjohnswallingford.feedback\)](https://stjohnswallingford.feedback.com) We would welcome your feedback and ideas on any area of school life. We will report back to you on the outcomes of the survey before half term.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Thursday 25th May—2-3pm—Open Afternoon for parents

Tuesday 23rd May—KS1 Football Tournament

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—half term

Monday 5th June—INSET Day

Friday 16th June—Festival of Voices, Dorchester Abbey

Saturday 17th June—Wallingford Carnival

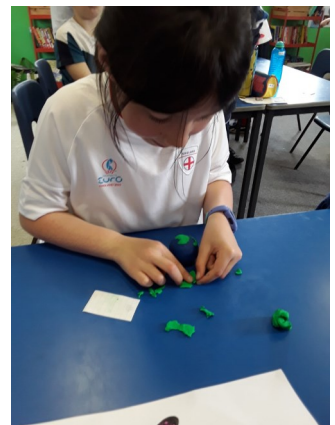
Tuesday 20th June—Class Photos

Tuesday 4th July—morning—Sports Day

Year 3 mountain climbers at Moultsford Prep!



Year 3 also had fun learning about the layers of the Earth, making models and slicing into them!



Year 2 Curriculum News

Year 2 have been learning to play the glockenspiel in Music and have been growing their own beans in Science.



Year 1 visiting Wallingford Castle and exploring the ruins

