

St John's Primary School Newsletter

28th April 2023

Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who supported the Roving Bookshop last week, either visiting with your children before or after school or sending them to school with money to spend. The children enjoyed choosing books for themselves. Each class were also given a small budget so that they could choose books for their class libraries which they enjoyed. Thank you to Mrs Burgess for organising the bookshop for the children; there was a real buzz about books around school that day!

Foundation Stage have been out on a trip to Farmer Gows this week learning all about farms and farm animals. Even though some children were wary at first, they were all very brave feeding the animals and had a super day. Year 3 have also been out this week to visit the climbing wall and experience bouldering at Moultsford School as part of their Mountains topic.

On Wednesday St John's hosted a tag rugby tournament at Wallingford Rugby Club for the Wallingford Partnership of schools. Teams from our Year 5 and 6 classes took part and participating brilliantly as always—well done to them. Thank you to Miss Thickpenny for organising the event which was a great success, and to Ms Beckett and our parent volunteers for helping with the tournament. Our Year 3 and 4 Netball team have also participated in a partnership event this term and we have a number of other sporting events coming up throughout the term.

Congratulations go to Year 3 and 4 for their poetry performance this week. The children performed poetry learnt by heart to the rest of the school and to their parents, complete with props and dramatic touches! They have one more performance to go next week which we are looking forward to.

We have recently welcomed two new teaching assistants to the St John's team—Mrs Fuller and Mrs Miles—and are delighted to have them both with us! We have also had three Wallingford School work experience students in school this week who have all done a great job supporting in classrooms.

A reminder that we have the special Coronation Lunch menu on Thursday of next week and children can dress up in red, white and blue for the day. School and Eco Council have also been discussing ways in which the children can take part in the 'Big Help Out' for the Coronation. Ideas include litter picking, planting and making bird feeders. We will let you know what we do to lend a hand!

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

Kind Regards,

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Monday 1st May—Bank holiday

Tuesday 2nd May—Industrial action—school open to Year 1,2,5 and 6

Wednesday 3rd May—6pm —Year 3 and 4 Performance Poetry Performance

Wednesday 3rd May—Family Links course starts

Thursday 4th May—Coronation Menu—dress up in red, white and blue!

Monday 8th May—Bank holiday

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

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

Monday 5th June—INSET Day

Tuesday 20th June—Class Photos

Rivers Topic

Year 4 have been out on a river walk as part of their Rivers topic this term. Do ask them to describe the different parts of a river using geographical vocabulary!



Foundation Stage on their trip to Farmer Gows



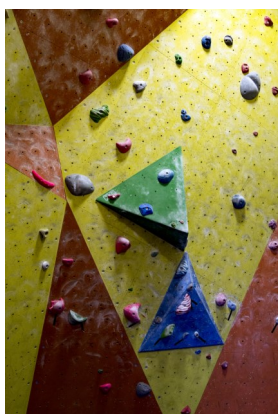
Family Links

After the Easter holidays we will be offering parents and carers the opportunity to attend a short course of four Parenting Workshops based on the excellent 'Family Links' programme, which forms the basis of our PSHE learning at St. John's. The workshops are a brilliant opportunity to find out more about how the Family Links programme can help you to nurture and support your children's emotional development, build strong family relationships and cope with the many challenges of being a parent! The 2-hour workshops will run on four Wednesday evenings in April and May, starting at 6:30 pm, in school. If you are interested in attending, or would like to attend a future course, please contact Ms Shepherd or Ms Beckett through the school office.

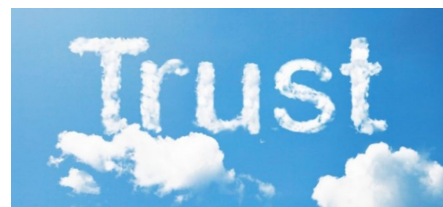


A polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on the school premises. Please do not bring dogs onto the playground during drop off and pick up. Thank you.

Thank you to Moultsford School for hosting our Year 3 children at their climbing wall this afternoon. The climbing wall visit links with the children's new topic of Mountains. We look forward to seeing the photographs!



Value of the Fortnight



Wallingford Partnership of schools Year 3 and 4 Netball Tournament



Year 3 and 4 Performance Poetry

Year 3 and 4 have learnt poems for performance and their matinee took place this week. Well done Year 3 and 4 for learning the poems and performing them so well! We love the props too! They have one more evening performance next week.



Year 5 and 6 Tag Ruby Tournament

St John's hosted a Tag Rugby Tournament this week—huge thanks to Miss Thickpenny for all of her hard work organizing the afternoon and to Wallingford Rugby Club for their support.



Year 5 report on their Junior Active Leader training :

Over the last week Year 5 have been training to be Junior Active Leaders. The lady teaching us was called Amanda and she taught us how to play lots of fun games and ways to get a child's attention, then we risk-assessed the playground. On Wednesday, we were given a game in our Junior Active Leader groups to teach to the Year Ones the next day. In our groups, we made our own games in the afternoon and taught them to each other, then Year One. Then, on Friday, we had Paramedics from Oxford Brookes University. We learned about DR ABCD and what to do if someone is unconscious, we had a go using CPR dummies and we practised doing the recovery position on each other. Then we learned how to tie a sling and bandages our classmates hands. I enjoyed making our own games and learning CPR .



Year 5 building Anglo-Saxon Houses at Forest School



In Key Stage 2, our Forest School sessions link to our topics and in class learning. Year 5's topic this term is Anglo-Saxons so the children made their own Anglo-Saxon homes at Forest School this week.